ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

SESSION:		**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Public	☒	**Decision**	☒
Non-Public	☐	**Discussion/Direction**	☐
		Information	☐

TO: **Academic Council**

DATE: **March 23, 2021**

FROM: **Governance & Nominations Committee (GNC)**

SUBJECT: **2021 Election Results**

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 university's Act and By-laws.
- We are reporting on the election process and results of the 2021 Academic Council Election.
- The GNC is seeking Academic Council's approval of the appointments of the successful teaching staff and student candidates.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT:
- The 2021 Academic Council Election took place from February 8 – February 22 in accordance with the Election Timeline that was approved by the GNC in October 2020.
- There were 13 vacant positions on Academic Council (AC) and 9 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 of vacancies available.
- The candidates' eligibility to participate in the election was confirmed.
- 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."

ADDITIONAL NOMINATION:
- Following the 2020 Academic Council Election, there remained a number of vacancies on AC and its committees.
- The GNC 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.
- Following the close of the 2021 AC Election Nomination period, a nomination from Helene Marie Goulding (current member of the Academic Appeals Committee) for one of the vacant Teaching Staff positions on the Academic Appeals Committee.
- The candidate's eligibility to serve in the role was confirmed.
- The GNC has recommended the appointment of the candidate to the Academic Appeals Committee for the term of July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024.

MOTIONS:
1. *That pursuant to the recommendations of the Chief Electoral Officer and the Governance & Nominations Committee, Academic Council hereby approves the following appointments:*

Teaching Staff Positions on Academic Council for the term of July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024:
- *Faculty of Business & Information Technology   -   Nader Azad*
- *Faculty of Business & Information Technology   -   Ferdinand Jones*
- *Faculty of Engineering & Applied Science   -   Ramiro Liscano*
- *Faculty of Health Sciences   -   Elita Partosoedarso*
- *Faculty of Social Science & Humanities   -   Ruth Felder*

Student Position on Academic Council for the term of September 1, 2021 – August 31, 2022, renewable for an additional year:
- *Jessica Leishman (undergraduate)*

2. *That pursuant to the recommendation of the Governance & Nominations Committee, Academic Council hereby approves the following appointment to the Academic Appeals Committee:*
- *Helene Marie Goulding, July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024*

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

SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:
- Certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer – Academic Council Election 2021

March 12, 2021

Certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer – Academic Council Elections 2021

As the Chief Electoral Officer for the Academic Council elections for the university, it is my responsibility to oversee the conduct of elections within the established policies and procedures, in order to ensure the integrity and fairness of the election process.

My review of the elections for teaching staff and student representatives on Academic Council takes into account the conduct of the election process, as well as any complaints received regarding conduct of candidates during the elections. During this election process, there were no complaints received regarding the conduct of the elections.

It is my opinion that the election process was conducted fairly and in accordance with the *Academic Council Procedures for the Election of Teaching, Non-Academic Staff and Student Representatives.*

Based on the election results, I hereby certify to Academic Council that the following teaching staff members were eligible to run as candidates, were the sole nominees for the specified position, and were properly acclaimed to the Academic Council for the term of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024:

- **Faculty of Business & Information Technology** - **Nader Azad**
- **Faculty of Business & Information Technology** - **Ferdinand Jones**
- **Faculty of Engineering & Applied Science** - **Ramiro Liscano**
- **Faculty of Health Sciences** - **Elita Partosoedarso**
- **Faculty of Social Science & Humanities** - **Ruth Felder**

Based on the election results, I hereby certify to Academic Council that the following student was eligible to run as a candidate, was the sole nominee for the specified position, and was properly acclaimed for the term of September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022 and is eligible for a one-year renewal.

- **Undergraduate Student Position on Academic Council** - **Jessica Leishman**

Becky Dinwoodie
Chief Electoral Officer
Associate University Secretary & Judicial Officer