

**GSA Nominating Committee  
Report to GSA Council for the 20 November 2023 Meeting**

To: GSA Council  
From: Violet Sun  
Date: 17 November 2023

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 email.

Sincerely,  
Violet Sun, 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 [qiuyu@ualberta.ca](mailto:qiuyu@ualberta.ca) or GSA Elections Coordinator Monica Brzak at [gsanomco@ualberta.ca](mailto:gsanomco@ualberta.ca).

### GSA Standing Committees

**1) GSA Appeals and Complaints Board (GSA ACB (Two (2) Councillor Positions)**

Information regarding the positions for two (2) GSA Councillors was circulated via email on 3 and 9 November 2023 with a nomination deadline of 14 November 2023. **No nominations were received; these vacancies will be advertised again.**

**2) GSA Appeals and Complaints Board (GSA ACB (Two (2) Position Renewal)**

Information regarding the positions for two (2) position renewals was circulated via email on 3 and 9 November 2023 with a nomination deadline of 14 November 2023. **Two (2) nominations were received; there will be a paper ballot vote (see Item 12 - Nominees for Renewal of Positions on the GSA Appeals and Complaints Board)**

**3) GSA Awards Selection Committee (GSA ASC) (Seven (7) GSA Member Positions)**

Information regarding the seven (7) vacancies for GSA members was circulated in the GSA newsletter of 3 and 9 November 2023 with a nomination deadline of 15 November 2023. **No nominations were received; these vacancies will be advertised again.**

**4) GSA Elections and Referenda Committee (GSA ERC) (Two (2) Member Positions)**

Information regarding the two (2) vacancies for GSA members was circulated in the GSA newsletter of 3 and 9 November 2023 with a nomination deadline of 15 November 2023. **No nominations were received; these vacancies will be advertised again.**

**5) GSA Board and GSA Nominating Committee (GSAB/NoC) (One (1) Joint GSA Councillor Positions)**

Information regarding the position for one (1) GSA Councillors has been circulated via email to GSA Council many times. **No nominations were received; this vacancy will be advertised again.**

### External Committees

**1) Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Committee (Seven (7) Graduate Student Positions)**

Information regarding the seven (7) vacancies (one (1) Councillors and five (5) Alternates) on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Committee was circulated via the GSA Newsletter graduate students on 3 and 9 November 2023 with a nomination deadline of 14 November 2023. **Five (5) nominations were received for the one (1) Councilor positions: Warda Javed were elected; one (1) nomination was received for the five (5) Alternate positions, as well those nominations received and not elected as Councilors were nominated to serve as Alternates: Shohel Ahmed; Gary Godinho, Richard Ngyuyen, Sandeep Singh Parmar, and Inara Shah were elected.**

### Addendums

**Election of GSA NoC Vice-Chair**

As per GSA Bylaw and Policy, "Two (2) members from amongst the five (5) voting members of the GSA NoC will be elected by the GSA NoC to serve as Chair and Vice-Chair for the duration of their time on the GSA NoC or until they resign their positions as Chair and Vice-Chair. The members elected will be reported to GSA Council." (E.POL.5.3). On 1 November 2023, GSA NoC 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 15 November 2023. As of 16 November 2023, GSA NoC members have elected Arseniy Belosokhov to serve as GSA NoC Vice-Chair.