GSA Nominating Committee  
Report to GSA Council for the 21 November 2022 Meeting

To: GSA Council  
From: Elisabeth Widjaja  
Date: 18 November 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) (Two (2) GSA Councillor Positions)**
Information regarding the positions for two (2) GSA Councillors was circulated via email to GSA Council on 4 and 10 November 2022 with a nomination deadline of 15 November 2022. **No nominations were received; this vacancy will be advertised again.**

2) **GSA Appeals and Complaints Board (GSA ACB) (Three (3) GSA Member Positions)**
Information regarding the positions for three (3) GSA members was circulated via GSA newsletter on 4 and 10 November 2022 with a nomination deadline of 15 November 2022. **Three (3) nominations were received; there will be an electronic vote (see Item 10a – Nominees for GSA Appeals and Complaints Board).**

3) **GSA Budget and Finance Committee (GSA BFC) (One (1) GSA Councillor Position)**
Information regarding the position for one (1) GSA Councillor was circulated via email to GSA Council on 4 and 10 November 2022 with a nomination deadline of 16 November 2022. **One nomination was received; there will be an electronic vote (see Item 10b – Nominee for GSA Budget and Finance Committee).**

4) **GSA Elections and Referenda Committee (GSA ERC) (One (1) GSA Councillor Position)**
Information regarding the position for one (1) GSA Councillor was circulated via email to GSA Council on 4 and 10 November 2022 with a nomination deadline of 16 November 2022. **No nominations were received; these vacancies will be advertised again.**

5) **GSA Governance Committee (GSA GC) (One (1) GSA Councillor Positions)**
Information regarding the position for one (1) GSA Councillor was circulated via email to GSA Council on 4 and 10 November 2022 with a nomination deadline of 16 November 2022. **No nominations were received; this vacancy will be advertised again.**

6) **GSA Board (GSAB) (One (1) GSA Councillor Position)**
Information regarding the position for one (1) GSA Councillor was circulated via email to GSA Council on 4 and 10 November 2022 with a nomination deadline of 16 November 2022. **No nominations were received; these vacancies will be advertised again.**

7) **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 on 4 and 10 November 2022 with a nomination deadline of 16 November 2022. **No nominations were received; there will be an electronic vote (see Item 10c – Nominee for GSA Board and GSA Nominating Committee (GSAB/NoC))**

GSA Officers

1) **GSA Senator (One (1) Position for a GSA Member)**
Information regarding this position for one (1) GSA member was circulated via the GSA newsletters of 4 and 10 November 2022 with a nomination deadline of 16 November 2022. **No nominations were received; this vacancy will be advertised again.**

2) **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 4 and 10 November 2022 with a nomination deadline of 16 November 2022. **No nominations were received; this vacancy will be advertised again.**
3) **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 4 and 10 November 2022 with a nomination deadline of 16 November 2022. **No nominations were received; this vacancy will be advertised again.**

**External Committees: Vacancies**

1) **Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Committee (Two (2) Graduate Student Positions)**

Information regarding the two (2) vacancies (two (2) Alternates) on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Committee was circulated via the GSA Newsletter graduate students on 21 and 28 October 2022, with a deadline of 2 November 2022. **One (1) nomination was received; Sumedha Vaishnavi Nallanthighal was elected. The remaining vacancy will be advertised again.**

2) **University of Alberta Museum Policy and Planning Committee (One (1) Graduate Student Positions)**

Information regarding the one (1) vacancy on the University of Alberta Museum Policy and Planning Committee was circulated via GSA Newsletter graduate students on 21 and 28 October 2022, with a deadline of 2 November 2022. **Three (3) nominations were received; Qi Wang was elected.**

**Addendums**

**Election of GSA ACB Chair**

As per GSA Bylaw and Policy, “Two (2) members from amongst the twelve (12) voting members of the GSA ACB will be elected, on the recommendation of the GSA NoC, by the GSA ACB to serve as Chair and Vice-Chair for a term of office, also recommended by the GSA NoC, not to exceed two (2) years. Members may stand for re-election as Chair or Vice-Chair.” (Section H.POL.7.5). On 31 October 2022, GSA ACB 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 7 November 2022. As of 10 November 2022, GSA ACB members have elected Laura Manerus (Science) to serve as GSA ACB Chair.

**Election of GSA ACB Vice-Chair**

As per GSA Bylaw and Policy, “Two (2) members from amongst the twelve (12) voting members of the GSA ACB will be elected, on the recommendation of the GSA NoC, by the GSA ACB to serve as Chair and Vice-Chair for a term of office, also recommended by the GSA NoC, not to exceed two (2) years. Members may stand for re-election as Chair or Vice-Chair.” (Section H.POL.7.5). On 31 October 2022, GSA ACB members were informed of the vacancy in the position of Vice-Chair and were invited to submit nominations for this position. One (1) nomination was received in advance of the deadline of 7 November 2022. As of 9 November 2022, GSA ACB members have elected Christina Saed (Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science) to serve as GSA ACB Vice-Chair.

**Election of GSA ERC Vice-Chair**

As per GSA Bylaw and Policy, “Two (2) members from amongst the six (6) voting members of the GSA ERC will be elected by the GSA ERC to serve as Chair and Vice-Chair for the duration of their time on the GSA ERC or until they resign their positions” (Section I.POL.16.4). On 10 November 2022, GSA ERC members were informed of the vacancy in the position of Vice-Chair and were invited to submit nominations for this position. Two (2) nominations were received in advance of the deadline of 9 November 2022. As of 15 November 2022, GSA ACB members have elected Devansh Patel (Agricultural, Food and Nutritional Science) to serve as GSA ERC Vice-Chair.