



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

Minutes of the Public Session of the Meeting of January 16, 2024
2:34-2:50 p.m., Videoconference

Attendees:

Steven Murphy (Chair)
Robert Bailey
Wendy Barber
Lori Livingston
Patricia MacMillan
Carol Rodgers
Lauren Turner

Regrets:

Toba Bryant
Ferdinand Jones
MaryCae Serote

Staff:

Krista Hester
Kirstie Ayotte

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m. P. MacMillan read aloud the Land Acknowledgement and shared some personal reflections on the land from her experiences living across Canada.

2. Agenda

Upon a motion duly made by L. Livingston and seconded by P. MacMillan, the Agenda was approved as presented.

3. Minutes of the Public Session of the Meeting of October 17, 2023

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

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

5. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first Committee meeting of 2024 and wished members a happy new year. He welcomed K. Ayotte as the new Assistant University Secretary. The

Chair advised the Committee that there is unfortunately no update with respect to the Report of the Blue-Ribbon Panel.

6. Inquiries & Communications

None.

7. Nominations

(a) Elections 2024 – Timelines and Process

The University Secretary presented the proposed timelines and process for the 2024 elections. She advised the Committee that timelines for each component of the election have been extended, particularly the nomination period, in the hope that a greater pool of interested and qualified candidates will come forward. She summarized the challenges of the 2023 election, which required two subsequent calls for nominations to fill necessary positions. In response to a question, the University Secretary confirmed that the proposed timelines approximately double the times allocated in 2023. The Committee supported the proposal, noting that it is prudent to allow additional time for nominations particularly as the period falls over reading week.

Upon a motion duly made by P. MacMillan and seconded by L. Livingston, the Governance and Nominations Committee approved the proposed process and dates for the 2024 election.

8. Governance

(a) Honorary Degrees Procedure

The University Secretary presented the Honorary Degrees Procedure for the Committee's approval. She reminded the Committee that as part of the rolling review of core governance documents, the Procedures as well as the Honorary Degrees Committee Terms of Reference have been moving through consultations and approvals since last spring. She advised the Committee that while the documents have moved in tandem through consultations, the Procedure is now before the Committee for approval. The Terms of Reference will be presented to Academic Council next week for recommendation to the Board of Governors for approval in February. In response to a question, the University Secretary confirmed that the revocation content added to the Procedure was in response to a recommendation from Academic Council during early consultations; the content of the addition was crafted based on benchmarking against other Canadian universities.

Upon a motion duly made by R. Bailey and seconded by C. Rodgers, the Governance and Nominations Committee approved the revised Honorary Degrees Procedure.

Lauren Turner, University Secretary