

**2016 Governing Council Elections
Student Candidates Statements**

Voting Period: Monday, February 8, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. to Friday, Friday February 19, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Online voting will take place on U-elecT at voting.utoronto.ca and through a secured website for post graduate medical trainees.

Full-Time Undergraduate Students – Constituency II (Professional Faculties)

<p>Farheen Ahmed</p> <p>Farheen Ahmed is a Materials Engineering student with career prospects in sustainability. She is an Operations Coordinator at the nonprofit organization Youth for Humanity and leads the University of Toronto’s Solar Ambassadors team. This past year, she presented to faculty about effectively using technology in courses and reviewed course objectives for a team improving two core first-year Engineering courses. If elected to the Governing Council, she will advocate for lowering tuition fees to affordable levels, reducing international tuition to the domestic tuition level, reducing ancillary fees, improving campus mental health services and strengthening anti-sexual-assault policies. Learn more at farheenfathimaahmed.blogspot.com.</p>	<p>Ramz Aziz</p> <p>I am a first year student at the Faculty of Law, and would be honoured to serve as your representative on the Governing Council of the University of Toronto. I previously served in the same capacity on the Board of Governors at Dalhousie University, where I brought a progressive voice to virtually every aspect of university governance, including capital projects, collective bargaining, campus sexual violence, fossil fuel divestment and academic quality. Based on this prior experience, I am confident I will be able to channel your concerns to ensure our university remains an institution of stellar repute and excellence.</p>
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<p>Raffi Dergalstanian</p> <p>Raffi Dergalstanian is a student of Chemical Engineering, completing his Third Year. He is serving as the Chief Returning Officer for the Engineering Society, and is also one of the three Engineering Reps for the UTSU. His experience in representing and serving students will prove to be a valuable asset when discussing and voting on issues such as: reviewing policies, placement of fees and financial relief. As an Engineer, he will approach problems with the most efficient solution and provide the best service to students.</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 students in professional faculties like engineering, law and music need a strong, experienced representative looking out for our interests. As an undergraduate member, I fought successfully to expand campus wi-fi access and hold fee-collecting groups accountable to students. We can't stop now – please send me back to push for a better university, Every school (of fish) need its leader – vote the Fish for Governing Council!</p>
<p>Jorge May</p> <p>My journey at the University of Toronto has thus far been fruitful and diverse. As a student at the Faculty of Music, training to be a teacher, I recognize the importance of specialized subjects and professional faculties university wide. If elected, I will strive to support the needs of my constituents, using my experiences and skills already gained through serving my fellow students in a range of capacities across the St George Campus in various student societies. This university needs a voice that recognizes the difference of studying as a professional faculty student. I will be that voice.</p>	<p>Tyler Weil</p> <p>Fellow students, in the past five semesters I have seen this school grow. Once just a launch pad for our future endeavours, it is now home to me. As an active member of the Engineering and New College communities, I love seeing the efforts of engaging students go the distance and contribute to change. My experience includes managing a student-run café, serving on the Engineering Society and New College Residence Council, and head leading in the 2015 F!rosh Week. A vote for Tyler is a vote for commitment toward bettering our home's policies.</p>