



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

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**Minutes of the Public Session of the September 16, 2025 Meeting**  
**via Videoconference**  
2:34 p.m. - 2:41 p.m.

**Governance & Nominations Committee Agenda & Materials 2025-2026**

**Present:**

Steven Murphy (Chair)  
Wendy Barber  
Rupinder Brar  
Toba Bryant

Nicola Crow  
Jessica Hogue  
Venuga Kariharan  
Lori Livingston

Mehdi Hossein-Nejad  
Scott Nokleby  
Shannon Vettor

**Regrets:**

Carolyn McGregor

**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 2:34 p.m., and T. Bryant provided their personal Land Acknowledgement.

**2. Agenda**

*Upon a motion duly made by T. Bryant and seconded by M. Hossein-Nejad, the GNC Agenda was approved as presented, including approving and receiving the Consent Agenda and its contents.*

**3. Chair's Remarks**

The Chair welcomed back new and returning members to the 2025-2026 Academic Year and acknowledged the energy and exciting events happening on Campus.

**4. Governance**

**4.1 GNC Terms of Reference Review\* (I)**

N. Crow provided an overview of the GNC Terms of Reference and highlighted the launch of the new University Secretariat website. She explained that the GNC, a standing committee of Academic Council (AC), oversees AC's governance structures and processes, including membership of AC and its committees. The Committee's responsibilities include providing guidance on good governance practices, managing nominations, overseeing elections, and making appointment recommendations to AC. Members were encouraged to review the Terms of Reference to familiarize themselves with the Committee's roles for the year.

#### **4.2 2025-2026 Faculty Council Membership Lists\* (M)**

The Chair noted that the 2025-2026 Faculty Council Membership Lists are reviewed annually and advised that any lists pending will be presented to the October GNC meeting.

*Upon a motion duly made by M. Hossein-Nejad and seconded by S. Nokleby, the Governance & Nominations Committee hereby recommends to Academic Council the following 2025-2026 Faculty Council membership lists as presented:*

- *Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science*
- *Faculty of Business and IT*
- *Faculty of Science*
- *Faculty of Social Science and Humanities*

#### **5. Consent Agenda**

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

#### **5.1 Public Minutes of the June 17, 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 2:41 p.m.

Kirstie Ayotte, Assistant University Secretary