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**Name of Nominee: \_**Paul Andrews, Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour

I am an associate professor in the Department of Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour and a member of the Senate. My research focuses on the evolution of depression, and I have a broad background (aerospace engineering, law, biology, and psychiatric genetics) that helps me appreciate the diverse faculty interests across campus. I have served on the McMaster Senate for the last 3 years. I am also currently serving as the President of MUFA.

I am seeking re-election to the Senate to continue my work in protecting the foundations of collegial governance and advancing the academic mission of the university. The issues that I have been heavily involved in include the following:

* Protecting freedom of expression and academic freedom.
* Documenting the growth of the bureaucracy at McMaster and how it threatens the mission of the university and collegial governance.
* Understanding factors that affect faculty working conditions and the quality of the teaching environment, such as the student-to-faculty ratio.
* I have become increasingly interested in information technology governance issues, as exemplified by the recent data storage limitations.

Additionally, I have investigated the historical origins of the McMaster Senate’s power to “control and regulate the system of education”, which is broader than the prototypical senate’s authority over “educational policy.” Because elected faculty are the largest constituency of the Senate, this unique power provides McMaster faculty with an important tool for collegial governance. I authored a report on these issues that was published on MUFA’s website.

Democratic principles have historically been crucial to the advancement of civil rights for women, people of color, the LGBTQ+ community, and Indigenous peoples. I will defend collegial governance, freedom of expression, and other democratic principles on campus, and I will push for transparency and accountability among administrative and governing bodies at McMaster.