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

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

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,

Radim Barta, Chair of the GSA NoC

Memorandum to GSA Councillors

There are a number of vacancies, both currently being advertised and which will be advertised in the coming weeks, 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 adversely impact these efforts and so GSA Council members are encouraged to consider serving on these committees when vacancies are advertised to you.

It is important to note that the time commitment for each of 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 most of their work over email. 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 electronically. Questions can be directed to GSA NoC Chair Radim Barta at radim@ualberta.ca or GSA Elections Coordinator Monica Brzak at gsa.nomcomm@ualberta.ca.
GSA Standing Committees

1) 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 3 April 2020 and 9 April 2020 with a nomination deadline of 15 April 2020. **No nominations were received; this vacancy will be advertised again.**

GSA Officers

1) GSA Councillors-at-Large (CALs) (Seven (7) Positions)
   Information regarding the positions for seven (7) GSA members was circulated via the GSA newsletter on 3 April 2020 and 9 April 2020 with a nomination deadline of 15 April 2020. **Six (6) nominations were received; there will be an electronic vote (see Item 9 – Nominees for GSA CALs) and the remaining vacancy will be advertised again.**

External Committees

1) General Faculties Council (GFC) (Nine (9) Graduate Student Positions)
   Information regarding the positions for fourteen (14) graduate students was circulated via the GSA newsletter on 13 and 20 March 2020 with a nomination deadline of 25 March 2020. **Five (5) nominations were received and the GSA NoC voted on the nominees on 26 March 2020.** Information regarding the remaining positions for nine (9) graduate students was circulated via the GSA newsletter on 27 March 2020, 3 April, and 9 April with a nomination deadline of 15 April 2020. **Ten (10) nominations were received and the GSA NoC voted on the nominees on 17 April 2020.**