

ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

SESSION:

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ACTION REQUESTED:

Decision
 Discussion/Direction
 Information

TO: Academic Council

DATE: March 24, 2020

FROM: Governance & Nominations Committee (GNC)

SUBJECT: 2020 Election Results

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 UOIT Act and By-laws.
- We are reporting on the election process & result of the 2020 Academic Council Election.
- We are seeking Academic Council’s approval of the appointments of the successful teaching and administrative staff and student candidates.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT:

- The 2020 Academic Council Election took place from February 10 – February 24 in accordance with the Election Timeline that was approved by the GNC in January 2020.
- There were 13 vacant positions on Academic Council and 6 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 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.”

MOTION:

Pursuant to the recommendations of the Governance & Nominations Committee, Academic Council hereby approves the following appointments:

Administrative Staff Position on Academic Council for the term of July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2023:

- *Jessica Hogue*

Teaching Staff Positions on Academic Council for the term of July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2023:

- *Science – Brad Easton*
- *At-large – Mike Eklund*
- *At-large – Alexander Serenko*

Student Positions on Academic Council for the term of September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2020, renewable for an additional year:

- *Jacinta Obasohan*
- *Ramin Sami*
- *Jahan Sheikh*

NEXT STEPS:

1. The Office of the University Secretary & General Counsel (USGC) will notify the candidates of the results of discussion.

SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:

- Certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer – Academic Council Election 2020



March 6, 2020

Certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer – Academic Council Elections 2020

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 and administrative 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, 2020 to June 30, 2023:

- **Faculty of Science** - **Brad Easton**
- **Faculty At-large** - **Mike Eklund**
- **Faculty At-large** - **Alexander Serenko**

Based on the election results, I hereby certify to Academic Council that the following administrative 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, 2020 to June 30, 2023:

- **Administrative Staff Position on Academic Council** - **Jessica Hogue**

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, 2020 to August 31, 2021 and eligible for a one-year renewal.

- **Undergraduate Student Position on Academic Council** - **Jacinta Obasohan**
- **Undergraduate Student Position on Academic Council** - **Ramin Sami**
- **Undergraduate Student Position on Academic Council** - **Jahan Sheikh**

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