

Board of Governors: Graduate Student Constituency

(One to be elected)

The following Graduate Students have been nominated for membership on the Board of Governors (term from July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2012). The statements and photos of candidates, if available, have been included below. You may vote for up to **ONE** of these candidates. The elections website is open at 12:01 AM on February 9 and close at **8:00 PM** on February 10, 2010.

1. **DIETRICH, Michael**
2. **SUTHERLAND, Duncan**
3. **TELFER, Rick**

DIETRICH, Michael



Michael Dietrich is a PhD candidate studying international relations and is among the third generation of his family to attend Western. If elected, Michael would work collaboratively to achieve progressive goals relevant to graduate education while advocating the highest standards of accountability. Michael's professional experience includes research with a federal government department, policy work with the national association representing the innovative pharmaceutical sector, and fund-raising for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada. MA-Queen's; BA-Waterloo
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SUTHERLAND, Duncan



I am a direct entry Ph.D. candidate in Chemistry. As both VP finance and CFO of the society of graduate students, I am responsible for constructing a yearly budget, and minimizing the financial risks of the society. To this end, I regularly meet with the Finance, Grad Club, Bursaries and Sustainability committees and university representatives. My experience in both policy and budgetary construction, with a focus on graduate students, makes me an ideal candidate for governor.

TELFER, Rick



Rick Telfer is a second-year PhD student in the Department of Sociology. Rick is a long-time student leader with progressive values; he is presently completing his term as the President of Western's Society of Graduate Students and also as a graduate student representative to the University Senate. Rick is well-known as a staunch and respected advocate for the arts, humanities, and social sciences, and against unfair tuition fee increases -- especially for international students.