

**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 II

Aidan Fishman

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 pharmacy need a wise, 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) needs its leader – vote the Fish for Governing Council!

Stephanie M. Hovdestad

Hello my name is Stephanie Hovdestad I'm a first year undergraduate student in Kinesiology. I'm from Calgary, Alberta. I came to the University of Toronto because I was intrigued by the vibrance of the city, the opportunities and the student life at the University. After having spent my first semester here I would not have gone anywhere else, the University has become a new home for me. I want to make a positive influence to the University and give back to the community that so warmly welcomed and supported me.

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<p>Lina Khairallah My name is Lina Khairallah. I am currently a third year Pharmacy student at the University of Toronto. I have a bachelor degree in Microbiology and Immunology and a Master’s degree in Experimental Medicine from McGill University in Montreal. I have held a number of community leadership roles, including Chief of Finance and Fundraising at University of Toronto’s Interprofessional Student-run clinic (IMAGINE). I am currently working on a Quality Improvement project at Saint Elizabeth Health Care in Toronto. I am a passionate and hardworking individual who promises to vocalize the student perspective during council meetings.</p>	<p>Sam McCulloch As the finance director of LGBTOUT, and the sponsorship director for the engineering society, I have made it my mission to make students’ lives better. The dentistry, engineering, medicine, and law programs are known for their professional integrity and the quality of education they allow students. On governing council I pledge to maintain this integrity by protecting tuition caps, improving academic appeals, and respecting student governments. In my term bureaucracy and poor policy will never affect a students education. The power of governing council should only be used to enable education, and better the student experience.</p>
<p>Peter Singh I will push for the policies of increased TA to student ratio, smaller classes and that the university focus on undergraduate education. To us, the students, learning and transcripts matter most. The question is why our transcripts are often bad and learning inadequate? I do not expect to change university, but I will ask these and many more questions. I will ask all those things, which you want to ask the people, who are running U of T.</p>	<p>Twesh Upadhyaya I am excited to bring you the strong influence that Professional Faculty students deserve on Governing Council. I support a lower tuition cap, more consistent TAs, and investment in campus nap spaces. I serve on the UofT Engineering Society’s Board of Directors, the Finance and Election Committees, and chair the Policy and Structures Committee. In Grade 12, I was the Student Trustee for my region; representing thousands of students directly to the School Board. I recently received the Best Representative award from the Engineering Society. Vote Twesh for experienced, effective, and trustworthy leadership. Vote Twesh for Governing Council! Thank you. https://www.facebook.com/events/366199630416684/</p>