

## ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

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**SESSION:**

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Decision   
Discussion/Direction   
Information

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

**DATE:** September 26, 2023

**FROM:** Lauren Turner, University Secretary

**SUBJECT:** Academic Council 2023-2024: Results of Supplementary Nominations and Calls for Expressions of Interest

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**COMMITTEE MANDATE:**

- Section 1(b) of the GNC Terms of Reference provides that GNC is responsible for overseeing the process of recruitment, selection, and election of new members of Academic Council (AC) and its committees and recommending appointments for approval by AC in accordance with the university's Act and By-laws.
- We are reporting on the second supplementary election process and calls for expressions of interest.
- At its meeting on September 19, 2023, GNC recommended the appointments of the successful teaching staff and student candidates 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 committee in January 2023.
- As there were several vacant positions on Academic Council and its standing committees for which no nominations were received, in March 2023 GNC directed the University Secretariat to run an additional round of elections with a timeline that would allow successful candidates to be approved at the June 2023 meeting of Academic Council. Additionally, at the April 2023 meeting, GNC directed the University Secretariat to initiate the call for expressions of interest for Academic Council committee appointments to allow for approval prior to the 2023-2024 academic year.
- At the close of nominations and expressions of interest, there were a number of remaining vacancies on Academic Council and its standing committees. GNC further directed the University Secretariat to run an additional round of nominations and expressions of interest through the summer months. Targeted emails were sent to all Faculties, and to the staff and student members of Academic Council.

**APPOINTMENT OF NOMINEES TO ACADEMIC COUNCIL:**

- Of the nominations received by the deadline, the number of candidates for each remaining role did not exceed the number of vacancies available.

- We have 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."

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR STEERING COMMITTEE:**

- Of the expressions received by the deadline, the number of candidates did not exceed the number of vacancies available.
- We have verified the candidates' eligibility for the role.

**REMAINING VACANCIES:**

- Should Academic Council approve all candidates as written, at the close of nominations and expressions of interest, the following vacancies remain:
  - Governance and Nominations Committee: two (2) elected teaching staff members of Academic Council one each from Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science and Faculty of Social Science and Humanities
  - Honorary Degrees Committee (1) elected teaching staff member
  - Steering Committee (1) elected member of Academic Council
- These vacancies do not pose a risk to quorum for these bodies.

**MOTION:**

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

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

- *Faculty-at-Large: Asifa Aamir, Mihai Beligan*

*Position on the Academic Council Steering Committee for the term of October 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024: Patricia MacMillan, Denina Simmons*

**NEXT STEPS:**

1. The University Secretariat will notify the candidates of the outcome of Academic Council's decision.

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**SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:**

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



September 19, 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 members were eligible to run as candidates, were the sole nominees for the specified positions, and were properly acclaimed to the Academic Council for the term of October 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026:

- **Faculty-at-Large:** Asifa Aamir, Mihai Beligan

Lauren Turner  
Chief Electoral Officer  
University Secretary