

## Student Elections for Governing Council

1. Voting in student constituencies – Full-time undergraduate Constituency I and Constituency II, Part-time Undergraduate Constituency, Graduate Student Constituency I and Graduate Student Constituency II – is done on the web through the Repository of Student Information ([ROSI](#)).<sup>1</sup>
2. Voting commences at 9:00 a.m. on Monday March 9, 2009 and concludes on Friday March 20, 2009.
3. When you login to ROSI, you will be asked to provide your student number and personal identification number.
4. After successfully logging in to ROSI, you may click on the election button on the ROSI homepage.
5. Verification of your eligibility to vote will be determined by records in ROSI.
6. Once recognized as a valid voter, you will be informed of the constituency in which you are eligible to vote and provided with a list of options, including casting a ballot and reading the candidate statements.
7. You may vote for the number of candidates that corresponds with the number of vacant seats in your constituency.
8. You may change your vote at will until your vote is recorded.
9. Once you have decided for whom to vote, clicking the “cast ballot” button brings up a confirmation screen. You may still correct your ballot at this point by returning to the ballot screen. Clicking the “cast your ballot” button will record your vote.
10. Once your vote is registered, you will not be accepted by ROSI as an eligible voter a second time.

The Candidates' statements are available on the following pages:

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<sup>1</sup> Post-graduate medical students in the Full-Time Undergraduate Student Constituency II vote using a mail ballot, as they are not registered via ROSI.

## Full-Time Undergraduate Students, Constituency I (Arts & Science)

### Andrew Agnew –Iler

To quote a friend, "We look for continuing and increasing growth in the future without the accompanying evils which we have known in the past. The challenge is to take full advantage of Canada's great opportunities, of our rich human and material resources and of the unprecedented scientific advances to build a Canada which will be a model of democratic equality. We can do so if human needs are placed above corporate profits, if human fulfillment replaces material greed as the motive power in society and if the enrichment of human life becomes the universal goal of our collective endeavours."

### Erik Bracciodieta

Hi! My name is Erik Bracciodieta. You've probably never heard of me, but don't let that determine who you'll vote for. Our university is facing epic challenges: the economy, conflict between student needs and corporate benefactors and the recent student actions at York. What can be done? How does a vote for me change how the Governing Council deals with these issues? I promise to sift through the bureaucracy and culture of apathy that has strangled creative thought in our government. I welcome all advice for strengthening our school. Together we can better the student experience for years to come.

### Maximilian Cadmus

Max is a loyal and experienced leader who strives to balance progress and tradition. He studies a variety of topics ranging from Biology to Political Science to German. Neither withdrawn nor timid, Max is not afraid to challenge norms, fight for his constituency, and inspire change. He recognizes-and intends to address-the different needs of commuters versus dormers, Canadian versus International Students, and other sub-groups of full-time undergraduate studies. Max will make a brilliant addition to the Governing Council and vows to always do his best to do right by his constituency, and this University.

### Zayne Dattu

My name is Zayne Dattu and I am running for Governing Council. If I am elected, I would work hard to improve the student academic experience as well as campus life. I would ensure that the University's money is spent wisely for the benefit of students, and that the issue of tuition is dealt with in a fair manner in consultation with students. Finally, I would make sure that Governing Council is more transparent and accountable to students and as such, that the student's point of view is heard by the administration. It's your education. You deserve a voice.

### Kyle Boyko

[no statement submitted]

### Casey-Anne Bradfield

I am a first-year student at the University of Toronto; coming from Central technical school. Through my high-school, I was associated with the "LAWS" program (a program involving students at University of Toronto's Faculty of Law who provide tutoring and guidance to high school students), and have since been interested in participating in the University of Toronto's clubs, groups and committees. Thanks to the LAWS program, I was able to work for Ryerson's Board of Directors last summer; and will bring my experience at Ryerson and dedication to LAWS to the Governing Council. Thank you for considering my application.

### Anthony Darcovich

My name is Anthony Darcovich and I am second year student in International Relations and Environmental Science. Serving on the executives of the United Nations Society, the HH Investment Club, and the Entrepreneurial Society, as well as a student representative on the Arts and Sciences Council, I have extensive experience in representing the interests of students. As your student governor, I am committed to forging a more successful working relationship between Student Unions, student clubs, and the Administration, ensuring that Governing Council decisions represent the interests of all students. Feel free to email me with any questions at [a.darcovich@utoronto.ca](mailto:a.darcovich@utoronto.ca).

### Albert Delitala

I am currently pursuing my Honours B.Sc. at University of Toronto, with a double-major in psychology and industrial relations. I spent part of this past summer in Hong Kong as part of the university's summer abroad program, where my fellow students and I represented U of T at The University of Hong Kong. I am proud to be a part of the U of T community, and it would be of a great honour to serve on its Governing Council. As a student of the Mississauga campus, I believe that I will bring a very unique perspective to the council.

## Full-Time Undergraduate Students, Constituency I (Arts & Science)...cont'd

### Grant Gonzales

My name is Grant Gonzales. I am seeking re-election for Governing Council. As your current governor, I serve you on the Executive Committee and University Affairs Board. Furthermore, I am a student representative on the Faculty of Arts and Science Council and an Executive Member of the Arts and Science Students' Union. Working collaboratively with the administration, student groups, and regular students continues to be a particular focus of mine. This working relationship provides quality leadership students deserve. I am running to ensure that we do not stray away from this valuable relationship. Please e-mail any questions to [grant.gonzales@utoronto.ca](mailto:grant.gonzales@utoronto.ca).

### Darryl Hoving

I'm a student at the University of Toronto, St George Campus, in second year physics. I live in Toronto during the school terms, and this semester I'm in Singapore on a student exchange. U of T is going through important changes. I want to try to understand the system better and hear what the perspectives on all sides are, and then pass that on to others. I have no illusions of greatness, and I can't promise that I'll change anything. But I do promise I'll listen, try to understand, and do what I can.

### Margaret Min Hee Kim

Often, I find the majority of the university marginalized and the will of the many is feebly represented by a few. As your rep, I promise to bring tangible changes in tuition changes, sustainability and student life. I will be the bridge between the huge system and YOU. Studying Political Science and Ethics, Society & Law, I have diverse experience as a liaison between admin and students and serving the students. With a humble leadership and funk, I will work to make our university BETTER. Vote for Margaret Min Hee Kim.

### Laura McConnell

Student Governor is a role that fits my experience, expertise, personality and interests. To me, this position is not just something to add to a résumé; it means a lot to me and is something I truly want to do. Last year, I gained substantial experience serving on the Algoma District School Board as a Student Trustee involving similar academic and administrative issues. I value honesty and I have a high level of responsibility, integrity and commitment. I have a passionate desire to serve as one of your Student Governors and I would be honoured to receive your vote.

### Vik Handa

My name is Vik Handa. As a member of Governing Council I will be a voice for students, representing your interests and ideas. In '09 we really need to focus on improving the quality of student life at our university. All students from St. George, to UTM to UTSC can agree that there is a lot of important work that needs to be done, and I as your member of Governing Council will get results. Vote Vik Handa in '09.

### Areeba Jawaid

Areeba is a third year student in Human Biology and Geography. Over the years she has been involved with the Centre for Community Partnerships and The Multi-Faith Centre. She holds an executive position at UT's Meal Exchange, an organization that deals with local poverty and hunger. More recently, she has been striving to integrate sustainability in her life and has been involved with UTSU's Sustainability Commission. She also played a crucial role in initiating a student led Inter-Faith service initiative. Areeba strongly believes in enhancing the student experience by ensuring that their concerns are heard.

### Trevor (Changgun) Lee

In my final year at UofT, I want to make a contribution to the UofT community as your representative on the governing council. I will stand with my fellow undergraduates to listen to their concerns and to become their voice on the council. Listening is a skill I have learned well working as a volunteer with victims of torture, terminal AIDS and cancer patients, and mood disorder immigrants. I will be a strong advocate bridging the concerns of majority and minority groups on campus. Organizing to increase voter participation in this election will be my goal. Vote commitment and understanding.

### Michael Motala

My name is Michael Motala, and I'm a second year undergraduate student specializing in International Relations. Beyond academics, I spend my time on campus as a dedicated student leader, a Varsity athlete, and a committed student advocate. I am involved with the Rowing Team, the International Relations Society, the North Korea Research Group, the University of Toronto Model Parliament, LBTOU, and the Arts & Science Students' Union. As a Governing Council representative, I would pursue increased undergraduate financial aid, athletic funding, and a sustainability policy. Let's work together to make our University better for students. Vote Michael Motala.

## **Full-Time Undergraduate Students, Constituency I (Arts & Science) ...cont'd**

### **Gregory Rebejko**

My name is Gregory Rebejko and I am running for full-time undergraduate student governor in constituency I. I am a second year student specializing in Political Science and Philosophy. As governor it will be my priority to insure all student concerns are heard and acted upon in a considerate and thoughtful manner. One of the major concerns that all students share is the rising cost of student fees. I promise you that student fees will decrease if elected governor. By working with faculty members and having the support of the student population, together as one powerful voice, anything is possible.

### **Fariya Walji**

Lowering Fees, Increasing Scholarships, Promoting a Louder Student Voice –

These are just a few things I stand for, and will strongly emphasize while representing UofT students during my term on Governing Council. My understanding of campuses (as a 1<sup>st</sup> year student at UTSC and current St. George student), my studies in disciplines across departments, combined with my experience commuting and living on residence (thus understanding the needs of both groups) proves my mandate – I am the candidate who will fairly represent students from all perspectives.

I'm one of you – a vote for me, is really a vote you.

## **Full-Time Undergraduate Students, Constituency II (Professional Faculties)**

### **Ryan Campbell**

My name is Ryan Campbell and I am currently enrolled in the Infrastructure option of Engineering Science. During my time at this University I have served as a student Governor, a member of the Governing Council's Academic Board, a Director from Engineering on UTSU's board, and Speaker of the Engineering Society. If elected I would continue to be a strong advocate for the issue of accessibility at this University for students with disabilities, mental, physical or otherwise. I would also fight for the lowest tuition possible for all students, and ensure that students' voices are heard within Governance.

### **Alexander Pazionis**

I've been a first year representative for the Mechanical Engineering Club, the Engineering Society, and the U of T Student Section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME). I'm the second year representative for the latter of these organizations, a Mechanical and Industrial Engineering (MIE) Mentor and an MIE Ambassador. I know how to lead. I also know how to stand up for the issues that matter, and I'll do so without a moment's hesitation.

## **Graduate Students, Constituency I (Humanities and Social Sciences)**

### **Olivier Sorin**

As your representative on Governing Council, I will continue to push the University to upgrade its academic infrastructure for graduate students (the number of professors in departments, accessible resources, space and equipment, and better email services). I will also press for an increase in the funding package so that students in humanities and social sciences can be on equal footing with their colleagues in divisions 3 and 4. Furthermore, I will ensure that there are more services and campus space for graduate students to help us interact and learn outside of the classroom. Thank you in advance for your support.

### **Bernard Pui Lun Wong**

I am currently an MBA candidate at the Rotman School of Management. Having completed my undergraduate degree and also currently pursuing my graduate degree at the University of Toronto, I am familiar with the needs of the students and the changes that are necessary in improving the student experience, including increased study spaces, lower tuition, etc. During my undergraduate studies, I represented my class as the Faculty Representative at the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering and I understand the dynamics of university governance. I hope to represent you for the upcoming year. Thank you for your time.

### **Paul York**

Paul York is doctoral student active in several social and environmental justice groups, including GSU Social Justice Committee, UTSU's Sustainability Committee, Science for Peace, Pugwash, and Students Against Climate Change. He is committed to the vision of a just, egalitarian, environmentally sustainable and participatory society. He believes that universities should strive to uphold these principles by ensuring the highest standards of academic freedom, affordable education, socially responsible investment, transparent decision-making, emissions

reductions, cost-cutting and energy conservation, accountability, and inclusivity. He is concerned that increasing corporatization may reduce the quality of education and compromise academic freedoms. Contact [pauilyork.2008@gmail.com](mailto:pauilyork.2008@gmail.com)

## **Graduate Students, Constituency II (Physical Sciences and Life Sciences)**

### **Jason Grenier**

Jason is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. He is completing his second year as a member on the Graduate Education Council and was recently chosen to represent graduate students on the ECE Chair Advisory Committee. Jason received the BAsC. and MASc. degrees from the University of Waterloo. During this time, Jason was a director on the Graduate Student Association (1.5 years) and held a part-time position as Residence Life Coordinator at a residential college (4 years). He is a member of the IEEE, SPIE, OSA, and the Institute for Optical Sciences.

### **Jemy Joseph**

Jemy completed her undergraduate at UofT Scarborough and is currently doing her Masters with the IMS department. She has been a tireless student advocate at all levels of university governance and administration such as the Academic Board, UTSC Council, Council on Student Services, Programs and Curriculum. Furthermore, she was part of the Scarborough Campus Students' Union as Vice-President Academics (full-time), Vice-Chair and Life Sciences Director. She was selected as UofT's 2008 John Moss Scholar. If elected, Jemy will ensure that the current economic crisis does not severely affect graduate students (funding, TA position, etc.). For more info, visit [www.jemyjoseph.ca](http://www.jemyjoseph.ca)

### **Gregory West**

As a representative on the GSU, I have worked with graduate students, the university administration, and organizations such as CUPE 3902, on issues affecting our academic and financial conditions. Graduate students are integral to the university and require strong representation; in lobbying governments for adequate investment in research infrastructure and financial support for students, in ensuring the responsible stewardship of the university's budget – comprised largely from tuition fees, and in academic issues surrounding intellectual property and copyright. I commit to being a strong voice for graduate students and ask that you cast your vote for 'Gregory West': [www.gregwest.ca](http://www.gregwest.ca)

## **Part-Time Undergraduate Students**

### **Binish Ahmed**

Binish Ahmed brings experiences such as founding Co-President of Chance, member of Dignitas International, and a representative on various student councils, where she had the opportunity to collaborate with many campus organizations including Engineers Without Borders. Additional experiences like Loretto College academic mentor, South Asian Youth Council President, former Course Unions representative to ASSU Council, an ASSU Executive, will give part-time students an effective voice against issues such as accessible post-secondary education. Ahmed is a prudent thinker, who believes in/advocates for living on this planet "sustainably;" and is pursuing: double minor –South Asian Studies/History, double major – Political Science/International Relations.

### **Ken Davy**

I am a fourth year undergraduate student in the History Specialist and American Studies program at the University of Toronto (Woodsworth College). I have represented part-time students on the Governing Board of the University since 2007, and am seeking re-election. My focus is on ensuring that the concerns of part-time students are represented, such as convenient class times and scheduling. I bring valuable knowledge and experience from membership on the Academic and Appeals Boards as well as the Planning and Budget, 2030, and curriculum renewal committees. I hope that you will vote for me.

### **Joeita Gupta**

Part-time students have full-time concerns. Being a part-time student, I identify with the need for and will work hard

to promote on campus accessibility, including financial aid, affordable housing and childcare for part-time students, along with increased evening and weekend classes. My goals are to implement reforms to the appeals process and to enhance student involvement in decision-making bodies at UofT. I've long advocated for social justice issues through community radio, anti-poverty groups, the Centre for Women and Trans people and as a member of the part-time union. I'm passionate, hard-working, articulate, and determined to collectively affect change at UofT.