



The Senate of York University

Meeting Synopsis (Expanded)

The 647th Meeting of Senate held on Thursday, June 14, 2018 and Record of the E-Vote Conducted from June 21 to June 29

Senate Executive held a special meeting on June 19, 2018 to determine the status of items not dealt with at the June 14 Senate meeting due to an early adjournment. The Committee authorized an e-vote on motions from three committees. Committee information items were deemed to have been received by Senate.

Remarks (Previously Reported)

In her final meeting as the Chair of Senate, Professor Lesley Beagrie, paid tribute to all those responsible for another productive year in collegial governance: Senators, Senate committee and Faculty Council chairs, members and secretaries, and the staff of the University Secretariat. She expressed heartfelt gratitude for having the opportunity to serve as Chair and pride at having met and worked with faculty members, student and staff throughout the University. She wished all Senators well, and encouraged them to attend Convocation ceremonies to join with families and friends to celebrate graduating students.

In addition to her monthly Kudos Report, posted with the agenda, President Rhonda Lenton highlighted the following:

- Board appointment of new Deans for the Faculty of Environmental Studies and the Lassonde School of Engineering (along with her appreciation that Interim Deans had agreed to stay on until their arrival), and the expectation that recommendations will be made soon for the positions of Provost, Deputy Provost Markham and Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies
- opportunities for York to partner with the organizers of the winning 2026 FIFA World Cup United North American bid in ways that showcase the University, Keele campus athletic facilities and student athletes
- the acknowledgement of National Indigenous Peoples Day in Spring Convocation ceremonies, which will also feature another banner crop of honorary degree recipients and those who have been earned prestigious awards for faculty members and students
- changes to the President's Research Awards program, including expansion and refinements to the Emerging Research Leadership Award and the addition of a new Research Impact category
- sobering preliminary enrolment data and efforts to mitigate the impact of the strike on acceptances and retention
- efforts to position York in a positive light as a new government takes office at Queen's Park, where 18 MPPs have a York affiliation

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Approvals at the June 14 Meeting (Previously Reported)

Senate approved a recommendation of the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee to revise degree requirements for the IMBA Program by adding the option for students to enrol on a part-time basis in terms 4 and 5, broaden the standard for the second language proficiency exit requirement, increase the number of elective credits from 21 to 24 and effect minor changes to required courses.

On a recommendation of the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee Senate, approved a temporary adjustment of the *Senate Policy on Organized Research Units* reviews such that, for the next two review cycles, clause 5 (Nature and Duration of Charters) will be applied to permit a re-sequencing of charter reviews with the consequence that certain charters will be extended. The list of ORUs for which extensions have been authorized can be found in the Committee's report.

E-Vote Results

On a recommendation from the Executive Committee, Senate elected Professor Alison Macpherson of the Faculty of Health as the Vice-Chair of Senate from July 1, 2018 to December 31, 2019 and as Chair of Senate from January 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

On recommendations from the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee, Senate approved the first offerings at the Markham Centre Campus:

- Master of Science degree program in Management Practice, anchored in the School of Administrative Studies, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, pending approval to commence by the Quality Council
- Graduate Diploma in Management (Type 3¹) anchored in the School of Administrative Studies, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, effective F/W 2021-2022

Senate approved recommendations of the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee to charter the following Organized Research Units for five-year terms beginning July 1, 2018:

- Global Labour Research Centre (renewed charter)
- Risk and Insurance Studies Centre (first charter)
- Sensorium (renewed charter)

Committee Information Items

Senate Executive reported on the following matters:

¹ A diploma offered as a stand-alone, direct-entry program, generally developed by a unit already offering a related Masters or Doctoral degree, and designed to meet the needs of a clientele or market.

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- actions taken by the Committee prior to and since the outset of the disruption that began on March 5
- a commentary on Inquiries and Communications, statements and points of order in response to questions posed in May about Senate proceedings
- the results of votes to elect the Academic Colleague to the Council of Ontario Universities and the contract faculty member of ASCP
- a consolidated report on actions taken by Senate in 2017-2018
- Senate attendance for the regular and special meetings held from September 2017 to May 2018
- the Committee's conclusion that rules instituted by Glendon Faculty Council to establish the electorate for faculty member Senator elections were consistent with principles of collegial governance and practices elsewhere at the University.
- the timing of the annual survey of Senators and Senate committee members

Awards

The Awards Committee reported on recipients of prestigious awards for graduating students for 2017-2018:

Governor-General's Gold Medals

Miranda Di Lorenzo, Graduate Program in Psychology
Tamas Nagypal, Graduate Program in Cinema & Media Studies
Rebecca Hall, Graduate Program in Political Science

The Murray G. Ross Award

Antonnia Kiana Blake, BA Hons, *Summa Cum Laude*, Criminology and Human Rights and Equity Studies, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies

Academic Policy, Planning and Research

APPRC conveyed the spring report on the budget context for academic planning provided by Vice-President Finance and Administration Carol McAulay and Provost Lisa Philipps. It also noted that it had requested and received additional information about student / faculty ratios, and will share details with Senate after discussing the data with the Provost. The Committee also informed Senate of the following:

- a May 31 meeting with Librarians and Archivists as part of an ongoing initiative aimed at developing "incomparable metrics" (and the suggestion that a presentation be scheduled for Senate in the autumn)

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- that status of processes following on Senate's approval in principle (June 17) of a new Faculty comprising the Faculty of Environmental Studies, the Department of Geography (LA&PS) and potentially other departmental units or programs
- an update on Markham Centre Campus Planning, which was one topic discussed at a joint meeting of APPRC and ASCP on May 31 ORU Sub-Committee Report
- as reported by the Sub-Committee on ORUs, the voluntary withdrawal from its charter by the York Centre for Field Robotics (YCFR); a delay in the pre-chartering review of the Centre for Feminist Research at York pending the appointment of a new Director; and a review of the grants attributed to each ORU in the context of ensuring that an appropriate share of indirect costs of research is assigned to the centres and institutes
- annual reports of APPRC sub-committees supported by the VPRI Office
- progress made on priorities for 2017-2018

Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy

ASCP provided a mapping of activities in the 2015-2018 period (both curriculum approvals and policy initiatives) to University Academic Plan priorities and their constituent objectives. The Committee also advised that it had approved a minor change to requirements for the Graduate Diploma in German and European Studies.

Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee / Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy

In a joint report, APPRC and ASCP tabled the most recent report of the Joint Sub-Committee on Quality Assurance together with the Annual Report on Non-Degree Studies prepared by the Vice-Provost Academic.

Summer Authority

Senate rules invest summer authority in the Executive Committee from the regular meeting in June to the regular meeting in September. The *Senate Policy on the Academic Implications of Disruptions or Cessations of University Business Due to Labour Disputes or Other Causes* remains in effect so long as the strike by CUPE 3903 continues, and it may be necessary for the Executive Committee to consult with Senate during the interim. The precise form of such consultation will be considered by the Executive Committee as necessary.

For more information on the June 14 meeting, see the documents posted on the Senate meeting site at

<http://secretariat.info.yorku.ca/senate/meeting-agendas-and-synopses/>

September Meeting of Senate

The next regular meeting of Senate is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on

Thursday, September 27, 2018