

Committee: **London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee**

Organization/Sector represented:

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Occupation: **Student at Western University**

Work experience: - **Research Assistant, Ivey Business School - Fund Development Assistant, Kidney Foundation of Canada, Ontario Branch - Annual Fund Assistant, Ivey Business School - Alumni Contact Representative, Ivey Business School - McDonald's National Scholarship Recipient (for ON) - Student Trustee for the City of London, TVDSB**

Education: **BHSc - Western University - Western Scholar (2012-2016) OSSD - Saunders Secondary School (2008-2012)**

Skills: **Although bilingual as a Native Azerbaijani speaker, I took Mandarin at Huron University. After learning basic Mandarin (speaking, writing in pinyin and characters), my interest in other cultures grew. Becoming more involved with cultural groups at the Western campus, I became aware of many basic problems that International students face. After volunteering as a Peer Guide, and as a current CLM (discussed under the "past contributions" section), I hope to continue contributing to diverse groups on a broader scale. I bring a lot of planning experience, and began event planning as early as 15. I have been the Co-Chair of the South London Youth Council, planning events in the South London region, and took this role to the London Youth Council, helping plan National Youth Week in London. As a previous Student Trustee for London, I helped plan the first Student Government Symposium in the City, collaborating with Student Government members across the city.**

Interest reason: **Although born and raised in London, ON, I am a first-generation Canadian. I have a deep connection with individuals new to Canada, and also Students on Exchange for University. I believe that this role will not only allow the opportunity to learn more about the problems of diverse, minority groups within London, but also to voice the opinions of International Students from UWO.**

Contributions: **As a very driven student, I am one to really get involved with organizations I am passionate about. If selected to join, I will come ready to learn from the individuals on the Committee, continue collaborating with diverse groups within the community, and take action to foster opportunities, and build on areas of deficiency.**

Past contributions: **I am currently the CLM (Community Liaison Manager) of the International and Exchange Peer Guide Program at Huron University College. Responsible for the International Peer Guide Program, I work with diverse groups of students new to Canada. Aside from mentorship, the Peer Guide helps build English grammar and conversational communication. As a previous Peer Guide, I've experienced working one-on-one with International Students. As the CLM, I am able to plan events in London and the broader community, including trips to Grand Bend, and Canada's Wonderland.**

Interpersonal: **As the University Health Sciences Councillor at UWO, there are on-going debates and discussions. It is important to respect all opinions, and build off the knowledge of each other. As a collaborative unit, all opinions are listened to and respected with open ears. Respect is critical for building consensus. Although debate can be healthy, it is also important to come to consensus on certain discussions in order to serve the Western community best. As an aspiring doctor, I have also volunteered with individuals with a wide array of backgrounds, some with disabilities, or mental health problems. Specifically in the field of mental health, I have worked on two national projects to better facilitate mental health information and reduce the stigma. Comparatively, I believe that it is important to reduce the stigma attached to minority groups in order to build a community of respect, and opportunity for all.**

Interview interest: **Yes**