UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE
REPORT FOR INFORMATION

PRESENTED BY: Vicki Squires, chair, Nominations Committee

DATE OF MEETING: June 18, 2020

SUBJECT: Annual Committee Report

COUNCIL ACTION: For Information Only

SUMMARY:

Thank you for this opportunity to share with all members of University Council the work that the Nominations Committee has undertaken this year. The responsibilities of Nominations Committee include:

1. Nominating members of the General Academic Assembly and Council to serve on all standing and special committees of Council, other than the Nominations Committee, and nominating the Chairs of these committees.
2. Nominating members of Council to serve on other committees on which Council representation has been requested.
3. Nominating individuals to serve as Chair and/or Vice Chair of Council, or as members of Council, as required, in accordance with the Bylaws.
4. Nominating Sessional Lecturers to Council Committees as required.
5. Nominating members of Council to serve on student academic hearing and appeals panels as set out in Sections 61(2) of the University of Saskatchewan Act 1995.
6. Nominating eligible members of the General Academic Assembly to serve on appeal and review committees as required by the Collective Agreement with the University of Saskatchewan Faculty Association.
7. Nominating individuals to serve on the search and review committees for senior administrators.
8. Advising the University Secretary on matters relating to Council elections.

The Nominations Committee has met throughout the year to fill vacancies as they arose on the academic committees of University Council and on the collective agreement committees. Although our work occurred throughout the year, we were especially busy, meeting multiple times in April and May to fill vacancies caused by
the end of terms on committees and impacted by the spring 2020 University Council elections. This year was also very busy with nominating faculty members to serve on search committees and review committees for senior leadership positions on campus. During our work this year, we discovered that there is an incongruence in the Council bylaws; the governance committee is going to undertake to address the conflict in bylaws next year.

Fulfilling the responsibilities of this committee would not be possible without the dedication and thoughtful considerations of the committee members: Eric Lamb (vice chair), Paul Jones, Kara Somerville, Greg Wurzer, Roy Dobson, Rachel Engler-Stringer, Stephen Urquhart, and Phil Woods. Thank you to our administrative support from the University Secretary’s office, Jacquie Thomarat and Michelle Kjargaard. Your attention to detail and your phenomenal organizational skills were deeply appreciated, especially when there were time constraints for responding to requests for nominations.

I have enjoyed working with such a dedicated team and with the chairs of the academic committees of Council through the Coordinating Council Chairs group. The commitment of this group to the success of this university is truly evident in our day to day work.