

**2015 Governing Council Elections
Student Candidates' Statements**

Voting Period: Monday, February 9, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. to Friday, Friday February 20, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.
Online voting will take place on ROSI (www.rosi.utoronto.ca)

Full-Time Undergraduate Students – Constituency I

Connor Anear

I am seeking election as a Student Governor because I am passionate about governance and believe my strong background in student leadership makes me well suited to the position. Through leadership roles, including my current role as Male Head of College at Trinity College, I have had myriad opportunities to work with students, faculty, alumni, campus administrators, and Governing Council to make policy decisions and create positive change in areas like student representation, equity, and residence admissions. Thus, I believe I have the skills, knowledge, and enthusiasm necessary to be an excellent Student Governor. I would sincerely appreciate your vote. <http://connoranearforgoverningcouncil.wordpress.com/>

Dalal Badawi

As a Political Science student, I look at the world and hope to one day be able to change it for the better. Since the beginning of my university career, I have balanced my job, my involvement in University College affairs, volunteering and my education. I am courageous and confident in my decisions in those areas and I carefully consider their implications before making them. I try to be very conscious of how students feel at University of Toronto and am now hoping to use to my determination, courage and empathy to represent my fellow students in the Governing Council. URL: <https://www.facebook.com/VoteDalalBadawi>

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<p>Sasha Boutilier</p> <p>I am a second year St. Michael’s College student specializing in Political Science. I am involved in numerous campus organizations and lead the club AFTER U of T, which seeks to help students plan for their futures beyond U of T. On Governing Council, I will advocate for continued action to address sexual violence, for greater institutional support of student co-curricular activities and career development, and for U of T to take leadership as the first university in Canada to divest from fossil fuels. With my co-candidate Victoria Wicks, I hope we will have your support in representing your interests. URL: https://www.facebook.com/events/425024714320997</p>	<p>Aditya Chawla</p> <p>My name is Aditya Chawla, and I am delighted to be running for the Governing Council as a full-time undergraduate student at the St. George campus. Two years ago, I entered this university in appreciation for its vivid history and esteemed international stature. During my time here, I have had the privilege of working with many students who work exceptionally hard to foster an enriching academic community. We will face many challenges and big decisions this new year, and so I will strive to keep the best interests of undergraduate students in mind. URL: www.adityachawla.me</p>
<p>Susan Cui</p> <p>Hello Everyone, I am a third year undergraduate full-time student double majoring in International Relations and Economics. Just a few months ago, I had the honour of being part of the Vic Orientation Committee 2014; and currently I am the President of UTFOLD as well as the Campus Organizations Assistant within Ulife/Ulead Office. My platform is as thus:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advocate for the decrease in student tuition fee interest 2. Continue the fight for International Student status within Governing Council 3. Advocate for additional resource support for campus groups <p>Let me become the governor that represents you. Vote for me.</p>	<p>Kristian Koschany</p> <p>My name is Kristian Koschany. I am an undergraduate student of geophysics at the St. George campus and an ardent supporter of the University of Toronto – a place very dear to my heart. The university is a second, or first, home to so many of us students; it fosters friendships through social interaction and community, it builds knowledge through its world-class education, and makes us tougher with its (sometimes intense) difficulty. I want to give back to this amazing institution by serving on its Governing Council. Please elect me and let me do just that.</p>

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<p>Marc Marlo Laurin</p> <p>The University of Toronto is Canada's oldest, largest, and highest ranked university. Therefore it is no simple task of upholding our reputation, delivering superior education and also ensuring opportunities for learning and personal growth are available to all students, regardless of status, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual identity or disability. I will ensure the interests of all students are represented when advocating on the issues that affect us. I seek to engage the community and promote positive change through involvement, awareness and progressive action. My hope is that every student can enjoy their educational experience here at the University of Toronto.</p>	<p>Ridwan Olow</p> <p>Hey my name is Ridwan Olow. I am running for Governing Council because I believe I am a strong student voice. I have fought for student rights on many levels, and I am ready for the challenge. I invite you to give me your voice. Vote Ridwan.</p>
<p>Victoria Wicks</p> <p>As former Associate Comment Editor at <i>The Varsity</i>, I'm knowledgeable of various student interests and am committed to an equitable, accessible learning environment. This means I'll advocate for 1) more transparent, meaningful action to combat sexual violence on campus; 2) increased institutional and financial support of students' career development; and 3) ensuring a sustainable campus, via fossil fuel divestment. I would also create an interactive social media account, to encourage accountability and keep students involved in the decision making process. I hope my co-candidate Sasha and I will have your support. http://tiny.cc/VicAndSasha4GC</p>	<p>Lawrence Zhang</p> <p>HEY EVERYONE. I'm Lawrence Zhang, and I'm going to improve the university for you. My entire campus experience has been centred around making the lives of those around me better, and I want to extend my reach just a little bit more. Together, you and I can make a difference by advocating for lower international student tuition, less grade deflation, and greater availability of research opportunities. That's not all I care about though -- your vision is my vision, so please don't hesitate to contact me at any time about absolutely anything. www.votelawrence.com</p>