



# ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

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**SESSION:**

Public   
Non-Public

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Decision   
Discussion/Direction   
Information

**TO:** Academic Council

**DATE:** March 26, 2019

**FROM:** Governance & Nominations Committee

**SUBJECT:** Spring 2019 Election Results

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**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 UOIT Act and By-laws.
- We are reporting on the election process & result of the 2019-2020 Academic Council Election.
- We are recommending the appointment of the successful faculty and student candidates.

**BACKGROUND/CONTEXT:**

- The 2019-2020 Academic Council Election took place from February 11 – February 25 in accordance with the Election Timeline that was approved by the committee in January 2019.
- There were 9 vacant positions on Academic Council and 7 vacant positions on its standing committees.
- Of the nominations received by the nomination deadline, the number of candidates for each role did not exceed the number vacancies available.
- The candidates’ eligibility to participate in the election was verified.
- In accordance with section 4.8 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.”

**Faculty At-large Position**

- There are 3 vacant Faculty At-large positions.
- We received only 1 nomination; however, it was received beyond the deadline of February 25.
- The eligibility of the nominee, Ramiro Liscano, to participate in the election was verified.

**Recommendation:**

- Given the remaining open faculty positions on Academic Council and the recent difficulties encountered filling all positions, we recommend accepting Ramiro Liscano’s nomination for one of the Faculty At-large roles.

**MOTION:**

*That pursuant to the recommendations of the Governance & Nominations Committee, Academic Council hereby approves the following appointments:*

*Teaching Staff Positions on Academic Council for the term of July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2022:*

- *Business & Information Technology – Mehdi Hossein Nejad*
- *Engineering & Applied Science – Hossam Kishawy*
- *Science – Fedor Naumkin*
- *At-large – Ramiro Liscano*

*Student Positions on Academic Council Committees for the term of September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020, renewable for an additional year:*

- *Tudor Hociung – Academic Appeals Committee*
- *Farhin Mim – Academic Appeals Committee*
- *Sushmitha Srinivasan – Admissions & Scholarship Committee*
- *Isabelle Simard – Graduate Studies Committee (full-time)*

**NEXT STEPS:**

1. The Office of the University Secretary & General Counsel (USGC) will notify the candidates of the results of Academic Council’s discussion.

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**SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:**

- None.