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- v. The secretary has written to Senators who have been absent from 3 consecutive meetings.
- c. ASCP reported that a standard process for occurrences when classes are postponed multiple times on the same weekday is under development.
  - i. It has approved the following changes in degree requirements originating with Faculties
    - 1) Faculty of LA&PS (BA programs in Criminology)
    - 2) Faculty of FGS (Master of Environmental Studies and MSc and PhD programs in Chemistry).
    - 3) Faculty of Health (BscN programs)
- d. Awards Committee
  - a. Recipients of the President's University-wide Teaching Awards were announced and lauded by senators.
    - i. Full-Time Senior Faculty: Norma Sue Fisher-Stitt, Dance, Faculty of Fine Arts
    - ii. Full-Time Faculty: Tamara Kelly, Biology, Faculty of Science.
    - iii. Contract and Adjunct Faculty: Isha DeCoito, Faculty of Education.
    - iv. Teaching Assistant: Yael C.B. Machtinger, Social Science, Faculty of LA&PS and Rehanna Siew-Sarju, Sociology, Faculty of LA&PS.
- e. Academic Policy and Planning
  - b. (6.3) The annual meetings with Deans to discuss challenges they are facing in the current academic environment will result in a report to Senate in April or May.
  - c. SMA: Every university in Ontario has been asked to engage in this exercise and to do so within very strict time-frame. The Provost has made some changes in response to some of the Senate-L comments including: York's long-established strengths in the Liberal Arts including its commitment to General Education and to ensuring students have the necessary skills for "fostering social and economic development and serving the needs of the economy and labour market;" the fact that York is known for its highly-ranked professional programs such as in Business and law; the fact that a number of York departments are ranks above the top 50; our strong reputation related to our language programs through Glendon. Several suggestions were made for changes in the document including the representation of LA&PS in the areas of social justice and internationalization. Senators were encouraged to send their thoughts and suggestions to Marla Chodak or Sarah Cantrell.

**6. Adjournment: 4:30**

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## Written Report of the Representative on Senate

**April 2014**

Report on the April 24, 2014 Meeting of the York University Senate  
Submitted by Heather Campbell (LA&PS Representative on Senate)

### 1. Chair's Remarks (Roxanne Mykitiuk):

- Roxanne Mykitiuk warmly congratulated members on the successful completion on the term.
- Senate Executive met with the Board of Governors to discuss the bid for a new campus. The presentation they heard will be presented at this meeting of Senate, followed by discussion in Committee of the Whole.

2. **Minutes:** Motion that the Minutes of the Meeting of March 27, 2014 be approved. Moved by Susan Dimock, seconded by Christopher Innes. Carried.

3. **Business Arising from the Minutes:** none.

### 4. Inquiries and Communications

#### 4.1 Academic Colleague to the Council of Ontario Universities (P. Axelrod; COU Update online)

Paul Axelrod's report focused on the following points:

- The Strategic Mandate Agreement, which is a substantial part of the meeting's agenda.
- The proposal that the Ontario Education Number be adopted for university students. This is the number that is attached to students in the Ontario school system for the entire careers in that system. The COU has expressed concern that if it were attached to university students it would give the MCTU the power to access a great deal of personal information about individual students.
- At the COU meeting at Lakehead University there was discussion of the proposed Centre for Excellence in Online Teaching. Questions were raised about the potential loss to individual institutions of large junior classes, which fund smaller upper year classes; the maintenance of autonomy and academic integrity; and issues of logistics, revenue sharing and feasibility.

### 5. President's Items (M. Shoukri):

President Shoukri's remarks covered the following:

- Reminder that Convocation will take place in the second week of June, and strong faculty attendance is desirable.
- At the Earth Day event, 22 April 2014, the inaugural President's Sustainability Leadership Awards were presented. York was named one of the greenest employers in both 2013 and 2014. The President thanked Professor Ilan Kapoor for his leadership on the President's Sustainability Council.
- Appointments include Professor Donald Ipperciel from the University of Alberta as the new Principal of Glendon and Barbara Crow as the new Dean of FGS. The President thanked Principal McRoberts and University Secretary and Counsel Harriet Lewis for their service to York.

- The Strategic Mandate Agreement document is now ready for submission to the MCTU, and can be accessed via a link on the Provost's web page: <http://vpap.info.yorku.ca/>
- Glendon has been awarded \$1.5m by the MCTU for the development of new programmes, with additional funds for faculty and staff appointments and a feasibility study.
- The MCTU issued the call for proposals for a new campus on 27 March 2015. The closing date for Notices of Intent is 27 June 2014 and the closing date for submissions is 26 September 2014.

## **6. Committee Reports**

### **6.1 Executive (A. Asif):**

#### 6.1.1 Nominees for Election to Senate Committees

Motion: that nominations for the non-designated seats on the Promotion and Tenure Appeals Committee be closed. Moved by Amir Asif, seconded by Rhonda Lenton. Carried. Professor Livy Visano (Equity Studies, LA&PS) and Professor Marcela Porporato, (Administrative Studies, LA&PS) were acclaimed to the Tenure and Promotions Appeals Committee.

### **6.2 Academic Policy, Planning and Research (P. Axelrod):**

6.2.1 APPRC moved that the Faculty of Fine Arts be renamed the School of the Arts, Media, Performance and Design (Appendix A, p.6) Seconded by Robert Hâché. Carried.

6.2.2 APPRC moved the endorsement of the University's engagement in a process leading to a bid for a new campus in York Region (Appendix B, p.10 )

Senate moved into Committee of the Whole to discuss the bid for a new campus. The Provost's presentation concerned York's recent failure to achieve its market share of enrolments; evidence of a need for a campus located in York Region, which is growing rapidly; the importance of support from local businesses, GTHA Transit accessibility, support, including money and land, from the host community and the potential for leverage from private sector resources. She observed that there is significant local interest in such a campus, that although York's relationship with Seneca College would be a strong factor in favour of York's bid, the campus would not be a joint campus with Seneca, and that there is the risk that another institution will open a campus in York Region, further affecting York's market share of enrolments. Several communities have submitted proposals to York, and a choice will be announced in late May or early June. Several committees are already at work on such areas as curriculum development. Enrolment is projected as 1,000 students initially, rising to 5,000 within 5 years and ultimately c. 20,000.

Discussion covered such areas as the relationship between the Keele campus and the new campus in terms of programme duplication or extension; the implications for faculty complement renewal at Keele; the relative costs and benefits of expanding; and the status of the new campus relative to Keele, in which the parallel between the University of Toronto's St. George, Erindale and Scarborough campuses was considered. The Provost noted that the new campus would not be a miniature version of the Keele campus; that it would not be designated as a new faculty, although a new Vice President would be appointed to oversee it, and that it was anticipated that it would be financially self-sustaining.

Senate moved out of Committee of the Whole to vote on the motion, which carried.

### **6.3 Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy (L. Sanders):**

6.3.1 ASCAP moved the restructuring of Concurrent and Consecutive Bachelor of Education Degree Programs (Appendix A, p.21). Seconded by Ron Owston. Carried.

**6.4 Awards (D. Leyton Brown; Appendices online)**

David Leyton Brown reported that outstanding nominations for the University-Wide Teaching Awards have been received, and a decision will be announced at the next meeting of Senate.

**7. Other Business: none.**

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