



**ACADEMIC COUNCIL**  
**GOVERNANCE & NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (GNC)**

**Minutes of the Public Session of the October 15, 2024**  
**via Videoconference**  
2:31-2:49 p.m.

**Meeting Materials:**  
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**Present:** Steven Murphy (Chair), Wendy Barber, Toba Bryant, Jessica Hogue, Mehdi Hossein-Nejad, Lori Livingston, Carolyn McGregor, Scott Nokleby, Jemma Tam

**Regrets:** Robert Bailey, Shannon Vettor

**Staff:** Kirstie Ayotte (Secretary), Nicola Crow, Krista Hester

**1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m. S. Nokleby provided the Land Acknowledgement by reflecting on his connection to the Indigenous lands he's lived, studied and worked on.

**2. Agenda**

*Upon a motion duly made by S. Nokleby and seconded by J. Hogue, the October 15, 2024 Agenda was approved as presented.*

**3. Minutes of the Public Session of the Meeting of September 17, 2024**

*Upon a motion duly made by M. Hossein-Nejad and seconded by T. Bryant, the September 17, 2024 Public Session Minutes were approved as presented.*

**4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

None.

**5. Chair's Remarks**

The Chair expressed gratitude to staff, students, and volunteers for their hard work at the recent Ontario Universities' Fair (OUF) and commended their efforts in engaging with students and parents. He highlighted key upcoming events, including the Fall Open House at both campuses on October 26th and the Convocation ceremonies downtown on October 17th. Additionally, he noted exciting times in varsity sports, with fall playoffs underway and winter sports like hockey and basketball starting soon and invited attendees to support the men's soccer team in their playoff game on Saturday.

A member thanked the Chair for supporting athletics and noted its positive impact on students. The Chair expressed appreciation and emphasized the connection between physical and mental health, underscoring the importance of promoting athletic activities.

## **6. Inquiries & Communications**

None

## **7. Governance**

### **7.1 Faculty Council Membership Lists\* (M)**

The Chair presented the balance of the Faculty Council Membership Lists.

In response to a question regarding the variation of membership noted on Faculty Council Lists, K. Ayotte acknowledged that there is a policy governing the ratio of students and staff to faculty for voting purposes, but variations exist across Faculties. She noted that some lists are incomplete due to timing and will be determined later.

#### **Motion:**

*Upon a motion duly made by S. Nokleby and seconded by J. Hogue, the Governance & Nominations Committee hereby recommends the following 2024-2025 Faculty Council membership lists, as presented, for approval by Academic Council:*

- *Faculty of Science*
- *Faculty of Social Science and Humanities*
- *Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science*
- *Faculty of Health Sciences*

The Committee moved to the October 15, 2024 Non-Public Session of the GNC Meeting.

Kirstie Ayotte, Assistant University Secretary