

Report of the Senate Nominations Committee

FOR DECISION

Presented by:	Rhonda Gough, Chair, Nominations Committee
Date of Meeting:	October 26, 2024
Subject:	Nominations to the Joint Nomination Committee for Chancellor
Proposed Motion:	That Senate appoint the following Senators to the Joint Nomination Committee for Chancellor, effective immediately: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aaron Genest• Kyle Drever

Background:

As per the *Senate Bylaws*, the Nominations Committee is responsible for: “In the final year of the Chancellor’s term, to recommend to the fall meeting of the Senate individuals for appointment to a joint nominations committee for Chancellor” (section V, part 1, clause d(iv)). The Nominations Committee makes these nominations, and then Senate as a whole makes the actual appointment to this committee.

The membership for the Joint Nomination Committee for Chancellor (JNCC) is set out in the *Senate Bylaws* (section V, part 7, clause a) and includes the President, two members of the Board of Governors selected by the Board, and two *elected* members (member at large or district representatives) of the Senate nominated by the Senate Nominations Committee.

Duties of the JNCC are:

- (i) To invite submissions for candidates for nomination for the position of Chancellor from members of Convocation.
- (ii) To review the submissions and select one name for presentation to the Senate at the spring meeting prior to the expiry of the incumbent Chancellor’s term; or in the case of an unplanned vacancy at the next meeting of the Senate.
- (iii) If the name of the proposed candidate in (ii) above is not accepted by the Senate, to put forward an alternative nomination no later than the next meeting of the Senate.
- (iv) To determine if a Chancellor wishing to sit a second term should be recommended for reappointment.

Please note that the appointees to this committee from the USask Board of Governors were not known at the time of the writing of this report, but this information should be known and can be made available at the time of the Senate meeting by the Governance Office.

To help inform the decision making of the Nominations Committee, the Governance Office solicited a call for interest to all eligible Senators (that is, all elected Senators). In total, 14 of 28 eligible Senators expressed an interest in these two available positions.

In this call, Senators were asked:

- 1) What interests you in serving on the Joint Nominations Committee for Chancellor? (maximum 200 words)
- 2) What skills, experiences, perspectives, and strengths would you bring to the Joint Nominations Committee for Chancellor? (maximum 200 words)

The Senate Nominations Committee met on September 9 and deliberated on this matter. The committee is recommending the following Senators to serve on the JNCC:

- Aaron Genest (Member at Large).
- Kyle Drever (Member at Large).

Next Steps and Timeline:

Information on next steps and timeline is articulated in report 4.5 – Chancellor Selection Process of this Senate meeting package.