



ACADEMIC COUNCIL
GOVERNANCE & NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (GNC)

Minutes of the Public Session of the January 20, 2026 Meeting
via Videoconference
2:30 p.m. - 2:36 p.m.

Governance & Nominations Committee Agenda & Materials 2025-2026

Present:

Steven Murphy, Chair
Wendy Barber
Rupinder Brar
Toba Bryant

Nicola Crow
Jessica Hogue
Lori Livingston
Carolyn McGregor

Mehdi Hossein-Nejad
Scott Nokleby
Shannon Vettor

Regrets:

Venuga Kariharan

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 Jessica Hogue provided their personal Land Acknowledgement.

2. Agenda

Upon a motion duly made by L. Livingston and seconded by T. Bryant, the GNC Agenda was approved as presented, including approving and receiving the Consent Agenda and its contents.

3. Chair's Remarks

The Chair underscored the significance of maintaining mental health and well-being during this time of year and reminded attendees that the University provides a range of supports and resources for individuals who may require assistance. The Chair further reported on the strong attendance at the third annual Carriage Cup held on January 15, 2026 and extended congratulations to the men's team on their victory.

4. Nominations * (M)

4.1 2026 Election Key Date and Open Positions* (M)

N. Crow presented the 2026 Election Key Dates and Open Positions and highlighted that there may be some changes to the open positions dependent on student eligibility to renew or be re-elected. She also noted the streamlined election process continues to allow more opportunities for potential candidates to participate.



Upon a motion duly made by M. Hossein-Nejad and seconded by J. Hogue, the Governance & Nominations Committee hereby approves the proposed dates and process for the 2026 Academic Council elections, as presented.

5. Consent Agenda* (M)

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

5.1 Public Minutes of the October 21, 2025 Meeting* (M)

6. 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 2:36 p.m.

Nicola Crow, University Secretary