Information regarding the position for one (1) Departmental Councillor was circulated on two (2) instances via email to GSA Council with a deadline of 9 October 2018. One (1) nomination was received. The nominee was then interviewed by GSA NoC Vice-Chair Kenzie Gordon and GSA NoC member Dylan Ashley, both of whom have been trained in procedural fairness by the GSA and have a record of demonstrating impartiality through their work on the GSA NoC. GSA Associate Director Julie Tanguay 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 held at the 15 October 2018 GSA Council meeting.

If you and your alternate are unable to attend the 15 October 2018, meeting of GSA Council and would like to cast an electronic vote for this position, you must contact the GSA Nominating Committee Coordinator (gsa.nomcomm@ualberta.ca) BEFORE 3:00 PM on Monday 15 October 2018 in order to cast your vote in advance of the GSA Council meeting.

GSA ACB Election by GSA Council: GSA Nominating Committee Procedures

Nominees for this position are listed in alphabetical order by last name and will be presented in reverse alphabetical order on the ballot.

1. Samantha Wesch (Women and Gender Studies)

The Ballot
- There will be one ballot with candidates listed in reverse alphabetical order.
- For each candidate, there will be a “yes” box and a “no” box.

Voting
- The voter ticks one box per candidate, or abstains by not voting for a particular candidate (both boxes are left empty).

Counting
- If a candidate has more “no” votes than “yes” votes, the candidate is eliminated.
- If after the elimination round, there are fewer candidate(s) or an equal number of candidates as there are positions, the candidate(s) with at least one “yes” vote is/are successful.
- If after the elimination round, there are more candidates than positions, the candidates with the highest number of “yes” votes, equivalent to the number of positions, are the successful candidates.
- If, after the elimination round, there is a tie for last place in the number of “yes” votes, the candidate with the fewest number of “no” votes is successful. If the tied vote has the same number of both “yes” and “no” votes, the Speaker will draw one (1) name from a hat.

Jurisdiction:

Section H: Performance, Conduct, Responsibilities, and Attendance, and the GSA Appeals and Complaints Board, GSA Policy, GSA Standing Committees, GSA Appeals and Complaints Board, GSA Policy, GSA Standing Committees, GSA Appeals and Complaints Board, Section H.POL.8.1.b
“Four (4) Departmental Councillors, alternates, or recent former Departmental Councillors, elected by GSA Council as voting members.”

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“The GSA NoC will interview all nominees to the GSA ACB and forward selected nominees to GSA Council.”

The name and biography received for the one (1) nominee is BELOW on pages 11.7 - 11.8. The biography and brief resume is presented as received (ie not edited).
Nomination for GSA Appeals and Complaints Board (GSA ACB)  
(1 Vacancy for a GSA Councillor/Alternate)  
One (1) Nominee

1. Samantha Wesch

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<th>Other governance bodies you currently serve on (whether GSA or UAlberta)</th>
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Statement of Interest

My education in ethics and women’s studies will help me to be able to remain neutral, act impartially, and think independently when evaluating appeals and complaints submitted to the board. Studying ethics has taught me to think analytically and to be confident in my own decision making. My education in women’s studies will help me apply my understanding of intersectionality and implicit bias into making decisions and evaluating the appeals and complaints. My education and work experience has made me confident in my abilities to withhold assumptions, be conscious of my own implicit bias and strategies to resist these problematic assumptions, and to think through complicated decision-making processes.

Bio

I was born in Calgary in 1994 and grew up in British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan, and moved to Edmonton in 2012. After I completed a BA (hons) in Philosophy specializing in Ethics at the University of Alberta, I studied at the University of Toronto and obtained an MA in Philosophy specializing in Ethics. I then returned to Edmonton and began working towards an MA in Gender and Social Justice. While in my undergrad, I became involved in research, earning a Roger S. Smith Research Award for my work on ethics and representations of the Holocaust (which was recently published in Feminist Philosophy Quarterly). I acted as an Arts Advisor on the Undergraduate Research Initiative’s (URI) journal *Spectrum* and mentored other undergraduates interested in research in the Humanities and Social Sciences. While at the University of Toronto, I was a Graduate Associate with the Centre for Ethics and a member of the University’s Women’s Caucus. Since returning to Edmonton, I have contributed regularly to Open Court’s Philosophy and Popular Culture Series as well as worked as a research assistant on a SSCHR funded project with Dr Michelle Meagher and on an international conference on the recent “Hypatia Controversy” and the ethics of responding to controversy with Dr Chloe Taylor.
I am a subject matter expert on gender-based violence. Currently, I work as a contract research for the Alberta Council of Women’s Shelters (ACWS) as the primary research for their #LiftHerUp Campaign, aimed at addressing violence against women involved in Alberta politics. I also work in the Violence Against Women and Girls Unit at the Ministry of the Status of Women within the Government of Alberta. I am currently the primary organizer of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence and a supporting organizer of the UN Women Safe Cities Global Forum. I was awarded a CGS-Masters scholarship and Walter H. Johns Research Fellowship for my current research on Eminem and white working-class masculinity in the Trump era.

My hobbies include long distance running, dance, camping, writing fiction and creative nonfiction. I am passionate about ending homelessness, food insecurity, and violence against women and girls, having volunteered with the Campus Foodbank and the Women’s Emergency Accommodation Centre.

Summary Resume

I am a second-year MA student in Gender and Social Justice currently working on a thesis exploring the relationship between domestic violence and white working-class masculinity through a focus cultural significance of the rap artist Eminem. I work with Dr Michelle Meagher, a Cultural Studies Theorist with an expertise in Class Studies. I currently work as a research specializing in gender-based violence for both the Alberta Council of Women Shelters and the Violence against Women and Girls Unit in the Ministry of the Status of Women. I have published on the history of ethics, representation of the Holocaust and the uses of humour to resist violence against women in politics. I am free at the time of this committee.