GSA Nominating Committee
Report to GSA Council for the 19 September 2022 Meeting

To: GSA Council
From: Elisabeth Widjaja
Date: 16 September 2022

Dear Council Colleagues,

The report from the GSA Nominating Committee (GSA NoC) this month is a summary of discussions/decisions the committee has made since its last report, together with a list of all vacancies filled and those which will be filled shortly.

GSA Policy governing the GSA NoC is located in GSA Bylaw and Policy, Section E: Nominating. As provided for in its Terms of Reference, the GSA NoC has been conducting business via e-mail.

Sincerely,
Elisabeth Widjaja, Chair of the GSA NoC

Memorandum to GSA Councillors

As reported previously on multiple occasions, there are a number of vacancies on GSA Standing Committees for GSA Council Members (Departmental Councillors, Alternates, and Councillors-at-Large). These positions play a pivotal role in the GSA’s ongoing efforts to keep its processes transparent and itself accountable and long-term vacancies adversely impact these efforts. GSA Councillors (including Alternates) are strongly encouraged to consider serving on these committees.

It is important to note that the time commitment for these committees varies greatly. While some meet regularly throughout the year (usually every two (2) to three (3) months) others meet less frequently, and some do almost all of their work over email. Additionally, there is an appreciation of people’s schedules and other commitments and accommodations are routinely made for those who cannot attend all meetings.

Service on these bodies is an excellent way to make sure your voice is heard and a great opportunity to add to your CV/resume!

On behalf of the GSA NoC, I strongly encourage GSA Councillors (and Alternates) and Councillors-at-Large to consider the next round of vacancies, which will be circulated to GSA Council electronically and which are listed below. Questions can be directed to me at ewidjaja@ualberta.ca or GSA Elections Coordinator Monica Brzak at gsanomco@ualberta.ca.
GSA Standing Committees

1) **GSA Appeals and Complaints Board (GSA ACB) (One (1) GSA Councillor Position)**
Information regarding the position for one (1) GSA Councillor was circulated via email to GSA Council on 26 August and 2 and 9 September 2022 with a nomination deadline of 13 September 2022. **No nominations were received; this vacancy will be advertised again.**

2) **GSA Appeals and Complaints Board (GSA ACB) (Two (2) GSA Member Positions)**
Information regarding the position for one (1) GSA Councillor was circulated via GSA newsletter on 26 August and 2 and 9 September 2022 with a nomination deadline of 13 September 2022. **No nominations were received; these vacancies will be advertised again.**

3) **GSA Appeals and Complaints Board (GSA ACB) (One (1) GSA Member Position) – Renewal of Position**
Information regarding the terms of office of three (3) GSA ACB members coming to an end were emailed to current GSA ACB members on 8 August 2022. **One (1) member was interested in seeking an additional term and a nomination was received; there will be an electronic vote (see Item 8a – Nominee for Renewal of Position on the GSA Appeals and Complaints Board).**

4) **GSA Budget and Finance Committee (GSA BFC) (One (1) GSA Councillor Position)**
Information regarding the position for one (1) GSA Councillor was circulated was circulated via email to GSA Council 26 August and 2 and 9 September 2022 with a nomination deadline of 14 September 2022. **No nominations were received; these vacancies will be advertised again.**

5) **GSA Budget and Finance Committee (GSA BFC) (One (1) GSA Member Position)**
Information regarding the position for one (1) GSA Member was circulated via GSA newsletter 2 and 9 September 2022 with a nomination deadline of 14 September 2022. **One (1) nomination was received; there will be an electronic vote (see Item 8b – Nominee for GSA Budget and Finance Committee).**

6) **GSA Elections and Referenda Committee (GSA ERC) (One (1) GSA Councillor Position)**
Information regarding the position for one (1) GSA Councillor was circulated was circulated via email to GSA Council 26 August and 2 and 9 September 2022 with a nomination deadline of 14 September 2022. **No nominations were received; these vacancies will be advertised again.**

7) **GSA Elections and Referenda Committee (GSA ERC) (Three (3) GSA Member Positions)**
Information regarding the position for three (3) GSA members was circulated via GSA newsletter on 26 August and 2 and 9 September 2022 with a nomination deadline of 13 September 2022. **No nominations were received; these vacancies will be advertised again.**

8) **GSA Governance Committee (GSA GC) (Two (2) GSA Councillor Positions)**
Information regarding the position for two (2) GSA Councillors was circulated via email to GSA Council 26 August and 2 and 9 September 2022 with a nomination deadline of 14 September 2022. **One (1) nomination was received; there will be an electronic vote (see Item 8d – Nominee for GSA Governance Committee).**

9) **GSA Board (GSAB) (One (1) GSA Councillor Position)**
Information regarding the position for one (1) GSA Councillor was circulated via email to GSA Council 26 August and 2 and 9 September 2022 with a nomination deadline of 14 September 2022. **No nominations were received; these vacancies will be advertised again.**

10) **GSA Board and GSA Nominating Committee (GSAB/NoC) (Two (2) Joint GSA Councillor Positions)**
Information regarding the position for two (2) GSA Councillors was circulated via email to GSA Council 26 August and 2 and 9 September 2022 with a nomination deadline of 14 September 2022. **No nominations were received; these vacancies will be advertised again.**
11) **GSA Nominating Committee (GSA NoC) (One (1) GSA Member Position)**
Information regarding the position for one (1) GSA Member was circulated via GSA newsletter 26 August and 2 and 9 September 2022 with a nomination deadline of 14 September 2022. **One (1) nomination was received; there will be an electronic vote (see Item 8e – Nominee for GSA Nominating Committee).**

12) **GSA Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee (GSA EDIC) (Two (2) and Up to Four (4) GSA Member Positions)**
Information regarding the position for two (2) and Up to four (4) GSA members was circulated via GSA newsletter 26 August and 2 and 9 September 2022 with a nomination deadline of 14 September 2022. **Six (6) nominations were received** (in accordance with GSA Policy, the GSA EDIC Chair, GSA EDIC Vice-Chair, and the Chair of the GSA NoC agreed that the GSA EDIC’s membership could be increased to eleven (11)); there will be an electronic vote (see Item 8c – Nominees for the GSA Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee).

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**GSA Officers**

1) **GSA Deputy Speaker (One (1) Position for a GSA Member)**
Information regarding this position for one (1) GSA member was circulated via the GSA newsletters of 26 August and 2 and 9 September 2022 with a nomination deadline of 14 September 2022. **No nominations were received; this vacancy will be advertised again.**

2) **GSA Deputy Returning Officer (One (1) Position for a GSA Member)**
Information regarding this position for one (1) GSA member was circulated via the GSA newsletters of 26 August and 2 and 9 September 2022 with a nomination deadline of 14 September 2022. **No nominations were received; this vacancy will be advertised again.**

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**External Committees: Vacancies**

1) **Arts Faculty Council (Three (3) Graduate Student Positions)**
Information regarding the position for three (3) vacancies on the Arts Faculty Council was circulated via email directly to Faculty of Arts graduate students on 5, 12, and 19 August 2022 with a nomination deadline of 24 August 2022. **Two (2) nominations were received; Josh Passey, Larissa Predy, and Samira Torabi were elected.**

2) **Faculty of Arts Standing Committees (Three (3) Graduate Student Positions on Three (3) Committees)**
Information regarding the position for one (1) vacancy on the Faculty of Arts Teaching Awards Committee, and three (3) vacancies on the Faculty of Arts Academic Affairs Committee was circulated via email directly to Faculty of Arts graduate students on 5, 12, and 19 August 2022 with a nomination deadline of 24 August 2022. **Josh Passey was elected for the Faculty of Arts Teaching Awards Committee. Josh Passey, Saba Nuzhat, and Sara Hill were elected for the Faculty of Arts Academic Affairs Committee.**

3) **Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Committee (Nine (9) Graduate Student Positions)**
Information regarding the nine (9) vacancies (four (4) Councillors and five (5) Alternates) on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Committee was circulated via the GSA Newsletter graduate students on 12, 19, and 26 August 2022 with a nomination deadline of 31 August 2022. **Two (2) nominations were received for the four (4) Councillor positions: Ademola Itiola and Colling VanEssen were elected. No nominations were received for the alternate positions. The remaining vacancies will be advertised again.**

4) **Faculty of Science (Two (2) Graduate Student Positions)**
Information regarding the two (2) positions for on the Faculty of Science was circulated via email directly to graduate students in the Faculty of Science on 5 and 12 August 2022 with a nomination deadline of 24 August 2022. **Two (2) nominations were received: Clare Maristela Galon and Michael Przystupa were elected.**

5) **Graduate Program Support Team (Two (2) Graduate Student Positions)**
Information regarding the two (2) vacancies on the Graduate Program Support Team was circulated via the GSA newsletter on 19 and 26 August 2022 with a nomination deadline of 31 August 2022. **Three (3) nominations were received; Pamela Kiassen and Heather Gray Lamm were elected.**

6) **Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry Faculty Council (Two (2) Graduate Student Positions)**

Information regarding the two (2) vacancies on the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry Faculty Council was circulated via email directly to Medicine and Dentistry students on 5 and 12 August 2022 with a nomination deadline of 17 August 2022. **One (1) nomination was received; Kaya Persad was elected. The remaining vacancy will be readvertised.**

**Addendum – Election of GSA NoC Chair**

As per GSA Bylaw and Policy, “two members (2) from amongst the five (5) voting members of the [GSA NoC] will be elected by the GSA NoC to serve as Chair and Vice-Chair for the duration of their time on the GSA NoC or until they resign their positions as Chair and Vice-Chair. The persons elected will be reported to GSA Council” (Section E.POL.5.3). On 11 August 2022, GSA NoC members were informed of the vacancy in the position of Chair and were invited to submit nominations for this position. One (1) nomination was received in advance of the deadline of 15 August 2022. As of 19 August 2022, GSA NoC members have elected *Elisabeth Widjaja (Agriculture, Food & Nutritional Science)* to serve as GSA NoC Chair.