



ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

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TO: Academic Council

DATE: June 25, 2019

FROM: Governance & Nominations Committee (GNC)

SUBJECT: Faculty Nomination to Academic Council

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 seeking Academic Council’s approval of the appointment of a faculty representative appointment to Academic Council.

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 8 vacant faculty positions on Academic Council and we received nominations for only 4 of those positions.
- Given the number of remaining vacancies, the committee directed the Office of the University Secretary and General Counsel to post the vacant positions on the website and to continue to accept nominations until the end of the academic year.
- We received a nomination for the remaining Engineering and Applied Science faculty representative position from Shahryar Rahnamayan. S. Rahnamayan’s eligibility for the role was confirmed.

MOTION:

That pursuant to the recommendation of the Governance & Nominations Committee, Academic Council hereby approves the following appointment:

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

- *Engineering & Applied Science – Shahryar Rahnamayan*

SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:

- none



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SUBJECT: Appointments to Academic Council Standing Committees

COMMITTEE MANDATE:

- In accordance with the GNC’s Terms of Reference, the committee is responsible for 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. In doing so, the Committee shall strive to achieve a balance of skills, expertise, and knowledge among its membership, while reflecting the demographic and cultural diversity of the communities served by the university.
- We are presenting our recommendations for appointments to the Academic Council Executive Committee (ACX), Academic Appeals Committee (AAC), and Honorary Degrees Committee (HDC) for approval by Academic Council.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT:

- Several faculty members’ terms on these standing committees are ending as of June 30, 2019.
- Due to these departures, there are three (3) faculty vacancies on the ACX, two (2) faculty vacancies on the AAC, and one (1) faculty vacancy on the HDC.
- Consistent with the recent nominations process used for filling faculty and student vacancies on ACX and GNC, expressions of interest were solicited for the vacant faculty positions.
- The ACX faculty positions are limited to Academic Council members only.

GNC reviewed and discussed the expressions of interest, trying to achieve a diversity of perspectives on the committees and broadening faculty participation in governance, and are recommending the following individuals for appointment:

Academic Council Executive Committee (3 positions to be filled by Academic Council faculty members):

- Hossam Gaber, Faculty of Energy Systems & Nuclear Science
- Amir Mostaghim, Faculty of Social Science & Humanities
- Elita Partosoedarso, Faculty of Health Sciences

Academic Appeals Committee (2 positions)

- Amir Mostaghim (Assistant Teaching Professor, Faculty of Social Science & Humanities)
- Wesley Crichlow (Professor, Faculty of Social Science & Humanities)

Honorary Degrees Committee (1 position)

- Diana Petrarca (Associate Professor, Faculty of Education)

MOTION:

That pursuant to the recommendations of the Governance & Nominations Committee, Academic Council hereby approves the appointment of the following faculty members to the specified standing committee for a three-year term starting on July 1, 2019 and ending on June 30, 2022:

Academic Council Executive Committee:

- *Hossam Gaber, Faculty of Energy Systems & Nuclear Science*
- *Amir Mostaghim, Faculty of Social Science & Humanities*
- *Elita Partosoedarso, Faculty of Health Sciences*

Academic Appeals Committee

- *Amir Mostaghim (Assistant Teaching Professor, Faculty of Social Science & Humanities)*
- *Wesley Crichlow (Professor, Faculty of Social Science & Humanities)*

Honorary Degrees Committee

- *Diana Petrarca (Associate Professor, Faculty of Education)*

NEXT STEPS:

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

SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:

- ACX, AAC, and HDC current memberships