

## ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

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**SESSION:**

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Decision   
Discussion/Direction   
Information

**TO:** Academic Council

**DATE:** September 28, 2021

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

**SUBJECT:** Nominations – Academic Council & Standing Committees

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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 university's Act and By-laws.

GNC is recommending those candidates who submitted nominations and expressions of interest for approval by Academic Council.

**BACKGROUND/CONTEXT:**

***Academic Council Nominations***

The 2021 Academic Council Election took place from February 8 – March 19 in accordance with the Election Timeline that was approved by the committee in November 2020. There were several vacant positions on Academic Council and its standing committees for which no nominations were received. Given the number of remaining vacancies, the GNC directed the Office of the University Secretary and General Counsel (USGC) to keep the vacant positions posted on the website and to continue to accept nominations until the end of the academic year. Since the committee last met, a nomination was received for one of the vacant undergraduate student positions. The student's eligibility to serve on Academic Council has been confirmed.

***Academic Council Standing Committee Nominations***

A call for expressions of interest was sent to Academic Council on August 23, 2021 to

fill vacant positions on several of its standing committees. The deadline for submissions was September 8, 2021 at noon. Only one expression of interest was received, which is for one of the vacant elected faculty positions on GNC.

### ***Academic Council Temporary Replacement***

In accordance with section II(4) of the [Academic Council Handbook](#), a member of Academic Council who is unable to attend meetings due to a teaching or other scheduling conflict for a period of not more than one term (fall or winter) may request that a temporary replacement be appointed by the appropriate constituency to serve during the period of the absence. For elected members, this replacement may be achieved by appointing the candidate who received the next highest number of votes from among those who stood for nomination in the relevant election.

Shanti Fernando, a FSSH faculty member of AC, has a teaching conflict for the fall semester and has requested a temporary replacement. Tess Pierce, also a FSSH faculty member, had submitted a nomination for a FSSH faculty position on AC in the spring but was not appointed as all positions had been filled by the time the nomination was submitted. T. Pierce has confirmed her willingness to serve as the temporary FSSH replacement on AC.

### ***Research Board Nominations***

The Chair of the Research Board has submitted nominations to the Research Board for the upcoming year.

### ***Graduate Studies Committee Student Renewal***

In accordance with Article 2.5 of By-law No. 2, elected student members will serve for a one-year term, which is renewable for an additional year. The elected graduate student member of the Graduate Studies Committee, Isabelle Simard, is eligible for a one-year renewal. She has confirmed her interest in being reappointed to the committee.

### **MOTION:**

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

- *Academic Council – Joshua Sankarlal, undergraduate student position from October 1, 2021 – August 31, 2022*
- *Academic Council – Tess Pierce from October 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021*
- *Governance & Nominations Committee – Andrea Slane (elected faculty member of AC) from October 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024*
- *Research Board - Robyn Ruttenberg-Rozen (Faculty of Education) from September 21, 2021 – June 30, 2023*
- *Research Board - Steven Downing (Faculty of Social Science and Humanities) from September 21, 2021 – June 30, 2023*
- *Research Board - Bin Chang (Faculty of Business and Information Technology) - from September 21, 2021 – June 30, 2023*
- *Research Board - Kirk Atkinson (Faculty of Energy Systems and Nuclear Science) - from September 21, 2021 – June 30, 2023*

- *Research Board - Manon Lemonde (Faculty of Health Sciences) - from September 21, 2021 – June 30, 2023*
- *Research Board - Sean Forrester (Faculty of Science) from September 21, 2021 – June 30, 2023*
- *Graduate Studies Committee – Isabelle Simard (graduate student) from September 28, 2021 – June 30, 2022*

**NEXT STEPS:**

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

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**SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:**

- none