

**2019 Governing Council Elections  
Student Candidates' Statements**

Voting Period: Monday, February 4, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. to Friday, February 15, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.  
Online voting will take place on U-elecT at [voting.utoronto.ca](http://voting.utoronto.ca)

**Graduate Students – Constituency I**

**Lynne Alexandrova**

As your Governing Council rep, i'll mobilize rich Canadian and international perspectives from studies and teaching at 5 universities, in 4 different countries. UofT-affiliated since 2006 in various positions, currently near PhD-completion (SJE-OISE), i'll recruit comprehensive experience representing graduate students at all levels of student governance and participation on departmental and faculty-level councils and/or committees. I'll be your winning voice for accessibility broadly defined, channeling diverse voices into Governing Council's policies, stretching the current limits of procedure and student positions. I'll relentlessly advocate for the university to make space to prepare students for knowledge-guided leadership in various domains of the larger society, including academia.

**Samantha Chang**

Samantha Chang is a PhD candidate (Art History) committed to enhancing graduate student experience. Samantha's past service in the Academic Board, Agenda Committee, Arts & Science Council, Graduate Curriculum Committee, GradLife Advisory Committee, and the 10,000 PhDs/5,000 MAs Projects, as well as current positions as Alumni/Postdoc Liaison and Faculty-Student Liaison of the Graduate Union of the Students of Art, and Invigilator for Test and Exam Services put her in contact with a vast array of students. Samantha welcomes the opportunity to be the voice for Graduate Students, Constituency I on Governing Council (2019–20). For more information, please visit <http://www.vote4samantha.wordpress.com>

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<p><b>Mohamed-Hashim Elkareem</b> High and Great Expectations are core values that have defined leadership for me and driven my personal and collective life stories of success. Leaders with low expectations are by default setting up themselves and US for failure. Instead, as your graduate student representative, I'll lead by example and set up high expectations for myself and others, while respecting our diversity and planting the seeds of human-motivation. I'll give back to our university and contribute to its sensemaking and decision-making a platform of open governance. VOTE for ME on Election Day and let our voices be heard. Reach me at <a href="mailto:mh.elkareem@utoronto.ca">mh.elkareem@utoronto.ca</a></p>	<p><b>Honeida Salih</b> Honeida Salih graduated from Carleton University with a BA Honours degree in Political Science and a concentration in Public Affairs and Policy Analysis. She is currently a part-time student at OISE completing a M.Ed in Educational Leadership and Policy. Honeida is also the Coordinator, Academic Governance and Indigenous Learning at OCAD University in the Office of the Vice-President, Academic and Provost. She works closely with the Indigenous Education Council and the University Senate and its committees. Both her academic and professional experience illustrate a wealth of knowledge in, and a strong commitment to, public affairs, public policy and academic governance. <a href="https://www.linkedin.com/in/honeida-salih-a130a5a4/">https://www.linkedin.com/in/honeida-salih-a130a5a4/</a></p>
<p><b>Tony Scott</b> DISSENT, DISOBEY, DISRUPT. These actions are necessary, because the governing council does not represent us, and actively works against our welfare. Yet their power is illegitimate and vulnerable. My candidacy is thus a call to action, a revolt against the arbitrary rule of this corporate, undemocratic, reactionary council. Three times have I protested in that council, twice for labour, once for fossil fuel divestment. In September 2018, I shut down their first meeting, confronting the immorality and idleness of the president and his executive, though they would rather you did not know. As your governor, we can do much worse.</p>	<p><b>Dhanela Paran</b> My fellow peers at the University of Toronto, my primary goal is to provide Governing Council with the perspectives of graduate students from the Social Sciences and the Humanities. I'm a PhD student in the Department of Social Justice Education and have 7 years of experience working in student services as a Program Coordinator and Student Leader. I'm committed to working with the council and you to ensure that the needs of graduate students are understood in the creation of fair policies and student services. Let's work together to make governance accessible for graduate students! Thanks so much.</p>

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**L.P. Veilleux**

I am a Master of Public Policy student at the Munk School, a member of the undergraduate class of 2016, and am passionate about incorporating student voices into decision-making processes, enhancing supports for students' mental health, and improving the student experience overall. I would bring to this position a long track record of on-campus involvement through intramural activities, Student Leadership Initiatives, and previous experience in student government, in addition to having lived both on and off campus. Finally, thanks to past work in Government, I have deep knowledge of how to act as an advocate within complicated governance structures.