

**2019 Governing Council Elections
Teaching Staff Candidates' Statements**

Voting Period: Monday, February 4, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. to Friday, February 15, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Teaching Staff – Constituency IC

Mario Grech

Mario Grech is a Business Executive, Professor, Entrepreneur, Philanthropist and Cofounder/Director-Department of Computer Science Innovation Lab. My private sector experiences, in high technology firms, startups, advisory boards and philanthropic initiatives have intersected with academia throughout my career. In my current academic role I teach highly rated, experientially driven entrepreneurship courses as well as create programs to commercialize UofT research furthering the institution's and Canada's reputation as a global innovation leader. These experiences provide unique perspectives and insights that enable me to impact the strategic, business, academic and governance matters that the UofT will address. www.cs.toronto.edu/~mario/

William (Bill) Ju

Bill obtained both his Master's degree (M.Sc.) in Physiology and his Doctorate (Ph.D.) in the department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology, from the University of Toronto. His graduate research involved the examination of the cellular and molecular pathways underlying motivation, learning and memory, as well as neurodegeneration. His post-doctoral fellowship further extended these interests, and he investigated the central roles that receptor trafficking and stabilization plays in the brain and their influences on health and disease states. Bill joined the Human Biology Program in 2009 as a full time lecturer and was promoted to Associate Professor, Teaching Stream in 2015.

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Mark Lautens

I currently serve on the Governing Council, including the Executive Committee, Academic Board and Planning & Budget, and seek a second term. I bring the perspective of a highly engaged researcher in the sciences to the attention of the Administration and Governors appointed from outside the university. I view my role as advocating for those dedicated to excellence in research and education.

I have written a series of OpEds in the G&M, supporting increased federal research funding, more support of graduate students and better opportunities for early career and leading researchers. I plan to continue my #educateadvocate efforts going forward.

<http://www.chem.utoronto.ca/staff/ML/index.php>

Nick Rule

Nick Rule is an Associate Professor in the Psychology Department and the Canada Research Chair in Social Perception and Cognition. Since beginning at UofT in 2010, he has received multiple international awards, served one year as Acting Chair of Psychology, and served three years as Associate Chair of Undergraduate Studies. He is the Senior Associate Editor at the Journal of Experimental Social Psychology and has held various leadership roles in the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, the primary professional organization in his field. As a Science Leadership Fellow, he regularly represents the University and his field in the popular media. <http://psych.utoronto.ca/users/rule>