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**Name of Nominee: \_**Ayesha Khan

I am delighted to put forward my name to fill the vacancy at Undergraduate Council. As a teaching professor in her 12th year at the university, I can offer expertise on the undergraduate experience and speak to the faculty's experience in managing policies around teaching and learning. I am also eager to learn from my colleagues across faculties and collaborate on reviewing and shaping policies that better support our undergraduate community.

Due to a cross-appointment in the School of Interdisciplinary Science (SIS) and the Department of Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour, I have been in the position to interact with students with a range of backgrounds, academic standings, and those outside of the Faculty of Science. More of our students are working full-time jobs, commuting from far-away locations, experiencing issues with housing affordability, dealing with significant mental health concerns, and expecting flexibility in their education. I am eager to engage in discussions that consider such challenges in reviewing and revising our undergraduate policies.

Through my pedagogical research, I have collaborated with a multi-institutional and interdisciplinary team to study the impact of institutional health promotion strategies, such as a week-long break from academic commitments during the Fall Break, on perceptions of student stress. I have also held administrative positions at SIS, such as the Life Sciences Coordinator and Associate Director of Curriculum and Pedagogy.

If elected, I look forward to contributing my experience to engaging in policy discussions that address the changing landscape of higher education as it relates to McMaster University. I am particularly interested in advocating for policy change that better supports students, instructional staff and faculty in managing the increasing number of students requiring accommodations, requesting extensions, and navigating the associated rise in faculty workload due to time spent on related administrative tasks.