

## ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

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**SESSION:**

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Decision   
Discussion/Direction

  

**TO:** Academic Council

**DATE:** September 27, 2022

**FROM:** Lauren Turner, University Secretary

**SUBJECT:** Governance Implications – Restructure of the Faculty of  
Energy Systems & Nuclear Science

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**GNC MANDATE:**

- Section 1 of the Governance & Nominations Committee (GNC) Terms of Reference states that the Committee is “responsible for providing advice to Academic Council on its governance structure and processes”.
- The restructure of the Faculty of Energy Systems & Nuclear Science (FESNS) in June 2022 has created ambiguity as to the status of individuals serving on Academic Council and its Committees who were elected or appointed from the Faculty.
- The membership requirements of By-Law 2 and the Terms of Reference of Academic Council Committees vary in their rigidity with respect to Faculty membership. The requirements of each are set out in the BACKGROUND portion of this memorandum.
- In accordance with their Terms of Reference, the membership of the following Committees is not impacted by the restructure of FESNS:
  - Steering Committee;
  - Academic Appeals Committee; and
  - Honorary Degrees Committee.
- As a result of their current composition, the membership of the following Committees is not impacted by the restructure of FESNS:
  - Governance & Nominations Committee;
  - Undergraduate Studies Committee; and
  - Graduate Studies Committee.
- The membership of both Academic Council and Research Committee is impacted by the restructure of FESNS. Each body has one individual whose membership is derived from affiliation with the restructured Faculty.

As a result, it is recommended that their appointments be terminated.

- The ending of the appointments below was endorsed by GNC at its meeting on September 20, 2022.

#### **MOTION:**

*That the Academic Council hereby approves the following:*

- *The termination of Daniel Hoornweg's appointment to Academic Council effective September 27, 2022; and*
- *The termination of Kirk Atkinson's appointment to Research Committee effective September 27, 2022.*

#### **BACKGROUND:**

- The membership requirement of Academic Council as provided in By-Law 2 is as follows:

#### **ARTICLE 2 - COMPOSITION**

##### **2.1 Ex-officio Members**

In accordance with section 10 of the Act, the Academic Council will be composed of the following ex-officio members:

- a. the Chancellor;
- b. the President;
- c. the Provost and Vice-President, Academic;
- d. the Dean of each Faculty and School of the University;
- e. the Registrar;
- f. the University Librarian;
- g. the senior administrator responsible for Student Life;
- h. the academic administrator responsible for Quality Enhancement;
- i. the academic administrator responsible for Research;
- j. a Governor; and
- k. the Council of Ontario Universities Academic Colleague (non-voting).

##### **2.2 For the purpose of determining quorum, the following ex-officio members will be counted as Teaching Staff:**

- a. the Provost and Vice-President, Academic;
- b. the Dean of each Faculty and School of the University;
- c. the academic administrator responsible for Quality Enhancement; and
- d. the academic administrator responsible for Research.

##### **2.3 Elected Members**

- a. Faculty, elected from among full-time continuing Associate Deans, tenured and tenure-track faculty and teaching faculty, in the following numbers:

- (i) Faculty of Business and Information Technology – three (3)
  - (ii) Faculty of Education – one (1)
  - (iii) Faculty of Energy Systems and Nuclear Science – one (1)
  - (iv) Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science – three (3)
  - (v) Faculty of Health Sciences – three (3)
  - (vi) Faculty of Science – three (3)
  - (vii) Faculty of Social Science and Humanities – three (3)
  - (viii) Faculty At-Large – eight (8)
- b. Students, elected from among their respective constituencies, in the following numbers:
- (i) undergraduate – four (4)
  - (ii) graduate – two (2)
- c. one (1) Administrative Staff member, elected from among the Administrative Staff
- The membership requirements of each of the Committees of Academic Council as provided in their respective Terms of Reference is set as follows:

### Steering Committee

#### **3. MEMBERSHIP**

The Committee shall be composed of:

##### *Ex-officio*

- President & Vice-Chancellor (Chair)
- Provost & Vice-President, Academic
- Chair of the Academic Council committee responsible for undergraduate curriculum
- Chair of the Academic Council committee responsible for graduate curriculum
- Chair of the Academic Council committee responsible for research
- Secretary of Academic Council (non-voting)

##### *Elected Representatives from Academic Council*

Between three (3) and six (6) elected representatives of Academic Council (Teaching Staff, Administrative Staff and Students) to ensure the Committee benefits from a balance of skills, expertise, and knowledge among its membership, while reflecting the demographic and cultural diversity of the communities served by the university.

### Academic Appeals Committee

#### **II. MEMBERSHIP**

- Four (4) core faculty members
- Three (3) student representatives, elected from student body at large

### Governance & Nominations Committee

#### **3. MEMBERSHIP**

The Committee shall be composed of:

- One (1) elected Academic Council member, being a Teaching Faculty member or Tenured/Tenure Track member, from each Faculty
- One (1) Dean
- One (1) student member from Academic Council

*Ex-officio*

- President & Vice-Chancellor (Chair)
- Provost & Vice-President, Academic
- Staff member of Academic Council (since there is only 1)
- Secretary of Academic Council (non-voting)

Graduate Studies Committee

II. MEMBERSHIP

*Ex-officio (non-voting)*

- Provost
- Deans
- Librarian
- Office of the Registrar representative
- Centre for Institutional Quality Enhancement representative
- Secretary of Academic Council (or designate)

*Ex-officio (voting)*

- VP, Research and Innovation
- Graduate Program Directors
- School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies
- Dean (Chairing, voting only in the event of a tie)
- Associate Dean and Assistant Dean (voting)
- Manager (non-voting)
- Students (voting)
- 1 representative from Graduate Student Council
- 1 elected graduate student

Note: at least one of the graduate students must be at the PhD level

*Academic Council members (voting)*

- 2 members from among elected faculty members of Academic Council who have graduate faculty appointments

Honorary Degrees Committee

No membership criteria listed.

Research Committee

3. MEMBERSHIP

The Committee will be composed of:

- One (1) faculty member from each Faculty
- ...
- Two (2) members from among elected faculty members of Academic Council

*Ex-officio*

- Vice-President, Research and Innovation (Chair)
- Dean, School of Graduate and Post-doctoral Studies
- Executive Director, Research Services (non-voting)
- University Librarian (non-voting)
- Manager, Research and Trust Accounting (non-voting)
- Vice-Chair

Undergraduate Studies Committee

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

The Committee will be composed of:

*Ex-officio (voting)*

- Senior academic administrator responsible for Quality Enhancement (or designate) as Chair (voting only in the event of a tie)
- Chair of the undergraduate curriculum committee for each Faculty (or equivalent)
- Registrar (or designate)

*Academic Council members (voting)*

- Two (2) members from among elected faculty members of Academic Council

*Elected (voting)*

- Two (2) undergraduate students elected from the student body

*Non-Voting*

- Representative from the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (or successor)
- Manager from the Office of the Registrar, as designated by the Registrar
- Manager of the Centre for Institutional Quality Enhancement (or designate)
- Secretary of Academic Council (or designate)