

**2012 Academic Board Election
Teaching Staff – Faculty of Arts and Science
Candidates’ Statements**

Teaching staff who hold their major appointments in the Faculty of Arts and Science are eligible to participate in this election.

The voting period commences at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 27, 2012, and concludes on Friday, March 9, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. Instructions on the voting process will be available from the website listed below during the voting period.

<http://www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/elections.htm>

<p>Professor Mounir Georges AbouHaidar <u>Education:</u> M.Sc., Ph.D., DS (Strasbourg University) <u>Position:</u> Professor of Virology (Cell & Systems Biology, since 1979). <u>Research:</u> Plant and animal viruses (over 40 postgraduates). <u>Experience:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Member (University of Toronto Faculty Association (UTFA) for over 20 years) • Member of numerous UTFA standing committees (Salary and benefit committee, Grievance committee, External affair etc.) • Member of numerous University and Departmental committees. <p><u>Issues:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality of education (number of students in class). Funding to accelerate the discoveries and innovation (true Harvard of the North). • Workload, governance (e.g. pension management, academic & financial planning), academic freedom issues etc. 	<p>Professor Vince Tropepe Associate Professor, Department of Cell and Systems Biology, Member of U of T Collaborative Programs in Developmental Biology and Neuroscience and the UHN-Vision Science Research Program. My research focuses on and retinal development and adult neurogenesis. I teach undergraduate courses on gene expression and neurogenesis, and a graduate course on neural plasticity. Serving on the Academic Board will give me the opportunity to actively engage in shaping the academic and research priorities of the university. If elected, I would represent the scholars in my constituency with passion and a commitment toward advancing the excellence of our program.</p>
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Questions about the Governing Council elections process may be directed to the Chief Returning Officer, Mr. Anwar Kazimi (416-978-8427; anwar.kazimi@utoronto.ca), or the Deputy Returning Officer, Ms Mae-Yu Tan (416-978-8794; maeyu.tan@utoronto.ca).