



**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 II (Professional Faculties)

<p>Anastasia Alksnis</p> <p>My goal as an elected member of Governing Council will be to bring forth a clear and unbiased student perspective when addressing all university affairs presented to council. I hope to strengthen bonds between administration and students, communicating our views effectively, using the experience I possess from previously serving on executive councils. With over 67 thousand undergraduates, we make up the majority of the school population, and it is of utmost importance that our needs be met in order to promote a flourishing academic environment. https://www.facebook.com/aa4GC</p>	<p>Andrew Girgis</p> <p>Having served on the Governing Council for the past two terms, I have been dedicated to fulfilling the diverse obligations that come with being a steward of the university. I have been privileged to serve for the Executive Committee, the Academic and Business Boards, the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs and have paneled a number of cases for the Academic Appeals Committee. I authored several peer-reviewed articles and was a recipient of a national award for an innovative start-up business. I am committed to applying my accrued experience with your continued support to help shape our university moving forward.</p>
<p>Padraigin Murphy</p> <p>As a Faculty of Law student, I have demonstrated commitment to student participation and governance issues. Active in the SLS working groups on Financial Aid, Career Development, and Tuition Advocacy, I've worked to improve the quality of academic experience for professional students. Previously, as a course union executive, I successfully lobbied the Faculty administration to preserve the Cognitive Science academic program when budget cuts threatened its existence. My priorities include increasing student financial aid, mental health and wellness, lobbying governments for increased funding and supporting all professional students. From February 10-21 on ROSI, vote Padraigin Murphy for Governing Council. http://tinyurl.com/pvuma9d.</p>	<p>Andi Musa</p> <p>As a second-year Chemical Engineering student, Executive of the Canadian Society for Chemical Engineering – UofT branch, and member of the Greek Students' Association, I have been an active student at the University of Toronto. As Governor, I will be an assertive voice for all professional students on issues such as fair representation and differentially high fees for professional students. I will work with Governing Council to ensure experiential learning opportunities so students have practical experience and work placements for their academic programs. Vote online on ROSI from February 10-21. Vote Andi Musa for Governor. www.andimusa.com</p>

<p>Avineet (Vinny) Randhawa</p> <p>There really isn't much that can be said in statements like this, so I'll keep it short and meaningful. Although our faculty rivalries are fun, UofT is very decentralized so I'll advocate injecting more effort into creating more campus-wide events and the like. And, although you're probably tired of hearing this by now, I'll ensure every engineer and professional program has a voice on the campus-wide scale. Finally, being from Vancouver, you can believe I've got a huge vested interest in ensuring campus-life is as great as it can be. Thanks for voting!</p>	<p>Qassim Tejpar</p> <p>I am very excited to be running for Governing Council! I am a Resident Physician in Family Medicine at the University of Toronto, as well as one of the chief residents at my training site in Mississauga. In 2009-10, I served as a student representative on the General Faculties Council at the University of Alberta. During that year, I worked with a group of student leaders to successfully advocate against a tuition increase for Medicine and Dentistry students. I hope to use my experiences and passion to represent my fellow students at the U of T. Thank you!</p>
<p>Ivan Zdravkovic</p> <p>As a representative for all professional faculties, I will ensure that all our interests will be fairly and properly represented when overseeing affairs at the University. My varied work, volunteer, and extra-curricular experience will allow me to have an informed, fair view to properly represent you all, my constituents, in fulfilling the responsibilities expected of an elected member of Governing Council. These experiences include 16 months of engineering work experience and various executive positions in the Engineering Society and UofT clubs. In addition to my position's obligations, I will create a positive university experience for all Professional Faculty students.</p>	