GSA Nominating Committee  
Report to GSA Council for the 20 January 2020 Meeting

To: GSA Council  
From: Radim Barta  
Date: 17 January 2020

Dear GSA 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,

Radim Barta, Chair of the GSA NoC

Memorandum to GSA Councillors

As GSA Council members have been informed on several occasions this term, there are a number of vacancies on GSA Standing Committees for GSA Councillors (Departmental Councillors and Councillors-at-Large). These positions play a pivotal role in the GSA’s ongoing efforts to keep its processes transparent and itself accountable, since GSA Councillors on these committees help maintain clear and consistent connection between GSA Council and GSA Standing Committees. Long-term vacancies, such as the ones currently existing on the GSA Elections and Referenda Committee (GSA ERC), the GSA Budget and Finance Committee (GSA BFC), and the GSA Governance Committee (GSA GC), adversely impact these efforts.

It is important to note that the time commitment for each of these committees varies greatly. While the GSA ERC meets regularly throughout the year (with a busy period during October and March), the GSA BFC meets only 3-4 times a year. Meanwhile, the GSA GC usually meets electronically on an as needed basis to conduct its work. Furthermore, with no set membership terms, members can serve on these committees as briefly as they must or as long as they wish.

New members are provided with as much training as they require in addition to the ongoing support provided by GSA management and staff to the GSA Standing Committees and their members. These commitments are also a great opportunity to add to your CV/resume.

On behalf of the GSA NoC, GSA NoC Chair Radim Barta strongly encourages GSA Councillors to consider the next round of vacancies, which will be circulated to GSA Council via email on 7 February 2020. Questions can be directed to GSA NoC Chair Radim Barta at radim@ualberta.ca or GSA Elections Coordinator Monica Brzak at gsanomco@ualberta.ca.
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GSA Standing Committees

1) **GSA Governance Committee (GSA GC) (Two (2) GSA Councillor Positions)**
Information regarding the positions for two (2) GSA Councillors was circulated via email to GSA Council on 20 December 2019 and 9 January 2020 with a nomination deadline of 15 January 2020. Two (2) nominations were received. There will be a paper ballot vote. **See Item 8a – Nominee for GSA GC.**

2) **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 20 December 2019 and 9 January 2020 with a nomination deadline of 15 January 2020. No nominations were received. This position will be advertised again.

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 20 December 2019 and 9 January 2020 with a nomination deadline of 15 January 2020. No nominations were received. These positions will be advertised again.

4) **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 20 December 2019 and 9 January 2020 with a nomination deadline of 14 January 2020. One (1) nomination was received. The nominee was then interviewed by GSA Vice-Chair Kenzie Gordon and GSA NoC member Damandeep Singh. Both have been trained in procedural fairness by the GSA and have a record of demonstrating impartiality through their work on the GSA NoC. A member of GSA management was also present for the interview. During the interview, the nominee was asked a series of questions aimed at assessing their awareness of the basic tenets of procedural fairness and their ability to adjudicate potential cases in accord with those tenets (note as well that all individuals elected to the GSA ACB receive training in procedural fairness). There will be a paper ballot vote. **See Item 8 – Nominee for GSA ACB.**

5) **GSA Appeals and Complaints Board (GSA ACB) (Four (4) GSA Member Positions)**
Information regarding the positions for four (4) GSA members was circulated via the GSA newsletters of 20 December 2019 and 10 January 2020 with a nomination deadline of 14 January 2020. No nominations were received. These positions will be advertised again. One (1) nomination was received. The nominee was then interviewed by GSA Chair Radim Barta who has been trained in procedural fairness by the GSA and has a record of demonstrating impartiality through their work on the GSA NoC. A member of GSA management was also present for the interview. During the interview, the nominee was asked a series of questions aimed at assessing their awareness of the basic tenets of procedural fairness and their ability to adjudicate potential cases in accord with those tenets (note as well that all individuals elected to the GSA ACB receive training in procedural fairness). There will be a paper ballot vote. **See Item 8 – Nominee for GSA ACB.**

External Committees

1) **Community Connections Awards Committee (One (1) Graduate Student Position)**
Information regarding the position for one (1) graduate student was circulated via the GSA newsletters of 20 December 2019 and 10 January 2020 with a nomination deadline of 15 January 2020. No nominations were received.

2) **Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund (TLEF) Selection Committee (One (1) Graduate Student Position)**
Information regarding the position for one (1) graduate student was circulated via the GSA newsletters of 20 December 2019 and 10 January 2020 with a nomination deadline of 13 January 2020. One (1) nomination was received. **Charlotte Brown (Biological Sciences)** was elected to serve on the TLEF Selection Committee.
Current Vacancies

1) **Images of Research (IOR) Adjudication Panel (One (1) Graduate Student Position)**
   Information regarding the position for one (1) member was circulated via the GSA newsletters of 20 December 2019 and 10 January 2020 with a nomination deadline of 20 January 2020.

2) **Faculty of Arts Health and Safety Committee (One (1) Faculty of Arts Graduate Student Position)**
   Information regarding the position for one (1) Faculty of Arts graduate student was circulated via email on 15 January 2020 with a nomination deadline of 24 January 2020.

3) **Faculty of Arts Teaching Awards Committee (One (1) Faculty of Arts Graduate Student Position)**
   Information regarding the position for one (1) Faculty of Arts graduate student was circulated via email on 15 January 2020 with a nomination deadline of 24 January 2020.