

## ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

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**SESSION:**

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Decision  
Discussion/Direction  
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**TO:** Academic Council

**DATE:** May 24, 2022

**FROM:** Governance and Nominations Committee

**SUBJECT:** 2022 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 university's Act and By-laws.
- We are reporting on the election process and results of the 2022 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 2022 Academic Council Election took place from April 11 to April 18 in accordance with the Election Timeline that was approved by the GNC.
- There were 13 vacant positions on Academic Council and 12 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.
- We have verified the candidates' eligibility to participate in the election.
- 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 2022 Academic Council Election, there remained a number of vacancies on AC and its committees.
- Following the close of the 2022 AC Election Nomination period, we received a renewal nomination for a Faculty at Large position. We confirm the eligibility of the candidate to serve in the role and we are seeking the committee's recommendation with respect to appointing the candidate to Academic Council for the term of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025.
- We also received a nomination for a teaching staff representative and two renewals on the Academic Appeals Committee. We confirm the eligibility of the candidates to serve in the roles. Due to the volume of appeals coming forward for adjudication, we are seeking the committee's recommendation with respect to appointing the newly nominated candidate to the Academic Appeals Committee for the term of May 2022 to June 2025. Further, we are seeking the committee's recommendation with respect to appointing renewal candidates to Academic Council for the term of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025.
- We currently do not have student representatives on the Academic Appeals Committee and have appeals coming forward for adjudication. We are seeking the committee's recommendation to appoint two student nominees early for the period beginning May 2022 to June 2023.

## **MOTION:**

*Pursuant to the recommendation of the Chief Electoral Officer, the Governance & Nominations Committee hereby recommends the following appointments for approval by Academic Council:*

*Teaching Staff Positions on Academic Council for the term of July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025:*

- *Faculty of Business & Information Technology: Mehdi Hossein Nejad;*
- *Faculty of Engineering & Applied Science: Scott Nokleby;*
- *Faculty of Health Sciences: Toba Bryant;*
- *Faculty Science: Robert Bailey; and*
- *Faculty At Large: Ahmad Barari*

*Student Position on Academic Council for the term of September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023, renewable for an additional year:*

- *MaryCae Serote (undergraduate);*
- *Cory Law (undergraduate);*
- *Manisha Peters (undergraduate); and*
- *Josh Sankarlal (undergraduate renewal/not eligible for further renewal).*

*Student Position on the Academic Appeals Committee for the term of May 24, 2022 – August 31, 2023*

- *Isabel Smith (undergraduate); and*
- *MaryCae Serote (undergraduate).*

*Teaching Staff Positions on the Academic Appeals Committee for the term of May 24, 2022 – June 30, 2025:*

- *Brent MacRae, Faculty of Business and Information Technology;*

*Teaching Staff Positions on the Academic Appeals Committee for the term of July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025:*

- *Wesley Crichlow, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities; and*
- *Amir Mostaghim, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities.*

**NEXT STEPS:**

1. The Office of the University Secretary & General Counsel (USGC) will notify the candidates of the results of the committee's discussion.
2. The recommendations will be presented to Academic Council for approval at the May meeting.

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**SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:**

- Certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer – Academic Council Election 2022

May 24, 2022

## **Certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer – Academic Council Elections 2022**

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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, 2022 to June 30, 2025:

- **Faculty of Business & Information Technology: Mehdi Hossein Nejad**
- **Faculty of Engineering & Applied Science: Scott Nokleby**
- **Faculty of Health Sciences: Toba Bryant**
- **Faculty of Science: Robert Bailey**
- **Faculty at Large: Ahmad Barari**

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 Appeals Committee for the term of May 24, 2022 to June 30, 2025:

- **Brent MacRae, Faculty of Business and Information Technology**

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 Appeals Committee for the term of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025:

- **Wesley Crichlow, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities**
- **Amir Mostaghim, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities**

Based on the election results, I hereby certify to Academic Council that the following students were eligible to run as candidates, was the sole nominee for the specified position, and was properly acclaimed for the term of September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023 and are eligible for a one-year renewal:

- **Undergraduate Student Position on Academic Council: Corey Law**
- **Undergraduate Student Position on Academic Council: MaryCae Serote**
- **Undergraduate Student Position on Academic Council: Manisha Peters**
- **Undergraduate Student Position on Undergraduate Studies Committee: Abdul Kareem Olatinu**

Based on the election results, I hereby certify to Academic Council that the following students were eligible to run as candidates, was the sole nominee for the specified position, and was properly acclaimed for the term of May 24, 2022 to August 31, 2023 and are eligible for a one-year renewal:

- **Undergraduate Student Position on Academic Appeals Committee: Isabel Smith**
- **Undergraduate Student Position on Academic Appeals Committee: MaryCae Serote**

I hereby certify to Academic Council that the following student was eligible to renew for a further term, and was properly acclaimed for the term of September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023 (not eligible for a further renewal).

- **Undergraduate Student Position on Academic Council: Joshua Sankarlal**

Krista Hester  
Chief Electoral Officer  
Interim University Secretary