2015 UTSC Campus Council (UTSC CC) Election
Full-time Undergraduate Student Candidates’ Statements

Voting Period: Monday, February 8, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. to Friday, February 19, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.
Online voting will take place via U-Elect: voting.utoronto.ca

Mr. Ali Basit Abdul-Hashim
UTSC provides a rich learning environment that does nothing short of providing a balanced atmosphere for students to thrive in. In order to take UTSC to new heights by creating such an atmosphere, students’ voice, concerns, and suggestions need to be emanated effectively. As an undergraduate who has served previous student councils and worked with a diverse group of students, I am fully equipped with the ability to be the voice of the UTSC student body. I believe I can serve to improve all aspects of our learning environment from academics to athletics, advancing the university’s mission and values.

Ms Hira Ashraf
As a student currently enrolled in her third year at UTSC, I would like to leave my mark as a student of this school before I graduate. I have been involved in leadership roles throughout my first three years on campus such as being the Vice-President of Model United Nations and Editor-In-Chief of Muslim Students’ Association. I want to be a part of something that is working for the collective good of the UTSC student body. I believe that I will be a strong and active voice in the council in advocating for the rights of UTSC students.

Mr. Ahmed Israwi
I firmly believe that a major thing our university lacks is transparency between the student body and it’s governing bodies. We have no idea what’s going on when these meetings happen, and very often we have little influence over decisions that can affect us all. And that’s what I have to offer. Your concerns and complaints will be brought to the table, and the decisions and changes discussed at the table will be brought to you. I’ve built a reputation of being loyal with my actions and bold with my words, and that is what you have to expect.

Ms Mariam Issa
Hello UTSC! Being fiduciary responsible, honest and hardworking make me confident that I have the leadership experience to voice your concerns. I have graduated the IB program with honors, been designated as an Ontario and UofT Scholar, and received various awards and scholarships for my academic excellence and co-curricular involvement. However, it is not my previous
achievements that should convince you to vote for me but what I will do for our future. Vote for me so I can bring forth a fresh and energetic perspective to a mission aimed at addressing matters affecting you and other campus’ priorities.

Ms Tebat Kadhem
During my first few months at UTSC I have managed to make friends and join clubs and other than midterm and exam time, I enjoyed my time at UTSC. There are many issues that the school has not addressed. There is a lack of proper study space available, there is no shuttle bus provided to UTSC students to get from one campus to another, and there is no accommodating and fully functional study space for students with disability needs. I’ve seen the progress that this school has taken, and as a representative of UTSC’s campus council I will bring the student voice to the table.

Mr. Marc ‘Marlo’ Laurin
UTSC is a modern and diverse campus of the University of Toronto, Canada's oldest, largest, and highest ranked university. It is therefore no simple task upholding our reputation, delivering superior education and 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 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 and benefit from their educational experience here at UTSC.

Ms Pearl Mak
Pearl Mak is a third year student specializing in Finance. With a business background, she is trained to incorporate innovation with practical analysis. As the Chief Publications Manager at MESA, she started UTSC's first business review and injected new branding strategy in creating professional image for the publication. She dedicated herself in improving student benefits and initiating changes. She believes in the power of opinion; that the council represents the voices of different individuals; that being a part of the council means servitude in providing better welfare for students. If change is necessary for students' development, she hopes to be the initiator.

Ms Amina Shabeen
I am a highly engaged undergraduate student who is currently serving as the President for the Muslim Students’ Association - the most active student club at UTSC - which caters to the needs of UTSC community by facilitating prayer space, launching awareness campaigns, and addressing Muslim students’ needs with the SCSU and University. As a student Multi-faith engagement coordinator with DSL at UTSC, I work with representatives from different faith groups and worldview orientations to foster inclusivity and diversity on campus. If elected, I shall strive to voice the needs of different students and communities to the best of my abilities.