



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

January 21, 2025

3:00-4:00 p.m.

[Videoconference](#)

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AGENDA

PUBLIC SESSION

1. **Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement**
2. **Agenda (M)**
3. ***Minutes of the Public Session of the October 15, 2024** (M)**
4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
5. **Chair's Remarks**
6. **Inquiries & Communications**
7. **Nominations**
 - 7.1 ***Elections 2025 – Timelines****(M)

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

8. **Minutes of the Non-Public Session of the Meeting of October 15, 2024* (M)**
9. **Termination (M)**

Kirstie Ayotte, Assistant University Secretary

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:
[GNC – October 15, 2024 Public Meeting Agenda and Materials](#)

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

COMMITTEE REPORT

SESSION:

Public
Non-Public

ACTION REQUESTED:

Decision
Discussion/Direction
Information

TO: Governance & Nominations Committee (GNC)

DATE: January 21, 2025

FROM: Nicola Crow, University Secretary
Kirstie Ayotte, Assistant University Secretary

SUBJECT: Elections 2025 – Timeline

COMMITTEE MANDATE:

GNC is responsible for providing advice to Academic Council on its governance structure and processes, the nomination and election of new members, and Academic Council performance.

MOTION:

That the Governance and Nominations Committee approve the proposed dates for the upcoming 2025 Academic Council election.

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, 2024: 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

BACKGROUND – 2024 ELECTIONS

- Following the 2023 election process, the University Secretary committed to reviewing the procedures for elections and expressions of interest.
- GNC reviewed and approved the recommendation in 2024 to extend the timeline, providing more opportunities for potential candidates to participate.
- The approval consolidated the process into a single election period rather than conducting multiple election cycles and streamlined the process.

NEXT STEPS:

The timelines approved by GNC will be shared with Academic Council for information at its January 28, 2025 meeting. Vacant positions to be filled by the 2025 election process will also be shared.

ATTACHMENTS

- n/a