



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

Minutes of the Public Session of the Meeting of April 16, 2024
2:31-2:47 p.m., Videoconference

Attendees:

Steven Murphy (Chair)
Robert Bailey
Wendy Barber
Ferdinand Jones
Patricia MacMillan
Carol Rodgers
MaryCae Serote

Regrets:

Toba Bryant
Krista Hester
Lori Livingston

Staff:

Kirstie Ayotte

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m. R. Bailey began by reading the Land Acknowledgement and then reflected on delivering the inaugural “Two-Eyed Seeing” course at Ontario Tech, which merges Indigenous knowledge with Western science. He attributed much of the course's success to Dave Mowatt, a former local First Nation Chief, whose involvement notably enhanced student engagement.

2. Agenda

Upon a motion duly made by F. Jones and seconded by W. Barber, the Agenda was approved as presented.

3. Minutes of the Public Session of the Meeting of January 16, 2024

Upon a motion duly made by P. MacMillan and seconded by W. Barber, the Minutes were approved as presented.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

5. Chair’s Remarks

The Chair expressed gratitude to everyone as the academic year comes to a close, thanking the University community for their dedication and highlighting the energy on campus. He noted minimal updates from the Government regarding funding and expressed frustration with uncertainties surrounding international student allocations. Despite receiving notification that the number of international students remains the same as last year, the admissions process is delayed. However, efforts are underway to maintain high-caliber students despite these challenges.

6. Inquiries & Communications

None.

Kirstie Ayotte, Assistant University Secretary