



**2014 Governing Council Elections
Student Candidates' Statements**

Voting Period: Monday, February 10, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. to Friday, Friday February 21, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.
Online voting will take place on ROSI (www.rosi.utoronto.ca) and through a secured website for post graduate medical trainees.

**Full-Time Undergraduate Students – Constituency I
(Faculty of Arts and Science; University of Toronto Mississauga; University of Toronto Scarborough)**

Nabil Arif

Passionate, trustworthy, qualified, and committed. Hello fellow UofT student, my name is Nabil Arif, and it is an honor to run for Governing Council. As a UTM student, I believe in unifying and further integrating all three campuses at UofT for our collective benefit. I want to improve our world-class reputation and our student experience. My priorities include ethical and decision-making, quality and cost of education, and strong and equitable representation for students. I vow to be there for you. Elect me, empower yourself. Much love. From February 10-21, please vote Nabil Arif for GC on ROSI. www.facebook.com/nabil4gc.

Kriti Bhatt

Do you sometimes feel like your voice doesn't count in the major decisions being made about your education and campus? If so, vote Kriti for Governing Council. I'm running because I believe we deserve to be informed about the discussions well before decisions are finalized. We need to have a stronger voice in charting the direction of our school and education. I'll work to bridge this communication gap, and decrease student costs however possible. I'll also strive to improve access to scholarships, work placement opportunities, and move toward a more sustainable UofT. Let's make a difference, together. Vote Kriti.

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<p>Ben Coleman</p> <p>BEN COLEMAN for UofT Governing Council. But why? Any student can say they'll make UofT more than a soulless string of nights at Robarts, but only Ben Coleman has the experience and insight to make it happen. I broke the story on U of T's interest charges, and will ensure that UofT stays financially accessible. I'll advocate to bring UofT in line with provincial study space standards, and make sure our unquenchable thirst for prestige doesn't prevent excellent undergraduate education. After a successful year as UTSU's most active and vocal independent director, vote Ben Coleman for Governing Council. http://www.votebencoleman.ca</p>	<p>Shriya Dangwal</p> <p>I am running for governing council to further enrich my student experience, while helping to shape the future of an institution I am proud to be a part of. I was the Vice President of George S. Henry Academy, as well as the President of the Athletic Council. During my first year, I was elected, and served my term as the Undergraduate Representative for Free the Children UofT Chapter. This year, it is a privilege to be serving as the Vice President of Membership Development at Pi Beta Phi Fraternity for women. Trust me to be your student voice. www.shriyadangwal.com</p>
<p>Cole Dempsey</p> <p>Hello, my name is Cole Dempsey. I am a Full-Time Undergraduate Student at University of Toronto, St. George Campus. I am immensely passionate about education and have committed a lot of time and effort to helping improve education on the local, provincial and international levels through my work on various councils and committees. Now that I am in university, I want to play my part on improving how education looks and feels at U of T. For more information of my past experience and what I hope to bring to the Governing Council please visit: https://www.facebook.com/coledempseyforgoverningcouncil</p>	<p>Jing Guo</p> <p>Do you find yourself asking the question: Why did I come to U of T? Maybe you are over-whelmed by the stress and frustrations of your academic life or you are feeling the university is not preparing you for the workplace. If so, VOTE for JING to be the connection between you and the university council. I support fairer academic assessment, shortening the "skill gap" between real jobs and your education, and voicing for all students. Don't leave the university with regrets. Express your concern, and together we can find a solution for it.</p>

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<p>Claudia Jiang</p> <p>Hello Everyone! I am in first year, studying in the Rotman Commerce program on the St. George Campus at U of T. As a student and an individual, I am passionate about making positive change (no matter how small), step-by-step. Past contributions include: raising over \$20,000 for cancer research and being the voice of the whole student body to promote positive learning in the school community. I may be just a meager first-year student who has firm but high hopes to answer your needs and wants, but VOTE for me and see positive CHANGE happen!</p>	<p>Michelle Lai</p> <p>Being involved in numerous activities and associations across campus has given me the opportunity to interact with and get to know many of my peers who are all uniquely wonderful. I would like to have this chance to give back to the students in a fundamental manner. As a third year pharmacology & toxicology double specialist, I am extremely detail oriented, motivated and organized. As a leader, I am able to prioritize, communicate, and collaborate effectively. All in all, I will get any job done and bring you the best I can give. PTSA V.P.(Present), OHPSA Outreach(2012-2013)+...</p>
<p>Marc Laurin</p> <p>The University of Toronto is Canada's oldest, largest, and highest ranked university. Therefore it is no simple task of upholding our reputation, delivering superior education and also ensuring opportunities for learning and personal growth are available to all students, regardless of status, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual identity or disability. I will ensure the interests of all students are represented when advocating on the issues that affect us. I seek to engage the community and promote positive change through involvement, awareness and progressive action. My hope is that every student can enjoy their educational experience here at the University of Toronto.</p>	<p>Kevin Rampage</p> <p>High tuition fees, lack of student club support, and inadequate admin-student relations are all issues that impact students. UTSC is my home and the unique experiences of our community deserve a voice at UofT's highest decision-making body. As your full-time student representative on Governing Council, I will ensure that our vision is kept at top priority when decisions are being made. Through experiences in the Scarborough Campus Student Union, my organization; CTWFA, and simply just being a member of this community, I know I will be that voice for us, and I will ensure that our voice is heard. https://www.facebook.com/votekevin</p>

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<p>Ayla Shiblaq</p> <p>My name is Ayla Shiblaq and I'm a first-year student from Victoria College hoping to major in Political Science. I am not only a contributor on various campus publications such as <i>Demo</i> and <i>The Varsity</i>, I am also the finance executive on the Victoria College Chapter of Amnesty International. As a member of Governing Council, my top priority will be providing a voice for the UofT community. I have both the leadership ability and the motivation to help make decisions that are best for the university. Wow. Such Reliability. Much leadership. So Ayla. Website: aylashiblaqforgc.tumblr.com</p>	<p>Daniel Szulc</p> <p>Hey there UofT'ers. My name is Daniel Szulc, and it would be an honour to be elected as your voice for the Governing Council. Your undergraduate experience should be some of the best, most creative and most inspiring years of your life, and I plan to ensure that every student has that opportunity. I'm constantly involved in my community from fundraisers to organized sports, so I hear and see all of your problems. School's hard enough and as your representative I'll do all that I can to ensure that what you want and what you need is what you'll get.</p>
<p>Htay Tint</p> <p>I'm a first- year student in the TYP, which was developed to facilitate access for students who did not have an opportunity to finish their education because of the circumstances beyond their control. As a former refugee who was prevented from completing education in Burma, I understand the importance of access to education in counteracting the effects of inequality. That why I've become involved in the fight to save TYP from threats to its funding, faculty and space. As your representative on Governing Council, I will continue to work to preserve the TYP and to help build an accessible university.</p>	<p>Louis Train</p> <p>Louis Train has been working to improve the campus since his first year. He is an editor for blogUT, The Mike, and The Howl; an executive of Peace by PEACE; an employee of the Family Care Office; and a participant on the Arts and Science Council and the Humanities Curriculum Committee. Now Louis asks for your vote so he can represent you on the Governing Council. His devotion and experience make him the ideal candidate to fight on your behalf for improvements to student life. Get on board - get on the Train train. www.votetrain.co.nr</p>