

## **Ronnie Johnston**

## 2025 Candidate for Senate Undergraduate Student Representative

I am a fourth-year Bachelor of Computing Science student at TRU, and I am excited to be running for a student seat on the Senate. I decided to run because I believe the Computing Science department needs stronger representation at the governance level. Many students have raised concerns about outdated courses and program structures, and I want to ensure their voices are heard. Currently, there is limited student representation for Computing Science within the Senate, and I believe I can bridge that gap by advocating for meaningful improvements to our courses, learning resources, and overall academic experience.

Before transferring to TRU, I completed a Computer Systems Technician & Networking diploma at Algonquin College. I have also been involved in student-focused initiatives, including volunteering with Protect Tech Careers, where I organized events, coordinated guest speakers, and created learning opportunities for high school students interested in technology. In my most recent co-op as a Digital Denture Technician, I managed a lab, collaborated with clients, and gained professional software skills that strengthened both my technical expertise and my ability to work in professional teams. These experiences have strengthened my communication, teamwork, and leadership skills, all of which I believe are essential for effective academic governance.

Thank you for considering my candidacy.