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Members of College,

Greetings, I am a second-year international student majoring in Economics and Public Policy now. Trinity College is the only one in the North America which possess a unique but friendly structure of governance that bring every member of College the same political right by the TCM meetings. Hence, I am so proud with this special democracy which not only considers the rights of minority group and students feeling so disenfranchised with our community but also enhances the accountability and transparency of government. Through this year, I understand and realize, by discussing and hearing from several student groups and international students, the TCM including the Financial Committee needs to find better and more efficient way to involve more members who have barriers. This is why I stand out and join in this election.



As an international Chinese student, the member of TCCSA, I always try to be active and involved in college affairs and issues especially related to international and Chinese students' right. During the two years in the UofT, I became the Director and VP for CMC and other clubs which provided abundant experience with networking and financial skills for me. In addition, attending the TCM meetings and checking the TCM minutes in order to lead more Chinese student to know in this year show both my commitment for college governance and the protection of international students' right, and the importance of the status of international students. By doing these, I have both extended my knowledge of student governance within the College and have helped inform those who are less engaged within our community. I believe these related skills and experience can lead me be more suitable for this job.

During the next year, I will continue my current focus related to the conditions and involvement of international and Chinese members in our College. I believe becoming the Auditor of TCM can bring me more changes and opportunities to connect with governance of college and minority groups and international students. I will continuously promote the TCM to consider the clubs established by minority and international students, and contribute to the improvements and changes of Trinity's events, making them to be more diversified and warm for all members even for them with language or psychological barriers. If elected, I will follow the responsibilities of a treasurer to coordinate the Treasurer and the reimbursement procedures to help all non-levied clubs to maintain the normal financial conditions.

I am eager to share my ideas and plans for the future of international students' involvement related to TCM Auditor or Finance issues with anyone that is willing to listen. If you have any questions, please email me (wjasper.chen@mail.utoronto.ca) or Facebook or WeChat (jasper_cwj). I look forward to speaking with you at all time.

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