To: GSA Council  
From: Radim Barta  
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Dear GSA Council Colleagues,

The report from the 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,

Radim Barta, Chair of the GSA NoC

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**Early Call for Talent and Training**

GSA Bylaw and Policy states that “GSA NoC will be proactive in seeking out potential candidates for all Directly-Elected Officer (DEO) and Council-Elected Officer positions” (Section E: Nominating, GSA Policy, Nominating, Section E.POL.1.5). It also states that:

“The GSA NoC leads an annual initiative each October called the Early Call for Talent and Training. During Early Call, graduate students interested in running for elected office are invited to a get-to-know event and are encouraged to participate in a series of training sessions on such topics as University governance, GSA 101, budget and audit basics, collective bargaining, major GSA services, and more. Information is provided about the DEO portfolios and the time commitments involved. These sessions provide a basic set of information that the GSA sees as essential for the effective leadership of the GSA as a corporate entity and for the carrying out of fiduciary duties.” (Section E: Nominating, GSA Policy, Nominating, Section E.POL.7.7)

As part of the 2018 GSA Early Call for Talent and Training, we invited interested students to join us for the Early Call Coffee Wrap-Up on 5 December 2018. This new event provided an opportunity for those who had participated in the 2018 GSA Early Call for Talent and Training sessions, as well as any graduate students still interested in learning more about the GSA Directly-Elected Officer positions, to meet with current and previous GSA Directly-Elected Officers. We have also offered to schedule additional sessions for anyone that was not able to attend the Early Call sessions that ran throughout November.

Though the 2018 GSA Early Call for Talent and Training has now concluded, graduate students who are still interested in attending any of the sessions offered are encouraged to contact us at gsa.nomcomm@ualberta.ca and we would be happy to make alternate arrangements.

**GSA Standing Committees**

None to report at this time.
External Committees

1) **Faculty of Science Dean Selection Committee (One (1) Faculty of Science Graduate Student Position)**

As was reported at the 19 November 2018 GSA Council meeting, the Office of the Provost has struck a Dean Selection Committee for the Faculty of Science. The mechanism for electing one (1) graduate student from the Faculty of Science to the Faculty of Science Dean Selection Committee is as follows:

> “Each Departmental Graduate Student Association shall forward a name to the Graduate Students’ Association and the representative will be elected by the Graduate Students’ Association Council. If no Departmental Graduate Student Association exists or if no names are forwarded by the existing associations, the Graduate Students’ Association shall be responsible for forwarding a name to the Graduate Students’ Association Council for ratification” ([UAPPOL Faculty Deans Selection Procedure Appendix A: Dean Selection Committee for Individual Faculties](#)).

On 16 November 2018, the GSA emailed all departmental GSAs with a deadline of 20 November 2018 to inform the GSA Nominating Committee whether they would be using their own processes to elect their departmental nominee, or whether the GSA would be responsible for forwarding a name to the GSA Council. Of the four departments that did not indicate that they would facilitate the selection process (Department of Physics, Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, Department of Psychology, and Department of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences), all graduate students in these departments were invited to submit a nomination on 22 November 2018, with a second call being sent on 26 November 2018, with a deadline of 28 November 2018 at 12:00 PM. In consultation with the Faculty of Science, graduate students in the Masters in Internetworking Program (Computing Science) were also invited to submit a nomination, as this is a program offered by the Faculties of Engineering and Science through their Departments of Computing Science and Electrical and Computer Engineering. No nominations were received through this process. The GSA received two nominations (one from the Department of Biological Sciences and one from the Department of Computing Science). GSA Council was then sent an electronic vote to elect the representative for this committee. **Marc Waddingham (Biological Sciences)** was elected to serve on the Faculty of Science Dean Selection Committee.

Current Vacancies

1) **GSA Budget and Finance Committee (GSA BFC) (One (1) Graduate Student Position)**

A position for one (1) graduate student on the GSA BFC has recently become available. This vacancy will be advertised in January 2019.

2) **GSA Appeals and Complaints Board (GSA ACB) (One (1) Departmental Councillor Position)**

The position for one (1) Departmental Councillor on the GSA ACB was last circulated in advance of the November 2018 meeting of GSA Council but no nominations were received. This vacancy will be advertised again in January 2019.