

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Committee Name: Nominations Committee, University Council

Date: April 16, 2026

Presented by: Reza Fotouhi, Chair, Nominations Committee

Subject: Nomination to the Search Committee for the Provost and Vice-President Academic

MOTION

It is recommended by the Nominations Committee that Council approve the GAA and Council members listed below to serve on the search committee for the Provost and Vice President Academic.

SUMMARY

The *Procedures for Search and Review for Senior Administrators* require that Provost search committee have four members of the General Academic Assembly, selected by Council and one member of Council, selected by Council, who holds a senior administrative position in the University. The Nominations Committee is tasked with putting forward five (5) names for consideration by Council.

Through the Governance Office, the committee issued a call-for-interest to the General Academic Assembly, inviting volunteers to be part of the search committee. Volunteers are considered first in determining the list of nominees. The Nominations Committee attempts to include individuals who are broadly representative of disciplines across the university, and prioritizes equity, diversity, and inclusion in representation. This prioritization of EDI principles is in line with the terms of reference for the Nominations Committee as set out in the Council Bylaws.

After reviewing the list of eligible people to be nominated for this committee, the Nominations Committee is recommending the following members serve on the search committee for the Provost and Vice-President Academic:

- Four members of the GAA
 - Nazeem Muhajarine, College of Medicine
 - Lori Birrel, University Library
 - Ralph Deters, College of Arts and Science
 - Jason Perepelkin, College of Pharmacy and Nutrition
- Council member who holds a senior administrative position
 - Shaun Murphy, College of Education