

**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS:
Huron University College Constituency**

(TWO acclaimed)

The following undergraduate students have been acclaimed to membership on Senate in the Huron University College Constituency for the July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 term.

1. **ISLAM, Esa** – Social Science
2. **MARTELL, Ryan** – Governance, Leadership and Ethics

Note: Per the Senate Election Procedures, item A.4.2(c), Huron University College shall fill two Affiliated University College seats for the 2026-2027 year.

Candidate statements are provided below.

ISLAM, Esa

Social Science

I possess a number of experiences that have primed me to take up the position as a Western Senator. These roles have allowed me to grasp the ability to execute decisions on behalf of an organization, develop academic guidelines, as well as learn how to navigate bureaucracies to achieve desired goals. A number of years ago, I joined the Youth Coalition Combatting Islamophobia (YCCI) during its infancy stage. During the following months, I gained a plethora of experiences, aiding the designation of this organization's goals and trajectory. This all had to be carried out in the best interest of the future of said organization. Furthermore, during my tenure at the YCCI, I also played a pivotal role in creating education packages, which were catered for both primary and secondary school students. Finally, I recently was employed at a federal M.P.'s office, where I was to manage and interact with constituents' complaints related to government affairs, while also balancing how to realistically present their suggestions to the M.P. to potentially be brought up in parliamentary sessions. I foresee that these skills that I have acquired will allow me to act as an effective Senator on behalf of the Huron constituency.



MARTELL, Ryan

Governance, Leadership and Ethics

I am seeking election to Senate to serve as a credible representative of the Huron student community within Western's academic governance. My experience in student governance has built skills directly transferable to Senate work, including interpreting policy, working within procedure, chairing meetings, and bridging students, faculty, and administrators. As Speaker of Huron Housing Council, Deputy Returning Officer for student elections, and former presidential candidate for HUCSC, I learned how to balance competing needs, uphold fairness, and communicate decisions with clarity and respect. Academically, I study Governance, Leadership, and Ethics and enrolled in the Ivey Purpose Driven and Character Leadership Program, where we are encouraged to apply learning through institutional service. My coursework has exposed me to public policy, board governance, and higher education systems, strengthening my interest in how curriculum, academic standards, and student experience are shaped. Prior service as a Youth Member of Parliament in Jamaica also deepened my understanding for legislative processes. I will bring a perspective grounded in listening, synthesis, and long-term thinking. I understand the Senate as a collaborative body where student concerns, faculty expertise, and institutional priorities must align. I will help advance decisions that serve Huron and broader Western within changing global contexts.

