

Undergraduate Student Constituency

(ONE to be elected)

The following undergraduate students have been nominated for membership on the Board of Governors for the July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2028 term.

1. **GOYAL, Shreya** – Medical Sciences / Science
2. **HASSAN, Ayesha** – Computer Science / Science
3. **LI, Sarah** – Medical Sciences / Science
4. **YU, Bruce** – HBA / Ivey

Candidate statements are provided below.

GOYAL, Shreya

Medical Sciences / Science

I'm applying to the Board of Governors because I am interested in governance, leadership and behind the scenes decision making. My interest in institutional governance began through my work in Canadian federal elections as a deputy returning officer, where I saw firsthand the importance of transparency, fairness, and democratic processes. That experience sparked my long term interest in how organizations govern responsibly, diverse voices, and behind the scenes benefit of everyone. I bring leadership and financial experience through founding and running New Vision Tutoring in Calgary, where I manage budgeting, scheduling, growth strategy, and client relations. Building this organization from the ground up strengthened my skills in financial oversight, accountability, and long term planning core responsibilities of a governing board. I also volunteer at South Health Campus, where I take on leadership focused roles supporting patients, families, and staff in high pressure environments. My healthcare volunteer experience and CPR/Medical First Responder certifications have shaped my commitment to ethical, service-oriented leadership. As VP Finance for Essex Residence Council, I've developed a strong interest in governance through behind the scenes analysis, critical questioning, and informed decision making. On the Board of Governors, I would bring a student centred, analytical, and collaborative perspective grounded in accountability, leadership and service.



HASSAN, Ayesha

Computer Science / Science

Hi Western! I'm Ayesha, and I'm excited to re-run to be your undergraduate representative on Western's Board of Governors. As Western's \$1 billion fundraising campaign continues, there is so much potential to strengthen our campus and invest in our future. But with that also comes the responsibility of ensuring student voices remain central in decisions that will define Western for years to come. These few months on BoG have been an incredible learning experience. I've seen how governance truly works at Western's highest level, asked questions during critical discussions, and worked to bring student perspectives into investment and policy conversations. I've begun building relationships and understanding what's necessary to actually action the changes I pledged. Another term will allow me to build on the work I've started around human rights in policy, and ensure that as Western grows, it grows with us in mind. I've had the privilege of serving the student body in many capacities. Through Sophing, I supported incoming students through a major transition. As a Senator, I've worked on academic governance and advocated for students in discussions about curriculum and assessments. My executive work across 6 clubs and the SSC has given me experience with student consultations.



LI, Sarah

Medical Sciences / Science

I'm running for the Faculty of Science undergraduate constituency because I'm deeply concerned with how decisions made at an institutional level shape human lives. Much of my work—academic and personal—has been guided by an effort to understand suffering, connection, and what it means to be heard. I founded the Pen Pal Club with a sincere intention: many people carry stories that never find a listener. Through handwritten letters to seniors in long-term care homes and conversations with strangers, I come to face loneliness, resilience, and hope in their most honest forms. These experiences taught me that leadership is not merely about efficiency or outcomes, but about empathy, about learning to see people beyond their worst circumstances or mistakes. Besides personal projects, I'm grounded in academia and leadership. As a researcher in Grahn's Lab, I contribute to the planning and execution of research, analyze data carefully, and work with others to ensure ethical and reliable outcomes. My leadership roles at SOS and as Vice President of Merrymount at MusicBox cultivate organization, accountability, and care for the people I lead. On the Board of Governors, I would bring a perspective shaped by compassion: one that values humanity as much as institutional success.



YU, Bruce

HBA / Ivey

An enrollment verification letter used to be \$8. Now, it costs \$20. All for an electronically generated PDF. For far too long, Western students haven't had a real voice fighting against increasing fees & tuition. As your representative on the Board of Governors, I will draw on my experience serving on not-for-profit corporate boards to hold Western accountable. I bring a strong record of public policy advocacy, testifying at the Ontario legislature on education reform and championing fair assessment practices in the national media. I am currently Vice-Chair for the University Students' Council, Chair for the PurpleCare Trust Health Plan and bring tested political experience working for three Ontario cabinet ministers. A vote for Bruce is a vote for putting student interests first – for a change.

