The following graduate students have been nominated for membership on the Senate Committee on University Planning (SCUP). The statements of candidates are included below.

1. **KUM, Jina** (Pathology and Laboratory Medicine)
2. **RAVIKUMAR, Varun** (Philosophy)
3. **YOST, Riley** (Biology)

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**Jina Kum**  
*Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine*

Throughout my studies at Western, I have been fortunate to be involved in the Western community. Particularly in my role as the Society of Graduate Students (SOGS) President, I have served on SCUP during the 2019/20 year and I hope to continue my involvement with the committee. Outside of my role as SOGS President, I am a graduate student in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, and I hope to bring forward graduate students’ perspectives to the committees.

**Varun Ravikumar**  
*Department of Philosophy*

Varun Ravikumar is a doctoral student in Philosophy. He is the PSAC Local 610 steward for his department and is also a member of the SOGS Graduate Student Issues Committee. Varun completed master’s degrees in Philosophy at Northern Illinois University and in Engineering Mechanics at Pennsylvania State University, and his bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering at Shiv Nadar University in India. He has previously served on the Graduate Colloquium Committee at NIU and on the ESM Graduate Student Council at PSU, and has worked as a Student Liaison to improve student-faculty relationships in the School of Engineering at SNU.

**Ryley Yost**  
*Department of Biology*

Ryley Yost is a third year PhD student in the department of Biology. He is currently a SCUP member serving from November 2019 to June 2020. In the past, Ryley has held several positions in the department, including chair of the Society of Biology Graduate students, undergraduate education committee representative and SOGS representative. Ryley has also spent one and a half years as treasurer on the Ontario Biology Day organizing committee. A provincial conference which brought students from universities all over Ontario. In his role, Ryley managed a $30,000 budget and secured sponsorship for the conference.