



**ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING
Governance & Nominations Committee (GNC)**

AGENDA

Date: January 20, 2026

Time: 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

[Zoom Videoconference Link](#) (registration required)

[GNC Meeting Schedule and Materials 2025-2026](#)

No.		Topic	Lead	Suggested Start Time
PUBLIC SESSION				
1.		Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement	Chair	2:30 p.m.
2.		Agenda (M)		
3.		Chair's Remarks		
4.		Nominations		
	4.1	2026 Election Key Dates and Open Positions* (M)	N. Crow	2:40 p.m.
5.		Consent Agenda* (M)	Chair	
	5.1	Public Minutes of the October 21, 2025 Meeting* (M)		
6.		Adjournment (M)	Chair	2:45 p.m.
NON-PUBLIC SESSION (material not publicly available)				
7.		Call to Order	Chair	2:50 p.m.
8.		Consent Agenda: (M)	Chair	2:55 p.m.
	8.1	Non-Public Minutes of the October 21, 2025 Meeting* (M)		
9.		Termination	Chair	3:00 p.m.

Nicola Crow, University Secretary

COMMITTEE REPORT

SESSION:

Public
 Non-Public

ACTION REQUESTED:

Decision
 Discussion/Direction
 Information

TO: Governance & Nominations Committee (GNC)

DATE: January 20, 2026

FROM: Nicola Crow, University Secretary

SUBJECT: 2026 Election Key Dates and Open Positions

KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

- GNC is responsible for advising Academic Council on its governance structure and processes, the nomination and election of new members, and Academic Council performance.
- GNC approval is sought for the 2026 Academic Council election dates and process
- Open positions for the 2026 Academic Council elections are also shared with GNC

Motion for Consideration:

That the Governance & Nominations Committee hereby approves the proposed dates and process for the 2026 Academic Council elections, as presented.

Proposed Key Dates and Process for 2026 Elections

Key Dates	Process
February 9, 2026	Nominations Open
March 6, 2026	Nominations Close
March 9-11, 2026	Review Nomination Eligibility
March 13, 2026	Mandatory Student Candidate Information Meetings (if required)
March 16-25, 2026	Campaign Period (if required)
March 25-27, 2026	Online voting (if required)
April 21, 2026	Results to GNC for recommendation to Academic Council
April 28, 2026	Academic Council approves GNC recommendations
May/June	Calls for expressions of interest for AC Committees
June 16, 2026	Expressions of interest results to GNC for recommendation to Academic Council
June 23, 2026	Academic Council approves Committee/Position appointments
June 23, 2026	2026-2027 Election Process Ends

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT:

- Since GNC's approval in 2024, the election process is now more streamlined and incorporates more opportunities for potential candidates to participate.

NEXT STEPS:

- January 27, 2026: The approved 2026 election dates and process will be shared as information with Academic Council along with the available open positions to be filled.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS:

- 2026 Academic Council Elections: Open Positions

2026 Academic Council Elections: Open Positions

Open Positions	#	Filled
Academic Council - Elections		
Frazer Faculty of Education	1	
Faculty of Health Sciences	1	
Faculty of Science	2	
Faculty of Social Science and Humanities	2	
Faculty at Large	4	
Undergraduate Student	2	
Graduate Student	2	
Academic Council – Renewable (tbc)		
Undergraduate Student	2	
Academic Council Committees - Elections		
Academic Appeals Committee (Undergraduate)		
Teaching Staff	1-3	
Undergraduate Student (renewable - tbc)	2	
Undergraduate Student	1	
Graduate Studies Committee		
Graduate Student (PhD level)	1	
Honorary Degrees Committee		
Student (renewable - tbc)	1	
Undergraduate Studies Committee		
Undergraduate Student	2	
Academic Council Committees - EOI		
Governance & Nominations Committee		
AC elected Teaching Staff (FEd)	1	
AC elected Teaching Staff (FSSH)	1	
AC elected Student	1	
Graduate Studies Committee		
AC elected Teaching Staff (Graduate Faculty)	1	
Graduate Student Council Representative	1	
Research Committee		
AC elected Teaching Staff	2	
Steering Committee (Elected Representatives of Academic Council)		
AC elected Teaching Staff	1	
AC elected Student	1	
Undergraduate Studies Committee		
AC elected Teaching Staff	2	
Academic Council/Committee Positions - EOI		
Academic Council Vice-Chair (renewable)	1	
COU Academic Colleague Alternate	1	
Academic Council Board Liaison	1	
Academic Appeals Committee Chair (chosen from within Committee - Teaching Faculty)	1	
Academic Appeals Committee Vice-Chair (chosen from within Committee - Teaching Faculty)	1	

ACADEMIC COUNCIL
GOVERNANCE & NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (GNC)

**Minutes of the Public Session of the October 21, 2025, Meeting
via Videoconference
2:30 p.m. - 2:38 p.m.**

Governance & Nominations Committee Agenda & Materials 2025-2026

Present:

Lori Livingston, Acting Chair
Wendy Barber
Rupinder Brar

Toba Bryant
Nicola Crow
Jessica Hogue

Carolyn McGregor
Mehdi Hossein-Nejad
Scott Nokleby

Regrets:

Venuga Kariharan
Steven Murphy
Shannon Vettor

Staff:

Kirstie Ayotte (Secretary), Krista Hester

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

The Chair called the Public Session of the Governance & Nominations Committee (GNC) meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and S. Nokleby provided their personal Land Acknowledgement.

2. Agenda

Upon a motion duly made by M. Hossein-Nejad and seconded by S. Nokleby, the GNC Agenda was approved as presented including approving and receiving the Consent Agenda and its contents.

3. Chair's Remarks

L. Livingston chaired the meeting on S. Murphy's behalf and provided brief remarks highlighting the success of the recent Fall Convocation ceremonies. She thanked those who volunteered and attended, noting that the events were well received by graduates and their families. She also recognized the conferral of an Honorary Doctorate to the now Dr. Lorraine Sunstrum-Mann, former CEO of Grandview Kids, and a surprise Honorary Doctorate of Fun to Dr. Manon Lemonde in celebration of her 21 years of service as Chief Marshall and her upcoming retirement.

4. 2025-2026 GNC Work Plan Review* (I)

K. Ayotte presented the 2025-2026 GNC work plan, a flexible framework outlining key dates and timelines for Academic Council, Faculty Council and election activities. She noted subsequent updates will be incorporated before the plan is presented to Academic Council in October.

5. Governance

5.1 2025-2026 Faculty Council Membership Lists* (M)

L. Livingston presented the final two Membership Lists and noted that this will complete all the 2025-2026 Faculty Council Membership Lists.

Upon a motion duly made by J. Hogue and seconded by W. Barber, the Governance & Nominations Committee hereby recommends to Academic Council the following 2025-2026 Faculty Council membership lists as presented:

- Faculty of Health Sciences
- Frazer Faculty of Education

6. Consent Agenda* (M)

The Chair confirmed that contents of the Consent Agenda were approved and received under Agenda Item # 2

6.1 Public Minutes of the September 16, 2025 Meeting* (M)

7. Adjournment (M)

There being no other business, and upon a motion duly made by S. Nokleby, the Public Session of the GNC Meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Kirstie Ayotte, Assistant University Secretary