

Undergraduate Student Constituency

(ONE to be elected)

The following undergraduate students have been nominated for membership on the Board of Governors (term from October 23, 2025 to June 30, 2026).

1. **CHOU, Oscar** – International Relations / Social Science
2. **HASSAN, Ayesha** – Computer Science / Science
3. **YU, Bruce** – Honours Business Administration / Ivey

Candidate statements are provided below.

CHOU, Oscar

International Relations / Social Science



My name is Oscar, and I'm a candidate for the Board of Governors. I have had the privilege of holding the positions of Vice-Chair of the University Affairs Standing Committee, Editor-in-Chief of The Social Contract, USC Councillor, and Director of Media for the Association of International Relations. Additionally, I have contributed to OUSA's annual publication, where I wrote about the structural obstacles that students face when trying to access mental health care. I now have a solid understanding of governance, policy, and the value of elevating student voices thanks to these experiences. With a stronger focus on sustainability, responsibility, and human rights, I will promote ethical investing strategies that guarantee Western's \$3 billion portfolio represents the ideals of our community. In order to safeguard the interests of

students, I will also advocate for closer cooperation between the Senate and the Board of Governors, acknowledging that academic policies and budgetary decisions must be coordinated. I will advocate for equitable tuition policies and ensure that resources like classrooms, labs, and student services develop in tandem with enrollment as Western approaches 50,000 students by 2030. Additionally, I'm dedicated to promoting accessibility, equity, and the ethical application of AI in education.

HASSAN, Ayesha

Computer Science / Science



Hi Western! I'm Ayesha, and I'm excited to run to be your next undergraduate representative on Western's Board of Governors. As Western embarks on its historic \$1 billion fundraising campaign, there is so much potential to strengthen our campus and invest in our future. But with growth and investment also comes the responsibility of ensuring that student voices remain central in the decisions that will define Western for years to come. My time at Western has given me the privilege of serving the student body in many capacities. As a Soph, I gained experience in welcoming and understanding the needs of incoming students. As a Senator and representative on the Education Policy Committee, I have worked directly on matters of academic governance and advocated for students in discussions about curriculum and assessments. Beyond governance, my executive work across different clubs

and on the Science Student Council has given me experience with one-on-one student consultations, and actioning concerns. As a member of the Board, I will advocate for decisions that acknowledge students as the heart of Western's growth. I will safeguard Western's investments by integrating human rights into policy and ensuring fair, sustainable campus growth.

YU, Bruce

Honours Business Administration / Ivey



Last year, an enrollment verification letter cost just \$8. This year, it's \$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 4 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.