

ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

SESSION:Public **ACTION REQUESTED:**Decision
Discussion/Direction
Information **TO:** Academic Council**DATE:** May 28, 2024**FROM:** Governance and Nominations Committee (GNC)**PRESENTED BY:** Lori Livingston, Provost and VP Academic**SUBJECT:** Academic Council 2024-2025: Results of Calls for Expressions of Interest

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 expressions of interest 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.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT & RATIONALE:

- At the April 2024 meeting, GNC directed the University Secretariat to initiate the call for expressions of interest for Academic Council committee appointments for approval to the 2024-2025 academic year.
- An expression of interest call was issued to Academic Council members and ran from April 24 – May 10.
- GNC recommended reviewed and recommended candidates May 23, 2024.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR COMMITTEES AND BOARD LIAISON:

- Current and nominated Academic Council members were sent the call for expressions of interest in the following additional positions:
 - Academic Appeals Committee – Vice Chair: one (1) elected teaching staff member of Academic Council.

- Board of Governors Liaison – one (1) elected member of Academic Council or confirmation of renewal.
- Council of Ontario Universities (COU) Academic Colleague – one (1) elected teaching staff member of Academic Council.
- Governance and Nominations Committee: three (3) elected teaching staff members of Academic Council one each from Faculty of Business and IT, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities and one (1) student member of Academic Council
- Graduate Studies Committee one (1) elected teaching staff member with a graduate faculty appointment and one (1) elected student member from Academic Council (PhD level).
- Honorary Degrees Committee (1) elected teaching staff member of Academic Council.
- Steering Committee (4) elected members of Academic Council
- Undergraduate Studies Committee (1) elected teaching staff member of Academic Council
- The Academic Council member currently serving as the Board Liaison has been renewed for the 2024-2025 term. This term will be their final year eligible to hold the position pending GNC approval.
- Of the expressions received by the deadline, the number of candidates for each role did not exceed the number of vacancies available.
- We have verified the candidates' eligibility for the selected roles.

REMAINING VACANCIES:

- Should Academic Council approve all candidates as written, the following vacancies remain:
 - Academic Appeals Committee: Vice- Chair - one (1) elected teaching staff member of Academic Council.
 - Governance and Nominations Committee: one (1) elected teaching staff member of Academic Council from Faculty of Social Science and Humanities.
 - Steering Committee two (2) elected members of Academic Council
- These vacancies do not pose a risk to quorum for these bodies.

MOTION:

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

Council of Ontario Universities (COU) Academic Colleague for the term of September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025 – renewable term length up to 3 years:

- *Robyn Ruttenberg-Rozen*

Academic Council Dean Position on the Governance and Nominations Committee for the term of September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2027:

- *Carolyn McGregor*

Academic Council Teaching Staff Position on the Governance and Nominations Committee for the term of September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025.

- *Mehdi Hossein Nejad (FBIT)*

Academic Council Student Position on the Governance and Nominations Committee for the term of September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025:

- *Jemma Tam*

Academic Council Graduate Student Position (PhD) on the Graduate Studies Committee for the term of September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025.

- *Krystina Clarke*

Academic Council Teaching Staff Position on the Graduate Studies Committee for the term of September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025:

- *Robert Bailey*

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

- *Brenda Jacobs*

Academic Council Steering Committee Members for the term of September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025:

- *Jemma Tam*
- *Brenda Jacobs*
- *Robyn Ruttenberg-Rozen*

Academic Council Teaching Staff Position on the Undergraduate Studies Committee for the term of September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2026:

- *Ana Duff*

*Board of Governors Liaison for the term of September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025;
Non - renewable:*

- *Oghenetega (Tega) Ubor*