



**ACADEMIC COUNCIL  
GOVERNANCE & NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (GNC)**

**Minutes of the Public Session of the Meeting of January 17, 2023**  
2:30-2:55 p.m., Videoconference

**Attendees:**

Steven Murphy (Chair)  
Robert Bailey  
Wendy Barber  
Toba Bryant  
Mike Eklund  
Ferdinand Jones  
Lori Livingston  
Patricia MacMillan  
Carol Rodgers  
MaryCae Serote  
Lauren Turner

**Staff:**

Krista Hester  
Kimberley McCartney

**1. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. M. Serote read aloud the land acknowledgement.

**2. Agenda**

At the request of a member, a discussion of the functions of the Committee was added to "Other Business".

*Upon a motion duly made by F. Jones and seconded by L. Livingston, the Agenda was approved as amended.*

**3. Minutes of the Public Session of the Meeting of October 18, 2022**

*Upon a motion duly made by M. Serote and seconded by C. Rodgers, the Minutes were approved as presented.*

**4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

None.

Wendy Barber joined the meeting.

**5. Chair's Remarks**

The Chair welcomed new members R. Bailey, T. Bryant and M. Serote to the Committee. He provided some updates, highlighting the success of Project Arrow in Las Vegas and in the media, varsity sports and the ongoing mask mandate at the University. With respect to the latter, a discussion ensued about compliance in response to committee comments and questions. The Chair expressed concern about non-compliance reported in some areas of campus and agreed to look into the matter. The Provost added to the varsity sports discussion by advising the Committee that the Ontario University Athletics curling finals will be hosted here in Oshawa on the weekend of February 3-5, 2023.

## **6. Inquiries & Communications**

None.

## **7. Nominations**

### **(a) Open Positions and Elections Key Dates**

The University Secretary provided an overview of the positions for which elections will be held in the spring on Academic Council and certain of its Committees. In response to a question, the University Secretary confirmed that the timelines mirror those followed for past elections. A discussion then ensued on ways to best disseminate elections information to those who might be interested in running, as well as those eligible to vote. The Committee expressed support of the timelines, particularly as they are harmonious with having vacant committee positions filled for the fall. It was recommended to the University Secretary that nomination forms or other elections communications materials make clear that Academic Council is a prerequisite of service on certain committees.

Lauren Turner, University Secretary