



ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

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ACTION REQUESTED:

Decision
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TO: Academic Council

DATE: September 17, 2019

FROM: Governance & Nominations Committee

SUBJECT: Alternate COU Academic Colleague – Expressions of Interest

COMMITTEE MANDATE:

- In accordance with the GNC’s Terms of Reference, the committee is responsible for 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 *UOIT Act* and By-laws. In doing so, the Committee shall strive to achieve a balance of skills, expertise, and knowledge among its membership, while reflecting the demographic and cultural diversity of the communities served by the university.
- The committee is recommending a candidate for appointment to fill the vacant Alternate COU Academic Colleague position.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT:

The first term of the current COU Academic Colleague, Ramiro Liscano, ended on June 30, 2019. In accordance with the appointment process agreed to by Academic Council in January 2016, he was renewed for one additional 3-year term.

The position of an Alternate COU Academic Colleague was established to attend COU meetings when the COU Academic Colleague is unable to do so. The Alternate position would also serve as the Academic Colleague’s replacement if she/he were to go on research leave. The eligibility requirements to be nominated as Alternate COU Academic Colleague are the same as those for nomination as a member of Academic Council.

Brenda Gamble's term as the alternate COU Academic Colleague ended on June 30, 2019.

Consistent with the recent nominations process used for filling vacancies on ACX and GNC, expressions of interest were solicited for the vacant position.

The committee received 3 expressions of interest for the role and is recommending the appointment of Alyson King from the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities.

MOTION:

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Governance & Nominations Committee, Academic Council hereby appoints the following faculty member as the Alternate COU Academic Colleague from October 1, 2019 until June 30, 2022:

- *Alyson King, FSSH*

NEXT STEPS:

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

SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:

- none