

Academic Council REPORT

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TO: Academic Council

DATE: April 23, 2024

FROM: Krista Hester, Interim University Secretary

SUBJECT: 2024 Election Results

COMMITTEE MANDATE:

- Section 1(b) of the GNC Terms of Reference lists one of the responsibilities of the committee as overseeing the process of recruitment, selection, and election of new members of Academic Council and its committees and recommending appointments for approval by Academic Council in accordance with the university's Act and By-laws.
- We are reporting on the election process and results of the 2024 Academic Council Election.
- We are seeking approval of the appointments of the successful teaching staff, administrative staff and student candidates.
- We are presenting recommendations for reappointment of several of Academic Council's student representatives for approval by Academic Council.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT:

- The 2024 Academic Council Election took place from February 12 – March 28 in accordance with the Election Timeline that was approved by the GNC in January 2024.

ELECTION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS TO ACADEMIC COUNCIL AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE:

- Academic Council: Of the nominations received by the nomination deadline, there were four (4) candidates for the open undergraduate student seats on Academic Council, which exceeded the two (2) vacancies available.
- Undergraduate Studies Committee (USC): Of the nominations received by the nomination deadline, there were two (2) candidates for the open undergraduate student seats on USC, which exceeded the one (1) vacancy available.

- We have verified the candidates' eligibility to participate in the election.
- In accordance with section 10.1 of the Academic Council Procedures for the Election of Teaching, Non-Academic Staff and Student Representatives ("Election Procedures"), "Depending on the number of vacancies in each constituency group, the candidate(s) with the highest number of votes in the election will be deemed the successful candidate(s)."
- The following students were the successful candidates for Academic Council:
 - Nawal Elshamiy; and
 - Jemma Tam
- The following student was the successful candidate for USC:
 - Jemma Tam

APPOINTMENT OF NOMINEES TO ACADEMIC COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES:

- Of the nominations received by the nomination deadline, the number of candidates for each remaining role did not exceed the number of vacancies available.
- We have verified the candidates' eligibility to participate in the election.
- In accordance with section 7.9 of the Academic Council Procedures for the Election of Teaching, Non-Academic Staff and Student Representatives ("Election Procedures"), "When the Nomination Period has closed, if the number of candidates nominated is equal or less than the Academic Council positions available in a particular constituency, the candidates shall be acclaimed."

REAPPOINTMENT OF STUDENTS:

- In accordance with section 2.5 of By-law No. 2, the term of elected student members of Academic Council is one-year and renewable for one additional year.
- It is recommended that the following students, all of whom have confirmed their interest in continued service, be re-appointed as follows:
 - Oghenetega (Tega) Ubor – Academic Council, USC
 - Breanne McAlpin – Academic Council, Honorary Degrees Committee

MOTIONS:

1. *Pursuant to the recommendation of the Governance & Nominations Committee, Academic Council hereby approves the following appointments::*

Teaching Staff Position on Academic Council for the term of September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2027:

- *Faculty of Health Science: Janet McCabe*
- *Faculty-at-Large: Ana Duff*
- *Faculty-at-Large: Brenda Jacobs*
- *Faculty-at-Large: Robyn Ruttenberg-Rozen*

Administrative Staff Position on Academic Council for the term of September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2027:

- *Jessica Hogue*

Student Position on Academic Council for the term of September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025, renewable for an additional year:

- *Nawal Elshamiy (undergraduate);*

- *Jemma Tam (undergraduate);*
- *Krystina Clarke (graduate); and*
- *Jillian Slade (graduate).*

Student Position on the Undergraduate Academic Appeals Committee for the term of September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025, renewable for an additional year:

- *Tega Ubor (undergraduate); and*
- *Jemma Tam (undergraduate)*

Student Position on the Undergraduate Studies Committee for the term of September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025, renewable for an additional year:

- *Jemma Tam (undergraduate)*

2. *That the Governance and Nominations Committee hereby recommends the reappointment of the following student members of Academic Council and its Committees for an additional term ending August 31, 2025 (not eligible for further renewal):*

- *Tega Ubor – undergraduate student member of Academic Council & member of Undergraduate Studies Committee*
- *Breanne McAlpin – undergraduate student member of Academic Council & member of Honorary Degrees Committee*

SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:

- Certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer – Academic Council Election 2024
- Vacancies – Academic Council and Committee Elected Positions as of September 1, 2024

March 28, 2024

Certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer – Academic Council Elections 2024

As the Chief Electoral Officer for the Academic Council elections for the university, it is my responsibility to oversee the conduct of elections within the established policies and procedures, in order to ensure the integrity and fairness of the election process.

My review of the elections for teaching staff and student representatives on Academic Council takes into account the conduct of the election process, as well as any complaints received regarding conduct of candidates during the elections. During this election process, there were no complaints received regarding the conduct of the elections.

It is my opinion that the election process was conducted fairly and in accordance with the *Academic Council Procedures for the Election of Teaching, Non-Academic Staff and Student Representatives*.

Based on the election results, I hereby certify to Academic Council that the following teaching staff members were eligible to run as a candidates, were the sole nominees for the specified position, and were properly acclaimed to the Academic Council for the term of September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2027:

- **Faculty of Health Science: Janet McCabe**
- **Faculty-at-Large: Ana Duff**
- **Faculty-at-Large: Brenda Jacobs**
- **Faculty-at-Large: Robyn Ruttenberg-Rozen**

Based on the election results, I hereby certify to Academic Council that the following administrative staff member was eligible to run as a candidate, was the sole nominee for the specified position, and was properly acclaimed to the Academic Council for the term of September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2027:

- **Administrative Staff: Jessica Hogue**

Based on the election results, I hereby certify to Academic Council that the following students were eligible to run as candidates, were the sole nominees for the specified position, and were properly acclaimed for the term of September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025 and are eligible for a one-year renewal:

- **Graduate Student Position on Academic Council: Krystina Clarke**
- **Graduate Student Position on Academic Council: Jillian Slade**
- **Undergraduate Student Position on Undergraduate Academic Appeals Committee: Tega Ubor**

- **Undergraduate Student Position on Undergraduate Academic Appeals Committee: Jemma Tam**

Based on the election results, I hereby certify to Academic Council that the following student was eligible to run as a candidate and was duly elected to the Undergraduate Studies Committee for the term of September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025 and is eligible for a one-year renewal:

- **Undergraduate Student Position on Undergraduate Studies Committee: Jemma Tam**

I hereby certify to Academic Council that the following students were eligible to renew for a further term, and were properly acclaimed for the term of September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025 (not eligible for a further renewal).

- **Undergraduate Student Position on Academic Council: Tega Ubor**
- **Undergraduate Student Position on Academic Council: Breanne McAlpin**
- **Undergraduate Student Position on Undergraduate Studies Committee: Tega Ubor**
- **Undergraduate Student Position on Honorary Degrees Committee: Breanne McAlpin**

Lauren Turner
Chief Electoral Officer
University Secretary

Academic Council & Committees Vacancies as of September 1, 2024

Academic Council Position	Number of Vacancies
Business and Information Technology	2
Engineering and Applied Science	2
Social Science and Humanities	2
Academic Council Committee Position	Number of Vacancies
Undergraduate Academic Appeals Committee – Teaching Staff Member	2
Honorary Degrees Committee – Teaching Staff Member	1
Graduate Studies Committee – Graduate Student	1