

# ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

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**SESSION:**

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Decision   
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Information

**TO:** Academic Council

**DATE:** March 28, 2023

**FROM:** Lauren Turner, University Secretary

**SUBJECT:** 2023 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 2023 Academic Council Election.
- We are seeking approval of the appointments of the successful teaching staff and student candidates.
- We are presenting recommendations for reappointment of several of Academic Council's student representatives for approval by Academic Council.

**BACKGROUND/CONTEXT:**

- The 2023 Academic Council Election took place from February 13 – March 17 in accordance with the Election Timeline that was approved by the GNC in January 2023.
- There were 13 vacant positions on Academic Council and 5 vacant elected positions on its standing committees.

**ELECTION OF STUDENTS TO ACADEMIC APPEALS COMMITTEE:**

- Of the nominations received by the nomination deadline, there were four (4) candidates for the position of student representative on the Academic Appeals Committee, which exceeded the three (3) vacancies available.

- We verified the candidates' eligibility to participate in the election.
- In accordance with section 10.1 of the Academic Council Procedures for the Election of Teaching, Non-Academic Staff and Student Representatives ("Election Procedures"), "Depending on the number of vacancies in each constituency group, the candidate(s) with the highest number of votes in the election will be deemed the successful candidate(s)."
- The students nominated for the Academic Appeals Committee were MaryCae Serote, Isabel Smith, Breanne McAlpin, and Aliyat Olatinwo. The following students were the successful candidates: MaryCae Serote, Isabel Smith, and Aliyat Olatinwo.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF NOMINEES TO ACADEMIC COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES:**

- Of the nominations received by the nomination deadline, the number of candidates for each remaining role did not exceed the number of vacancies available.
- We verified the candidates' eligibility to participate in the election.
- In accordance with section 7.9 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."

#### **REAPPOINTMENT OF STUDENTS:**

- In accordance with section 2.5 of By-law No. 2, the term of elected student members of Academic Council is one-year and renewable for one additional year.
- The first term of one of our undergraduate representatives, MaryCae Serote, ends on August 31, 2023. M. Serote has confirmed her interest in continuing to serve as an undergraduate student representative for an additional one-year term. M. Serote has been an engaged member of Academic Council and GNC, and we are recommending her reappointment to both bodies.
- The term of two of our graduate student representatives, Ifrodet Giorges and Michael Watterworth, ends on August 31, 2023. Both have confirmed interest in continuing to serve for an additional one-year term. I. Giorges has been an active member of Academic Council, and we are recommending her reappointment. M. Watterworth has been an engaged member of Academic Council and the Graduate Studies Committee, and we are recommending his reappointment to both bodies.
- The remaining three undergraduate representatives, Corey Law, Manisha Peters, and Joshua Sankarlal, are ineligible for renewal due to graduation.

#### **MOTIONS:**

1. *That on the recommendation of the Governance & Nominations Committee, Academic Council hereby approves the following appointments:*

*Teaching Staff Position on Academic Council for the term of July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026:*

- *Faculty of Science: Fedor Naumkin*

*Student Position on Academic Council for the term of September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024, renewable for an additional year:*

- *Oghenetega (Tega) Ubor (undergraduate); and*
- *Breanne McAlpin (undergraduate).*

*Student Position on the Academic Appeals Committee for the term of September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024, renewable for an additional year:*

- *Aliyat Olatinwo (undergraduate)*

*Student Position on the Academic Appeals Committee for the term of September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024, non-renewable:*

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

*Student Position on the Undergraduate Studies Committee for the term of September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024, renewable for an additional year:*

- *Aliyat Olatinwo (undergraduate); and*
- *Oghenetega (Tega) Ubor (undergraduate)*

2. *That on the recommendation of the Governance and Nominations Committee, Academic Council hereby approves the reappointment of the following student members of Academic Council and its Committees for an additional term ending August 31, 2024 (not eligible for further renewal):*

- *MaryCae Serote – undergraduate student member of Academic Council & member of Governance & Nominations Committee*
- *Ifrodet Giorges – graduate student member of Academic Council*
- *Michael Watterworth – graduate student member of Academic Council & member of Graduate Studies Committee*

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**SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:**

- **Certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer – Academic Council Election 2023**

March 21, 2023

## **Certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer – Academic Council Elections 2023**

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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 member was eligible to run as a candidate, was the sole nominee for the specified position, and was properly acclaimed to the Academic Council for the term of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026:

- **Faculty of Science: Fedor Naumkin**

Based on the election results, I hereby certify to Academic Council that the following students were eligible to run as candidates, were the sole nominees for the specified position, and were properly acclaimed for the term of September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024 and are eligible for a one-year renewal:

- **Undergraduate Student Position on Academic Council: Oghenetega (Tega) Ubor**
- **Undergraduate Student Position on Academic Council: Breanne McAlpin**
- **Undergraduate Student Position on Undergraduate Studies Committee: Aliyat Olatinwo**
- **Undergraduate Student Position on Undergraduate Studies Committee: Oghenetega (Tega) Ubor**

Based on the election results, I hereby certify to Academic Council that the following student was eligible to run as a candidate and was duly elected to the Academic Appeals Committee for the term of September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024 and is eligible for a one-year renewal:

- **Undergraduate Student Position on Academic Appeals Committee: Aliyat Olatinwo**

Based on the election results, I hereby certify to Academic Council that the following students were eligible to run as candidates and were duly elected to the Academic Appeals Committee for the term of September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024 (not eligible for renewal):

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

I hereby certify to Academic Council that the following students were eligible to renew for a further term, and were properly acclaimed for the term of September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024 (not eligible for a further renewal).

- **Undergraduate Student Position on Academic Council: MaryCae Serote**
- **Student Position on Governance and Nominations Committee: MaryCae Serote**
- **Graduate Student Position on Academic Council: Ifrodet Georgees**
- **Graduate Student Position on Academic Council: Michael Watterworth**
- **Graduate Student Position on Graduate Studies Committee: Michael Watterworth**

Lauren Turner  
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University Secretary