

**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

Graduate Students – Constituency I

Lynne Alexandrova

As your Governing Council rep, I'll mobilize rich Canadian-international perspectives from (non)degree studies, teaching at 5 universities, 4 different countries. Conference-funding, GAs, ODSP, OGS have propelled numerous presentations, conference-organizing, (co-)authoring, and (co-)editing. UofT-affiliated since 2006, currently near PhD-completion, I'll leverage off comprehensive experience representing and inspiring students in policy-making rights-protection, coalition-building – UTGSU By-Law/Policy, Finance, Equity bodies; SJE- and OISE-wide student constitutions, elections; department- and faculty-level Curriculum and Research Committees, restructuring, constitution-upgrades. I'll be your winning voice for augmenting real job opportunities domestically and internationally; fostering (non)academic communities for Equity and Sustainability; energizing Canada's Indigenous-&-non-Indigenous shared future! Platform, governance-strategy, etc.:
<https://winningwithlynneagain.wordpress.com/>

Isabelle Babici

My name is Isabelle Babici and I'm hoping to represent the graduate voice while working on a MEd at OISE. Coming into this prospective position, I offer 5 years of advocacy in Student Services at college level and 7 years of volunteering as a liaison in critical/intensive care at Sunnybrook Hospital with a personal focus on equity and social justice. I believe strong stewardship in a BOG position leads to a university that can better act/react to the challenges of globalization, precarity and the pressures of performance as an institution known internationally for its research and educational leadership.

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| <p>Priscilla Mak As a Master of Public Policy candidate with a Bachelor of Business Administration, I am an active member of the U of T community strongly committed to advocating for policies that support the needs of graduate students. Throughout the past 6 years, I have served the university and represented community interests in diverse roles, working previously with the University of Toronto Mississauga Students’ Union and currently with the Mississauga Public Library Board. With this experience, I am eager to strengthen the graduate voice at the table to prioritize and work on important challenges on behalf of my colleagues. https://ca.linkedin.com/in/makpriscilla</p> | <p>Soheil Milani My name is Soheil Milani and I’m studying Global Affairs at the Munk School. I’ve come to know U of T as a home away from home as I’m sure you have too. I previously sat on the board of directors for the Canadian Political Science Students’ Association, where I represented Ontario students’ interests at the national level. I’ve also advocated for students’ rights at City Hall as a member of the Toronto Youth Cabinet and as an elected councillor for the LYAC. I’ve come to understand how to manoeuvre the minefield of student politics and get things done!</p> |
| <p>Michelle Mohabir The University of Toronto contributed immensely to my growth and development. It was here that I completed my undergraduate degree, which provided me the opportunities to start my career. Returning to attend the Rotman School of Management, I would like the opportunity to be your Graduate Student representative. As your representative, I will be the voice for the graduate students to ensure that your concerns are being heard; this includes lobbying for increased funding, equality among students, equality among departments, and increased resources to ensure that your graduate experience is a memorable one.</p> | <p>Mama Adobea Nii Owoo Mama Adobea Nii Owoo is a PhD student at Ontario Institute for Studies in Education researching Multilingual Mother Tongue Based Education. She has taught K-12 and served in student government and advising capacities across four continents. Before attending OISE, she was a Translator and TA at the Universidad de Sevilla, Ohio University and University of Ghana. She has a BA in Political Science and MA in Spanish and was an Ohio University Graduate Student Senate representative, Secretary of Rotary International’s Rotaract Club of Adentan, and Student Delegate at Universidad de Cienfuegos in Cuba. She has recently been elected President of OISE’s International Student Association.</p> |

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| <p>Tony I stand to confront the indifference and incompetence of the Governing Council and to challenge its vision of a failed future – our future. My candidacy aims to disrupt the closed-door meetings of the most powerful decision making body at the U of T, to interject our voice of dissent and jam the process itself. I DEMAND IMMEDIATE DIVESTMENT FROM ALL FOSSIL FUELS AND IMMEDIATE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING WITH CUPE 3902 FREE FROM ANY DISSEMBLEMENT, PREVARICATION OR FALSEHOOD. With loving-kindness (Pali: metta) in all directions, I shall stand up for this generation of students and for the imperiled generations to follow.</p> | <p>Kevin Vuong Kevin Vuong is a graduate law student pursuing the Global Professional Master of Laws. As the Faculty Council Representative for the GPLLM program, he is an experienced leader in governance, strategy, and city-building. Kevin has served as the voice for over 330,000 young Torontonians at City Hall, Co-Chair of the Toronto Youth Equity Strategy, and on multiple boards including the Native Canadian Centre of Toronto. He has also represented Canada at the G8 & G20 Summits. For his service, Kevin has been named one of Her Majesty The Queen's Young Leaders and Canada's Top 30 Under 30. More about Kevin: http://kevinvuong.ca/, https://www.linkedin.com/in/vuongkevin.</p> |
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