

**2013 Governing Council Elections
Student Candidates' Statements**

Voting Period: Monday, February 11, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. to Friday, Friday February 22, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Online voting will take place on ROSI (www.rosi.utoronto.ca) and paper ballots will be mailed to post graduate medical trainees.

**Full-Time Undergraduate Students – Constituency I
(Faculty of Arts and Science; University of Toronto Mississauga; University of Toronto at Scarborough)**

<p>Yifan (Ellen) Chen</p> <p>Hi there, My name is Ellen, just like the talk show "Ellen"! I major in Commerce at Victoria College. I currently represent you on the GOVERNING COUNCIL's Academic Board and Planning & Budgeting Committee. Also, I am on the SENATE and the operational COUNCIL of my college. Governing Council is a forum for representatives to question proposals that will impact your future: like curriculum changes and expansion projects. I know how things work because I'm currently on it! Believe me, these governing bodies need someone who will tell them what students really think! POINTING UOFT IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION</p>	<p>Adrian De Leon</p> <p>Adrian De Leon: I am a third-year UTSC student working towards a double major in English Literature and Biology. I would like to ask for your vote to elect me as a Full-Time Student Governor for the University of Toronto With my experience as the Vice-President of Academics at Scarborough Campus Students' Union, as well as having been extensively involved with campus and student life, I have seen the implementation of tangible change (e.g. improved library, student space, ect.) If elected, I would like to bring real change as your Student Governor—let the student voice be heard.</p>
<p>Daniel Di Cenzo</p> <p>My name is Dan DiCenzo. I am a fourth year UTM student. Being a member of the U of T community has given me a great deal of pride and respect for our university. However, no matter how great this university is, there are still a large number of issues our students face. Having been an active student leader for three years, I have worked with many students and heard their concerns. So far, I have been adamant to fight to ensure their concerns are raised. If elected I will continue to represent students' issues to bring about positive change at UofT.</p>	<p>Aidan Fishman</p> <p>Between work, fun and maintaining your GPA, do you ever feel like a fish out of water? If so, Aidan Fishman is your candidate! I'm running for re-election to Governing Council because I believe that undergraduates need a strong, experienced representative looking out for our interests. As one of just six undergraduates among sixty Governors, I fought successfully against grade deflation, expanded wi-fi access, and sparked a review of breadth requirements. We can't stop now – please send me back to push for a better university. Every school (of fish) needs its leader – vote the Fish for Governing Council! http://www.facebook.com/fishmanforuoft</p>

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<p>Ariane Ganji</p> <p>I am student active in both academic and extracurricular activities at the University of Toronto giving me a solid background for this position. I will make sure that full time undergraduate student's needs are represented accurately and solved efficiently.</p>	<p>Reema Gowani</p> <p>Vote Reema GOWANI! My goal is to bring forward the student voice at U of T. I will put forth my time and absolute effort, going above and beyond to represent the Arts/Science students. Knowing that U of T is a large institution, my plan is to bring a fresh, innovative perspective to help govern our school. Everyone should have an unbiased, accurate understanding of any issues that arise at their university, and most importantly someone who can help voice their opinions of those issues. Let me represent you, and I will make your voice heard! Your opinion matters! www.ReemaGowani.com</p>
<p>Leena Halees</p> <p>Hello. My name is Leena Halees and I'm running for student representative on the governing council. I'm a first year student studying Peace, Justice, & Conflict studies. I have had several experiences working with diverse clubs and committees ranging from the athletics, the arts, and the academics. My passion is to volunteer in hopes to make a positive difference. My goal is to bring a voice reflective of the student body, ensuring only the best for the U of T community. With your support, I will do whatever it takes to make it happen. Thank you for your consideration.</p>	<p>Annie Hsu</p> <p>Like you, I am a student still trying to figure out my academic passions and career goals. Like many of you, I am not the most academically successful student or the most outspoken activist. But I am a good listener. I want to listen to you and figure out what needs to be changed to improve students' university experiences, both academically and socially. I hope to connect with you and represent your needs and concerns as a member of the Governing Council.</p>

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<p>Areesha Jacob</p> <p>Areesha Jacob is a second year student of Political Science and French at the University of Toronto, St. George. She has a distinct love for the campus and wishes to be a vital part of such a marvelous institution. Vote for her, she can truly represent you as a student. With great time management skills and strong support for advancement of the university, she only favors the best decisions for the students. She hopes you make the right choice, she believes in you, rather. Your one vote truly matters.</p>	<p>Masud Khalif</p> <p>N/A.</p>
<p>Shannon Knox</p> <p>Shannon Knox is currently Treasurer of the Canadian Studies Student Union and wants to get more involved in the politics and procedures that make the University of Toronto the great institution that it is. Governance is an area where Shannon is experienced, working as a Building Manager for a non-profit housing co-operative where the Board of Directors constantly strive to improve their own governance practices. Participating on the Governing Committee will give Shannon a change to engage in matters of governance from a new perspective other than that of staff facilitator.</p>	<p>Aida Liman-Tinguiri</p> <p>When it comes time to elect a representative, you want someone that is dedicated and eloquent. As an experienced and accomplished public speaker, I'll have the audacity to make your voice heard loud and clear. Rest assured that Ontario's top three bilingual debater will be able to advocate for your rights in the governing council. A vote for me, is really a vote for yourself.</p>

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<p>John Nguyen</p> <p>My name is John Nguyen, an undergraduate in second year. I've never stood at the forefront of student governance because of one problem, its relevance to the average student. I want to make sure that everyone stays acquainted with how they could contribute their ideas, which could result in faster phases of progression in our political, social, and academic systems that will affect individual students on a personal level. I'm an average undergrad that understands the importance of the Governing Council and am running with the vision to demonstrate student governance is both applicable and relevant to the average student.</p>	<p>Elicia Pavan</p> <p>If elected for the Undergraduate Constituency of Arts & Science, I intend to help voice the student opinion in regards to the guidance and strategic direction in The University's future, ensuring the best possible experience and long-term interests for undergraduate students. Majoring in both Human Biology and Drama, I have the ability to reach students over multiple disciplines ensuring the attention of diverse student experiences across campus are addressed. With an extensive volunteer history within the surrounding community and within U of T, I am able to articulate issues and provide creative solutions with the collective in mind.</p>
<p>Tannishtha Pramanick</p> <p>Hi! As an Arts and Science student at the University of Toronto, I am very much looking forward to being your student representative on the governing council. You can count on me to keep your best interests in mind and uphold your views. I am currently floor president and on the council at my residence. My previous employment and political experiences include working in clinical research at Boston Children's Hospital/Harvard Medical school and participating in a government and leadership program at Yale University. If you would like to know more or have any questions, visit my website at http://2013tanni.webs.com/.</p>	<p>Ashley Racine</p> <p>The University of Toronto has a unique commitment to treating its students as future leaders. We, as a student body, make this university what it is through a keen dedication to improving ourselves and the world around us. I, Ashley Racine, would enjoy the privilege of sitting as a representative of this great student body on the Governing Council. I served on the Arts and Science Council and learned that we have the power to shape our education if we can only be inclined to ask the hard questions and demand the results. That is what I plan to do.</p>

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<p>Rodney Rousseau</p> <p>Rodney Rousseau is a 3rd year student in Biochemistry and Sexual Diversity Studies at the University of Toronto. If elected, Rodney intends to represent students from all three campuses using an equity-focused lens. Among other concerns, Rodney wishes to address issues of secondary school transition, support for graduate school transition, employability of graduates, and sustainable diverse access to academia. As the University of Toronto continues to grow, it is integral to student success that effective representation support the interests of U of T's diverse student body, which is what Rodney plans to do.</p>	<p>Roghieh Shariari</p> <p>Get YOUR voice heard! Are you worried about tuition fee hikes? New academic policies? Graduate school? Your future profession? It's time to take a stance on your education. You, the student body, have the biggest impact on our university's future. I strongly believe that the Governing Council needs a hardworking and motivated member who understands these issues, and who will be there to make sure your concerns are addressed. Together we can make a difference – to make our academic and student life even better. A vote for me is a step in the right direction!</p>
<p>Daniel Szulc</p> <p>Hey there UofT'ers. My name is Daniel Szulc, and it would be an honour to be elected as your voice for the Governing Council. Your undergraduate experience should be some of the best, most creative and most inspiring years of your life, and I plan to ensure that every student has that opportunity. I'm constantly involved in my community from fundraisers to organized sports, so I hear and see all of your problems. School's hard enough and as your representative I'll do all that I can to ensure that what you want and what you need is what you'll get.</p>	