

**2017 Governing Council Elections
Student Candidates' Statements**

Voting Period: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. to Friday, February 17, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
Online voting will take place on U-elecT at voting.utoronto.ca

Full-Time Undergraduate Students – Constituency I

Ebun Akinsanya

I am a third year international student from Nigeria pursuing a double major in International Relations and Political Science. During my time in U of T, I have been an executive member in various student organizations and volunteered in student-focused programs such as orientation. I have also had the opportunity to work in the Office of Student Life and in my college. Going into my final year, I want to leave an impact on UofT, which I believe I can do through the Governing Council. My goal is to represent my peers and work towards a better UofT!

Jina Aryaan

VOTE JINA ARYAAN! I've represented you at multiple ArtsSci Council Committees, and now I want to represent you on Governing Council, where I can fight for: reducing tuition costs, establishing a policy against sexual violence, increasing research opportunities, scholarships, financial grants, healthier food options on campus, and creating a transparent link between students and the administration. I want to engage YOU as a student in being a part of the change YOU want to see. I've got the passion, commitment, and leadership experience to speak out on all issues concerning my peers. Let me represent, work hard, and speak out for you!

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<p>David Boshra The University of Toronto, in particular, UTM, is my second home and I strive to keep it at its excellent academic and social standing. With my experience in different leadership roles on previous governing councils in different institutions, I plan on keeping the student voice strong within our UofT Governing Council and am seeking your support to get there. It’s important to have a say in what directly affects us, and I believe I can make a successful difference by providing room for effective change and voicing our concerns and dis/approvals of certain decisions and/or regulations. Together for competence!</p>	<p>Germán Andres Guberman My name is Germán Andres Guberman. I am entering my last year of studies at the University of Toronto Scarborough. Born and nurtured in Buenos Aires and Montreal respectively, the transition to Toronto was not an easy one. Perhaps the single most helpful experience in my undergraduate degree has been the opportunity to conduct academic research in support of institutional initiatives or publication efforts of individual professors. I will seek during my tenure in the Office of the Governing Council to expand research opportunities and support initiatives for the research groups that have provided countless students with invaluable academic experience.</p>
<p>Amanda Harvey-Sánchez Vote Amanda Harvey-Sanchez for Governing Council! As an active third-year student studying Environmental Studies, Anthropology and Equity Studies, I coordinated the UofT campaign for Fossil Fuel Divestment and mobilized students in opposition to pipelines. As an organizer for 350.org, I facilitated community engagement in Canada-wide government consultations as part of the People’s Climate Plan. If elected, I will advocate for environmental justice and sustainability on campus and more affordable education. I will also call on UofT to address fair student wages and rising student debt. For more information, visit my website at amandaharveysanchez.ca. From February 6-17, please vote online at voting.utoronto.ca!</p>	<p>Karen Hakim As a full-time undergraduate student, I feel the responsibility to contribute to enhancing the overall student experience at the university. As I have previously been committed to establishing a strong student voice by holding various positions on Student Councils, being elected to serve a two-year term as Student Trustee for previous School Boards, and further contributed by serving as representative for Southwestern Ontario students on a Provincial scale. Through these experiences, I have learned the importance of involving students in school affairs, and bringing student voice to the board table as the tool for ensuring future success.</p>

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<p>Changmo Kim It is with great passion that I submit my application to serve on the Governing Council as a Full Time Undergraduate. I have current experience serving on student affairs of various magnitudes as both an executive member on the Neuroscience Association for Undergraduate Students and Athletics Commissioner on the New College Student Council. I am also well versed in intercampus relations as Coed Vice Chair of the Intramural Sports Committee. In serving these committees, I have gained insight and understanding on handling issues and challenges. I would be honored to uphold and shape the interests of the University.</p>	<p>Marc Marlo Laurin The University of Toronto is Canada's oldest, largest, and highest ranked university. It's no simple task upholding a prestigious reputation, facilitating superior education and ensuring opportunities for learning and personal growth are available to all students, regardless of status, ethnicity, culture, sexual identity and/or disability. I will ensure the interests of students are represented when advocating on issues that affect us. I will engage the community and promote positive change through involvement, awareness and action. I hope every student can enjoy and benefit from their experience at the University of Toronto, please visit http://www.votemarc.ca for more information.</p>
<p>Marc Lavigne Marc Lavigne is currently a public policy Co-Op student. His community involvement includes serving as student trustee for CSDCCS, vice-president of the francophone student trustee association, board member of Reflet Salveo (government mandated organization advising Local Health Integration Networks), representative council for FESFO (Franco-Ontarian organization), and the Ministry of Education's Student Advisory Council. Also, he attended numerous conferences on secondary/ post-secondary education. Volunteered locally at TPASC and as Toronto Zoo Ambassador. On campus, he is a representative for Students of Sociology, member of Model United Nations Club, improvisation and intramural sports. In secondary, was member of 7 sport teams and improvisation captain.</p>	<p>Elizabeth Limanto I am a first year in the Faculty of Arts and Science, hoping to pursue Global Health and Pharmacology. I think the governing council plays an important role in the university because elected governors, as students, get to have a voice in the decision making about issues that concern their peers and fellow students. I hope I can bring some of my experience as secretary of my school's student council to the table, and I look forward to learning and gaining even more experience during my time of service.</p>

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<p>Alexander Markovic Hey University of Toronto students! Ticking the box next to my name may not seem like a critical action, but it will bring me one step closer to sitting on the Governing Council and it doesn't take up a lot of your time. I am an ambitious and passionate student at Victoria College. My reason for running is to instigate change and represent your vital opinions and voices at this institution. Engaging with the students that make up our university in order to create a vibrant and successful community is the utmost priority for me during my mandate!</p>	<p>Abdulla Omari As a third year student who has served on a series of bodies and groups at UofT, I would like to bring my extensive knowledge and seasoned focus to Governing Council to develop a series of realistic policies that advocate for a series of changes. These include a Text Book Subsidy and a Student Help system that will centralize support for students with stresses in the financial, educational and situational realities of our lives. While simultaneously providing ongoing support to campus based efforts and groups to address the rising parking, food and residence costs which fall under campus council purview.</p>
<p>Nikita Roy Nikita Roy is in her third year at UTSC completing a major in Health Studies and a double minor in Biology and Applied Statistics. She currently sits on the UTSC Campus Affairs Committee, the Council on Student Services and chairs the Health and Wellness Advisory Committee. She works as a peer mentor program developer and coordinator for the English Language Development Centre, as well as a committed member of the Emergency Medical Response Group at UTSC. She firmly believes in creating opportunities for students to engage in the community. To get to know Nikita, visit: www.nikitaroy.net.</p>	<p>Michael Warchol Michael is a fourth year student pursuing a Bachelor's degree with a double major in Political Science and European Studies and a minor in Polish Studies. This year, Michael invests his leadership skills as the President of the Association of Political Science Students. He has experience with previous leadership roles, including being a Deck Supervisor, a Standard First Aid Instructor, and a Communications and Events Coordinator with the OISE Alumni Association. Michael is running to be your undergraduate student representative on Governing Council and is determined to be a vocal advocate and a genuine spokesperson for student needs at UofT. https://www.facebook.com/Michael-Warchol-759227670895776/</p>

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Robert Xu

1. School should never start on Thursday. 2. Dramatically increase investment in undergraduate education. 3. People are suiciding. Students should not be treated like numbers. Health and Wellness Center needs to be improved instead of causing further frustrations for students. 4. The Student Union is incompetent, cut cost, decrease size, fix election procedure. 5. Vote against any tuition rise. 6. More awareness on climate change. 7. More free fitness lessons instead of costly ones. 8. Upper-year students need support for social life on campus. 9. No academic record for late withdrawal. 10. Robarts needs beds.

Sayeh Yousefi

It's due time that students at UofT were listened to. Currently, with the several allegations of malpractice targeting college administrations, there is a growing degree of division among students and administrators. This issue needs to be addressed by increasing the transparency and communication among students and administrators, and by doing so creating a mutually beneficial relationship that can allow students to flourish. Having worked with both local youth councils as well as the advisory council to the mayor for several years, I believe I have the necessary qualifications to effectively pursue the goals and wishes of the student body.

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