



ACADEMIC COUNCIL
GOVERNANCE & NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (GNC)

Minutes of the Public Session - January 21, 2025
via Videoconference
3:00 p.m. - 3:13 p.m.

Meeting Materials:
[Governance & Nominations Committee Agenda and Minutes 2024-2025](#)

Present: Lori Livingston (Chair), Robert Bailey, Wendy Barber, Toba Bryant, Jessica Hogue, Mehdi Hossein-Nejad, Carolyn McGregor, Scott Nokleby, Jemma Tam, Shannon Vettor

Regrets: Nicola Crow, Steven Murphy

Staff: Kirstie Ayotte (Secretary), Krista Hester

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. J. Tam provided the Land Acknowledgement and encouraged members to embrace the spirit of unity and gratitude.

2. Agenda

Upon a motion duly made by M. Hossein-Nejad and seconded by S. Vettor, the January 21, 2025 Agenda was approved as presented.

3. Minutes of the Public Session of the Meeting of October 15, 2024

Upon a motion duly made by R. Bailey and seconded by T. Bryant, the October 15, 2024 Public Session Minutes were approved as presented.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

5. Chair's Remarks

The Chair highlighted significant accomplishments within the Ontario Tech community, including Dr. Barbara Perry receiving the Order of Canada for her exceptional contributions to research, teaching, and service – marking the first such recognition for someone at the University. Additionally, she celebrated President Steven Murphy and Chancellor Mitch Frazer for receiving King Charles III Coronation Medals in recognition of their outstanding contributions to Canada.

6. Inquiries & Communications

None

7. Nominations

7.1 Elections 2025-Timelines* (M)

The Chair highlighted a minor error in the memo regarding the timeline, clarifying that the dates for the online voting should read March 26–28, 2025, not 2024. She outlined the timeline for the upcoming Academic Council and sub-committee elections. Key updates included an expanded timeline for nominations and elections, along with the consolidation of various processes into a single election framework following the same approach as implemented in the 2024 elections.

Motion:

Upon a motion duly made by S. Nokleby and seconded by C. McGregor, the Governance & Nominations Committee hereby approves proposed dates for the upcoming 2025 Academic Council election as amended.

Proposed Key Dates for 2025 Elections

- *February 10, 2025: Nominations Open*
- *March 7, 2025: Nominations Close*
- *March 10-12, 2025: Review Nomination Eligibility*
- *March 14, 2025: Mandatory Student Candidate Information Meetings (if required)*
- *March 17-26, 2025: Campaign Period (if required)*
- *March 26-28, 2025: Online voting (if required)*
- *April 15, 2025: Results presented to GNC for recommendation to Academic Council*
- *April 22, 2025: Academic Council approval of GNC recommendation*
- *May/June: Calls for expressions of interest for AC Committees*
- *June 17, 2025: Results of expressions of interest presented to GNC for recommendation to Academic Council*
- *June 24, 2025: Committee appointments approved by Academic Council*
- *Completion of 2025-2026 Elections Cycle after AC Approval on June 24, 2025*

The Committee moved to the January 21, 2025 Non-Public Session of the GNC Meeting.

Kirstie Ayotte, Assistant University Secretary