

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Committee Name: Nominations Committee, University Council

Date: September 24, 2026

Presented by: Carolyn Augusta, Chair, Academic Programs Committee

Subject: Omnibus Council Committee Vacancies

MOTION

It is recommended by the Nominations Committee that Council approve the nominations described in the attached report, effective September 24, 2026.

CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND

The Nominations Committee is tasked with putting forward nominations for Council's approval to fill vacancies that arise throughout the year on Council committees and for vacancies in the position of chair on Council committees. The terms of reference (as articulated in the Council Bylaws) for these committees set forth various requirements for membership, such as having a certain number of Council members on a committee.

The Nominations Committee has reviewed the membership of Council committees and is submitting a list of nominees to Council for approval to fill the various vacancies.

Through the Governance Office, the Nomination Committee issued a call-for-interest to the General Academic Assembly, inviting volunteers to serve on these committees. 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 is in line with the terms of reference for the Nominations Committee as set out in the Council Bylaws.

ATTACHMENTS

List of Council Committees and Nominees (with new nominees highlighted in yellow)

List of Council Committees and Nominees

Research, Scholarly and Artistic Work (RSAW)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Nature of Appointment</u>	<u>College or Unit</u>	<u>Term on Committee</u>
Dean McNeill	GAA	Arts and Science	June 30, 2028
Janet Okoko	GAA	Education	June 30, 2028
Lisa Birke	GAA	Arts and Science	Until June 30, 2027
Mariam Komeili	GAA	Medicine	June 30, 2029
David Blackburn	GAA	Pharmacy and Nutrition	Until June 30, 2027
Keith Walker	University Council	Education	June 30, 2029
Kevin Read	University Council	University Library	June 30, 2029
Michael Wu	University Council	WCVM	June 30, 2027
Reza Fotouhi	University Council	Engineering	Until June 30, 2029
Debby Burshtyn	<i>ex officio</i>	Dean, College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies	
Baljit Singh	<i>ex officio</i>	Vice-President, Research	
Karim Tharani	<i>ex officio</i>	Designate for Dean, University Library	
Ashley Mendez Rosales	Student appointee	USSU (VP Academic Affairs)	April 30, 2027
Laila Valila	Student appointee	GSA (VP Indigenous Engagement)	April 30, 2027

Planning and Priorities Committee

Name	Nature of Appointment	College or Unit	Term on Committee
Brooke Milne	Dean	Arts and Science	July 1, 2024-June 30, 2027
David Williams	GAA	Edwards School of Business	September 25, 2025-June 30, 2028
Kerry Mansell	GAA	Pharmacy and Nutrition	September 26, 2024-June 30, 2027
Volker Gerdt	GAA	WCVI/ VIDO	July 1, 2025-June 30, 2028
Schroder Sattar	GAA	Nursing	Until June 30, 2028
Venkatesh Meda	GAA	Engineering	July 1, 2024-June 30, 2027
Carla Orozs	University Council	Arts and Science	July 1, 2026-June 30, 2029
Rainer Dick	University Council	Arts and Science	July 1, 2025-June 30, 2028
Kevin Flynn	University Council	Arts and Science	July 1, 2026-June 30, 2029
Angela Lieveise (Chair)	University Council	Arts and Science	July 1, 2024-June 30, 2027
Jaswant Singh	University Council	WCVI	July 1, 2024-June 30, 2027
Christian Willenborg	University Council	Agriculture and Bioresources	July 1, 2026-June 30, 2029
TBD	Sessional Lecturer		
Vince Bruni-Bossio	<i>ex officio</i>	Acting Provost and Vice-President Academic	
Terry Fonstad	<i>ex officio</i>	Designate for VP Research	
Greg Fowler	<i>ex officio</i>	Vice-President, Administration & Chief Operating Officer	
Amaranta Sokol	<i>ex officio</i>	Interim Vice-Provost, Indigenous Engagement	
Owen Deis	Student appointee	GSA (VP Finance & Operations)	
Lindsay Carlson	Student appointee	USSU (VP Operations & Finance)	
Ralph Deters	<i>ex officio</i>	University Council Chair	
Deidre (Dee) Henne	<i>ex officio</i>	Chief Financial Officer	

Academic Programs Committee

Name	Nature of Appointment	College or Unit	Term on Committee
Carolyn Augusta	University Council	Edwards	July 1, 2024-June 30, 2027
Debby Burshtyn	University Council	CGPS	Until June 30, 2029
Paul Jones	University Council	SENS	July 1, 2024-June 30, 2027
Janet Luimes	University Council	Nursing	July 1, 2024-June 30, 2027
Roy Dobson (Chair)	University Council	Pharmacy and Nutrition	July 1, 2025-June 30, 2028
Jennifer Lang	GAA	Arts and Science	July 1, 2025-June 30, 2028
Mary Ellen Labrecque	GAA	Nursing	July 1, 2026-June 30, 2029
Lori McKee	GAA	Education	July 1, 2024-June 30, 2027
Yannick Tremblay	GAA	Medicine	July 1, 2025-June 30, 2028
Valerie Caron	GAA	School of Rehabilitation Sciences	July 1, 2025-June 30, 2028
Regina Taylor-Gjevre	GAA	Medicine	July 1, 2024-June 30, 2027
TBD	Sessional Lecturer		
Marjorie Delbaere	<i>ex officio</i>	Interim Vice-Provost, Students & Learning	
Salome Ries	<i>ex officio</i>	Acting University Registrar	
Ashley Mendes Rosales	Student appointee	USSU (VP Academic Affairs)	April 30, 2027
Rupesh Acharya	Student appointee	GSA (VP Academic & Student Affairs)	April 30, 2027