

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

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 (<u>www.rosi.utoronto.ca</u>) and paper ballots will be mailed to post graduate medical trainees.

Part-time Undergraduate Students

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Living in a society that promotes and values life-long learning, part- time students are clearly a vital component of the University of Toronto student body. As a fellow part-time student who has many responsibilities outside of studies, I can relate to those of us who are trying to find balance in it all. As Governor, <i>I will represent you and be your student voice!</i> I will listen to you to determine what your key issues/concerns are, come up with an action plan on how to address and advocate for the key issues, and follow through on the action plan	As a mature student in Arts and Science, and graduate of the Academic Bridging program, I know the challenges faced by part-time students. Access to education, bursaries, child-care, more evening courses, university services, housing, equity and representation are issues I've advocated for as current President of the Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students. As a member of the Mature Students' Association, South Asian Alliance, and Debates Team, I've helped to build community on campus. As Governor, I will use my experiences and drive to be a strong voice for part-time students. On February 11- 22, vote ASAD "AJ" JAMAL for Part-Time Governor. facebook.com/asadjamal
Martin Zhang Part time students often experience difficulty in their lives. This difficulty can be financial, where a lack of funds prevents full time studies. It can also be emotional, where family or social issues overwhelm their ability to study properly. Many part time students are at a crossroads in their lives where they seek a higher education to supplement their careers. Others are overcoming past trauma. I have lived and overcame all of those issues first hand. I can advocate for these issues in the Governing Council, ensuring that our voice is heard in the administration.	