

**FACULTY:
Engineering Constituency**

(ONE to be elected)

The following faculty members have been nominated for membership on Senate in the Engineering Constituency for the July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2028 term.

1. **OUDA, Abdelkader** – Associate Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering
2. **XIA, Min** – Associate Professor, Mechanical and Materials Engineering

Candidate statements are provided below.

OUDA, Abdelkader	<i>Associate Professor Electrical and Computer Engineering</i>
<p>I am seeking election to the University Senate to contribute meaningfully to the university's mission of academic excellence, inclusivity, and shared governance. I intend to advance collegial dialogue and evidence-based decision-making that strengthen institutional policies and safeguard the integrity of our academic environment. Throughout my career, I have demonstrated a commitment to academic leadership and professional service. My experiences encompass curriculum design, research development, and technological innovation in higher education. I have served on multiple departmental and faculty committees, where I prioritized transparency, strategic planning, and sustainable academic growth. These engagements have afforded me a comprehensive understanding of the university's academic and administrative frameworks. If elected, I will work to ensure that Senate deliberations remain grounded in fairness, accountability, and a commitment to continuous improvement. I aim to promote policies that enhance research opportunities, foster interdisciplinary collaboration, and support equitable access to resources for faculty, staff, and students alike. I believe my record of service and collaborative approach position me to contribute effectively to the Senate's governance responsibilities.</p>	

XIA, Min

Associate Professor
Mechanical and Materials Engineering

I am an Associate Professor in Mechanical and Materials Engineering and Director of the Machine Intelligence Laboratory, with extensive experience in academic governance and committee leadership in both Canada and the UK. I previously served as Academic Officer in Lancaster University's School of Engineering and have chaired and served on multiple committees, which has given me a practical understanding of collegial decision-making, policy implementation, and transparent processes. I am seeking election to Western's Senate because I want to contribute thoughtfully to university-wide priorities, especially academic quality, research excellence, and an inclusive experience for students, staff, and faculty. My perspective has been shaped by working across different higher education systems, including time in the UK and Japan, and by hands-on experience in shared governance at UBC through leadership in the Graduate Student Society, including serving as Vice-President and chairing key committees. If elected, I would bring an evidence-informed, collaborative, and solutions-oriented approach, grounded in respect for diverse viewpoints and a commitment to policies that strengthen Western's academic mission and community.

