

Richie Kim – TCM Deputy Chair

Friends of Trinity,

Our college is full of wonderful and diversified people, however, the one thing that unites us all is that we are members of Trinity. The TCM is a predominant factor that makes Trinity what it is. It is something that cannot and is not available anywhere else. TCMs allow everyone to voice their opinions, discuss key issues, and make resolutions. I believe the TCM is not a right, but a privilege that is given to us.

Issues regarding transparency and accessibility have been apparent throughout the year, as TCM Deputy Chair, I hope to work with the team and ensure that all members of college are able to attend meetings, be notified of news, and have their opinions be heard. I would like to focus on the incoming first years, as they transition into University and Trinity College. At the start of my first year, balancing classes, meeting new people, and trying to get involved in extra-curricular activities was an overwhelming task. Therefore, I would like to make it easier and more accessible for new students to engage themselves in the TCM.

While Facebook events are made, and are a convenient way to invite a majority of students, I believe implementing another method for those without social media will allow the TCM to become more accessible. Another concern raised was the lack of accessibility for commuter students to attend TCMs. Held on Mondays at 8pm, this often held commuting students back from attending meetings. I would like to implement a live stream of the TCM on the TrinLife website, and allow students to tune in, and post their concerns or comments live.

This past year, I was fortunate to be one of the three Full Time First Year Student Representatives of the UofT Arts and Science Council and Standing Committee, where I learned and gained experience in government systems, and voting. In Trinity College, I was involved as one of the first-year reps for the TCLI, photographer for the Stephanos, and a member of Sober Patrol. I hope and aspire to serve you, the students of Trinity College, with the utmost respect, dignity, and pride.

As Deputy Chair I would love to continue making the TCM the best direct democracy student government there is. I hope all members of college will become active participants in the years to come. Please feel free to email me @ richiekim98@gmail.com, or say hi if you ever see me, I would love to meet you!

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Richie Kim

