

**FACULTY:  
Science Constituency**

(TWO acclaimed)

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

1. **EL-SAKKA, Mahmoud** – Associate Professor, Computer Science
2. **MINAC, Jan** – Professor, Mathematics

Candidate statements are provided below.

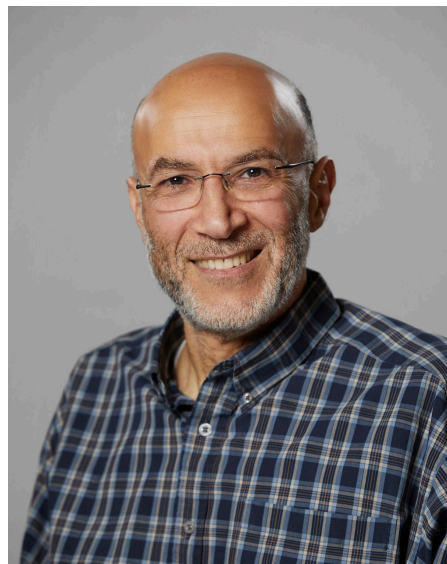
*Note: No additional nominations were received. Senate will appoint one member upon the recommendation of the Faculty.*

**EL-SAKKA, Mahmoud**

**Associate Professor  
Computer Science**

I have had the privilege of serving on the Western University Senate since September 2024, and I am seeking re-election for a second term from July 2026 to June 2028. During my current term, I have also served on the Senate Committee on Academic Policy (September 2025–June 2026), where I contributed to discussions and decisions on academic regulations, program standards, and policies that directly affect teaching, learning, and student success. I am an Associate Professor in the Computer Science Department with more than a quarter-century of experience at Western. My academic career spans undergraduate and graduate teaching, curriculum design, graduate supervision, research leadership, and extensive service at the departmental, faculty, and university levels.

This breadth of experience enables me to engage in Senate deliberations with a deep understanding of both policy implications and their practical impact on instructors and students. I am particularly committed to upholding academic integrity, strengthening academic standards, supporting accessibility and equity, and ensuring thoughtful, responsible integration of emerging technologies in education. I bring an evidence-based, collegial, and solution-oriented perspective to governance, and I value clear policy grounded in academic realities. I would be honoured to continue serving the Senate and contributing to Western's academic mission.



**MINAC, Jan*****Professor  
Mathematics***

We are living in turbulent, unprecedented times which involve the need for careful management, visionary and creative thinking, and a willingness to work together. The ways in which our research, teaching, and administrative work is carried out, are experiencing dramatic changes which include the rapid development of artificial intelligence, challenges with funding, and concern about the environment. This presents both great challenges and great opportunities. There is a need to address these remarkable opportunities with our outstanding University leadership and outstanding faculty and students. I am passionately dedicated to interdisciplinary fundamental research, to supporting diversity, and to promoting Western University through collaboration, and comprehensive coverage in the media. I am a 2019 Fellow of the Canadian Mathematical Society, a 2026 Fellow of the American Mathematical Society, a Distinguished Research Professor 2020-21 and 2004-05, an inaugural Fellow of the Western Academy for Advanced Research 2022-23, and a co-founder in 2024 of the Fields Lab for Network Science at the Fields Institute for Research in Mathematical Sciences, Toronto. I am the recipient of the 2025 Canadian Mathematical Society Jeffery-Williams Prize (research). I have also been an active member of the University Senate in the past.

