

ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

SESSION:

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ACTION REQUESTED:

Decision
Discussion/Direction
Information

TO: Academic Council

DATE: January 26, 2020

FROM: Governance & Nominations Committee (GNC)

SUBJECT: Nominations 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 nominations received for vacant student positions on Academic Council.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT:

- The 2020-2021 Academic Council Election took place from February 10 – February 24 in accordance with the Election Timeline that was approved by the committee in November 2019.
- There were 2 vacant graduate student positions on Academic Council and one position on the Graduate Studies Committee. We did not receive nominations for any 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 have received nominations for those vacant graduate student positions.
- We confirm the eligibility of all candidates to serve in the respective roles.

NEXT STEPS:

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

MOTION:

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

- *Graduate Student position on Academic Council – Yousef Al-Shawesh, February 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021 (eligible for renewal)*
- *Graduate Student position on Academic Council – Nicholas O'Rourke, February 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021 (eligible for renewal)*
- *Graduate Student position on Graduate Studies Committee – Isabelle Simard, February 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021 (eligible for renewal)*

SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:

- none