
General Faculties Council
Nominating Committee (NC)
Approved Open Session Minutes

Wednesday, October 25, 2023
South Academic Building (SAB) 3-07
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

ATTENDEES:

Sean McMurtry, Chair
Derek MacKenzie (Vice-Chair)
Pedro Almeida
Marsha Boyd
Jason Carey
John C H Hu
Esther Kim

Rija Kamran
Pierre Lemelin
Andrew McGee

non-voting:
Kate Peters
Laura Riley

REGRETS:

Carla Peck
John Lemieux
Noor Abdelwahab

Staff:

Faiza Billo,
Governance Coordinator

OPENING SESSION

Before calling the meeting to order, the Chair acknowledged the territory. He began the meeting with a round of introductions.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Sean McMurtry

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the GFC Nominating Committee approve the agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of August 30, 2023

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Sean McMurtry

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the GFC Nominating Committee approve the open session minutes of August 30, 2023.
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CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair (no documents)

Presenter(s): Sean McMurtry

Discussion:

The Chair thanked members for their work and sought feedback regarding extending invitations to Indigenous faculty and students. The Chair then shared his concerns about increasing divisions within the world and invited a discussion on how to recognize common humanity and avoid framing discussions in ways that exclude.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. In Camera Session

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the GFC Nominating Committee move in camera to discuss the nominations.

CARRIED

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the GFC Nominating Committee end the in camera session.

CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

7. Judiciary Recommendations

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the GFC Nominating Committee recommend the slate of Judiciary Recommendations as follows:

- University Appeal Board (UAB)/Student Misconduct Appeal Panel:

CARRIED

The Committee's recommendations were included in the October 26, 2023 NC Report to GFC.

8. Committee Recommendations

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the GFC Nominating Committee recommend the slate of Committee Recommendations as follows:

- Council on Student Affairs (COSA): Asma Asmat
- GFC Nominating Committee (NC): Ehsan Hashemi
- Department Chair Selection and Review Faculty Panelists: Ehsan Hashemi

CARRIED

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. Students' Union - Election of Undergraduate Students

Presenter: Pedro Almeida, Vice-President (Academic), University of Alberta Students' Union (UASU)

Discussion:

P Almeida presented the UASU election process for undergraduate student representatives on GFC and asked for feedback from Nominating Committee members . He noted that:

- the March elections for the 39 undergraduate seats on GFC take place at the same time as the elections for the UASU Executive;
- candidates must collect 20 signatures from students in their faculty to support their nomination to sit on GFC; and that
- the same election process is used for elections to GFC as for elections of Executive members and that the process involves a vote by students from the faculty.

He explained the in-year process to fill remaining vacancies and that the SU closes off the possibility of putting forward a nomination in February.

Members discussed:

- Whether the petition process may represent a barrier to members, especially from minority groups;
- The limited number of seats for each faculty;
- That GFC has given the UASU and the Graduate Students' Association the responsibility to run elections;
- Whether it made sense to open up seats to the Colleges after the in-year election process was complete.

The Chair invited P Almeida to bring back a proposal for Nominating Committee's consideration at their January, 2024 meeting.

CLOSING SESSION

9. Adjournment

- Next meeting of GFC: November 20, 2023
- Next meeting of NC: January 24, 2024