

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

**65<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Faculty Council  
Thursday October 12, 2017  
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Senate Chamber, N940 Ross**

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**2017- 2018 Liberal Arts & Professional Studies Faculty Council Meetings are normally on the second Thursday of the month at 3:00pm in the Senate Chamber, N940 Ross.**

November 9, 2017  
December 21, 2017\*  
January 11, 2018  
February 8, 2018  
March 8, 2018  
April 12, 2018  
May 10, 2018  
June 7, 2018\*\*

\*The December meeting of Council will take place on the third Thursday due to a scheduling conflict.

\*\*The June meeting of Council will take place on the first Thursday due to a scheduling conflict. Please note this meeting will take place in the Harry Crowe Room, 109 Atkinson.

**York University  
Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies  
LA&PS Faculty Council**

Senate Chamber  
Minutes of the 64<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Council  
September 14, 2017

T. Abbruzzese, T. Abdullah, C. Alipio, J. Berland, K. Bird, K. Blake, S. Bohn, H. Campbell, G. Colby, M. Cortes, A. Daley, N. Dhillon, Z. DiFranco, D. Doorey, K. Doyle, C. Dumont, A. Duncan, J. Edmondson, P. Evans, I. Ferrara, S. Frederiksen, A. Glasbeek, L. Gonder, R. Grinspun, M. Gullusci, M. Harper, T. Hudson, P. Idahosa, J. Judge, E. Karpinski, R. Kenedy, P. Khaiteh, M. Khalidi, S. Kheraj, R. Latham, D. Leyton-Brown, J. Li, S. Liaskos, A. MacLachlan, M. Martel, J. McMurtry, K. McPherson, A. Medovarski, J. Mensah, K. Michasiw, D. Mutimer, L. Myrie, J. Ng, A. O'Connell, D. Ong, R. Ophir, N. Penak, M. Quirt, A. Rakhra, A. Ramjattan, N. Razack, A. Redding, D. Reed, R. Rini, L. Rumiel, J. Samuel, A. Schrauwers, V. Shea, J. Short, J. Simoulidis, D. Skinner, A. Solis, B. Spotton Visano, D. Szablowski, N. Tusikov, R. Wellen, S. Whitworth, A. Widmer, G. Vanstone, L. Wood, D. Woody, M. Zito

**1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda**

The meeting was called to order.

It was moved, seconded and carried to amend the agenda by moving item 11 "Other Business" to before the presentation of the Dean's awards.

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the amended agenda.

**2. Chair of Council's Remarks**

The Chair welcomed all members to the meeting. He asked members to keep in mind that all care deeply about the institution and strive to make it a better place. As such, he hopes that all will treat one another with fairness and respect during Council meetings

throughout the year. He extended words of thanks to the outgoing Chair B. Spotton-Visano and welcomed the incoming Vice-Chair, R. Iannacito-Provenzano. He also thanked the administrative staff for their ongoing support.

He stated that an item for Other Business had been received regarding the search for the next Vice-President Academic and Provost.

The Chair noted that during the meeting the Dean would be presenting awards for Research and Teaching and introducing new faculty members. He invited members to stay for a reception following the meeting

He stated that the Standing Committees of Council would present year-end reports as items for information.

He informed members that hard copies of the Senate Report were available at the front of the room and also available online.

As there was no request to move items off of the consent agenda, the items were deemed approved.

**3. Minutes of the April 13, 2017 Meeting**

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2017 meeting.

**4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was none.

**5. Dean's Report to Council**

Dean Mukherjee-Reed provided an overview of the state of the Faculty since she assumed office. In her report she highlighted the Faculty's successes in deficit reduction, complement renewal, administrative staffing and student enrolment. Student success, complement renewal and community engagement were cited as being ongoing priorities for the Faculty. The full PowerPoint presentation can be found on the Faculty Council website.

In relation to community engagement, she noted that responses to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission have been forthcoming primarily from professional schools and stated that further input is needed from the Humanities and Social Sciences. She stated that she would consult further with Chairs and Directors and Faculty Council on this issue in the coming weeks.

In terms of challenges ahead, The Dean informed members that the University's Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA2) is still under discussion but noted that it appears that the enrolment corridor will be set on the 2016-17 levels. There is a clear directive that domestic undergraduate intake must remain within the set limits of the corridor. Future enrolment growth will largely stem from international intake. She noted that graduate intake is expected to be enhanced under SMA2 and that this may impact curricular planning. It also remains unclear how funding will flow to Faculties under the differentiation allocation. She concluded by stating that public policy toward post-secondary education continues to be an ongoing challenge.

## **6. Question Period**

A question was raised about the intervention of the Dean's Office pertaining to hiring shortlists and alleged discrimination against York PhDs.

The Dean stated that she unequivocally disagreed with the contention and maintained that she has only acted within her role and not outside of the terms of the Collective Agreement. In relation to York PhDs, she emphasized that there is a policy in place with regard to this matter, and in her role, her mandate is to ensure that the policy is properly implemented.

On a point of clarification, the Dean was asked if she felt it was acceptable for her to intervene in the shortlisting of candidates. The Dean responded that it is her role to approve or not approve shortlists and to ensure that that the process followed by search committees adheres to established procedures and principles of the university.

A member asked how many faculty members are now in place in LA&PS. The Dean replied that she thought the number is now at 640 and clarified that this does not fully equate to teaching resources due to sabbaticals and release time.

## **7. Reports of the Standing Committees of Council**

### **a) Executive Committee**

It was moved and seconded that Council approve the statutory motion to import language from the Senate Rules & Procedures on Transaction of Business by Electronic Communication.

It was moved, seconded and carried to amend the motion to state that the Executive Committee would provide rationales to members of Council for items when invoking electronic voting.

Members debated the motion. Those speaking against the motion expressed concern that the motion, if approved, would weaken collegial governance. It was noted that Senate had only invoked an e-vote once in the past and it was in relation to a CUPE strike. Other members expressed concern that the motion had come forward to Council before with different wording and suggested that this motion continues to be on the table to deal with matters in the event of another CUPE strike. It was also noted that the Ad Hoc Committee on Collegial Governance had previously objected to the idea of electronic voting. Concern was also raised that it is not clear how members would be given information on items prior to an electronic vote and what would constitute a "special circumstance". Others stressed the importance of in-person and informed debate. Those speaking in support of the motion noted that Council already has the avenue to fall back on Senate Rules & Procedures where electronic voting is allowed and it is just a matter of formalizing within LA&PS procedures. It was contended that electronic voting would allow access to all members, including those who are unable to attend meetings, to weigh in on issues. It was emphasized that it is important to hear from all sides when voting on issues. It was pointed out that Council already uses electronic voting for the election of members to Standing Committees of Council as do other bodies at the University. It was also stressed that many members have very valid reasons for not being able to attend meetings.

The Chair called the question and the motion did not carry.

**b) Curriculum, Curricular Policy and Standards**

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the new Certificate in Public History.

It was moved and seconded to approve the new Certificate in Black Canadian Studies.

It was moved, seconded and carried to allow non-members of Council to speak on the motion.

Members of the Black Graduate Collective and the Black Students' Alliance at York spoke in strong support of the motion.  
The motion carried.

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve changes to the Bachelor of Arts Communication Studies degree requirements.

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve changes to the Bachelor of Commerce, Information Technology degree requirements.

The Committee's year-end report was presented as an item for information.

**c) Research Policy and Planning**

The Committee's year-end report was presented as an item for information.

**d) Teaching, Learning and Student Success**

The Committee's year-end report was presented as an item for information.

**e) Student Academic Petitions and Appeals**

The Committee's year-end report was presented as an item for information.

**f) Academic Policy and Planning Committee**

The Committee's year-end report was presented as an item for information.

All of the above reports extended thanks to committee members and to the administrative support staff.

**8. Report from Senate**

As an item for information, the Final Assessment reports for Cyclical Program Reviews were circulated at the meeting.

**9. SCOLAPS Presentation**

The Chair of SCOLAPS began by introducing members of the Executive team. During her presentation she outlined the mandate of the Student Council of the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies and current initiatives. She noted that the Ian Greene Award for Teaching Excellence would resume this year.

The Chair of Council called for a motion to extend the meeting.

It was moved, seconded and carried to extend the meeting for fifteen minutes to allow adequate time for the presentation of the Dean's Awards.

The Chair of SCOLAPS resumed her presentation, noting that the Council strives to work collegially with clubs in LA&PS. She listed upcoming events. The Chair concluded her presentation by stressing the value and importance of the student-faculty relationship and the necessity for the student voice to be heard.

**10. Other Business**

The Chair called for a motion to defer the consideration of other business until the next meeting of Council.

It was moved, seconded and carried to table this item.

## **11. Presentation of Awards**

The Dean presented awards to the following recipients of the Dean's Award for Distinction in Research and Social Justice:

Established Researcher:

Joan Judge, Department of History

Hassan Qudrat-Ullah, School of Administrative Studies

Emerging Researcher:

Sylwia Chrostowska, Department of Humanities

Alice MacLachlan, Department of Philosophy

Social Justice:

Luin Goldring, Department of Sociology

The Dean presented awards to the following recipients of Dean's Award for Excellence in Teaching:

Full-Time Tenured Category: Sean Kheraj, Department of History

Contract Faculty Category: Gordana Colby, Department of Economics

Teaching Assistant Category: Vedrana Cetina, Department of Philosophy

The Dean concluded her presentation by introducing new faculty members.

It was moved, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting.  
The motion carried.

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Carl Ehrlich, Chair of Council

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M. Harper, Acting Secretary of Council

## Executive Committee Report to Council

September 2017

### ITEMS FOR ACTION (3)

#### 1. Closure of Nominations: Faculty Council Standing Committees

The Executive Committee recommends the following candidates for election to Faculty Council Standing Committees effective immediately. Nominations are also accepted from the floor of Council. A final approval for the slate of nominees is given by Council on a motion that nominations be closed, as moved by the Vice-Chair of Council.

The nomination period ran from September 14, 2017 until October 12, 2017 seeking to fill 20 vacancies among the Council Standing Committees.

An election (e-vote) will be held for those committees for which there are a greater number of nominees than vacancies, or multiple nominees from the same academic unit. An announcement regarding the e-vote will be issued following the meeting of Council. For all other committees in which the number of nominees is less than the number of vacancies, those who have been nominated for election will be acclaimed to the respective committee.

#### Faculty Council Nominees for 2017-2018 are as follows:

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##### Executive Committee

*(two vacancies)*

##### **Continuing Members:**

*Ida Ferrara, Department of Economics*

*Leslie Sanders, Writing Department*

*Andrea Davis, Department of Humanities*

*Nelson Waweru, School of Administrative Studies*

##### **Nominations:**

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##### Academic Policy and Planning Committee

*(one vacancy from the **Humanities** area)*

##### **Continuing Members:**

*Merle Jacobs, Department of Equity Studies*

*Peter Khaiteh, School of Information Technology*

*David Szablowski, Department of Social Science*

*David Mutimer, Department of Politics*

*Daniel Cohn, School of Public Policy and Administration*

*Joanne Magee, School of Administrative Studies*

**Nominations:**

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**Committee on Curriculum, Curricular Policy and Standards**

*(two vacancies)*

**Continuing Members:**

*Marcela Porporato, School of Administrative Studies*

*Maggie Quirt, Department of Equity Studies*

*Neil Buckley, Department of Economics*

*Susan Ingram, Department of Humanities*

*Jonathan Obar, Department of Communication Studies*

**Nominations:**

Peter Constantinou, School of Public Policy and Administration

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**Tenure and Promotions Committee**

*(four vacancies, tenured faculty)*

**Continuing Members:**

*Steve Bailey, Department of Humanities*

*David Goldstein, Department of English*

*Nick Mule, School of Social Work*

*Shobna Nijhawan, Department of Languages, Literatures & Linguistics*

*Matthew Brzozowski, Department of Economics*

*Uwafiokun Idemudia, Department of Social Science*

*Nirupama Agrawal, School of Administrative Studies*

*Andrea McKenzie, Writing Department*

*Hyun Ok Park, Department of Sociology*

*Brenda Spotton Visano, Department of Economics*

*Naomi Couto, School of Public Policy and Administration*

**Nominations:**

James Sheptycki, Department of Social Science

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**Committee on Teaching and Learning and Student Success**

*(three full-time faculty vacancies, one contract faculty vacancy and two teaching assistant vacancies)*

**Continuing Members:**

*Simone Bohn, Department of Politics*

*Stephen Chen, School of Information Technology*

*Jodi Letkiweicz, School of Administrative Studies*

*Kiyoko Toratani, Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics*

*Judy Pelham, Department of Philosophy*

*Ron Ophir, School of Human Resource Management*

**Nominations:**

Megan Davies, Department of Social Science

**Contract Faculty:**

Dagmara Woronko  
Carolyn Steele  
Steven Pinter  
Julie Allen  
William Gleberzon  
Keith O'Regan

**Teaching Assistant:**

Gizem Cakmak

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**Committee on Student Academic Petitions and Appeals**

*(five vacancies)*

***Continuing Members:***

*Mary Goitom, School of Social Work  
Kwok Ho, School of Administrative Studies  
Jon Sufrin, Writing Department  
Lykke de la Cour, Department of Social Science  
Alexandru Manafu, Department of Philosophy  
Gordana Colby, Department of Economics  
Annette Bickford, Department of Social Science  
Jacqueline Ng, Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics  
Shameem Chowdhury Mahmoud, Department of Economics  
Brian Huss, Department of Philosophy  
Henry Tam, Department of Economics*

**Nominations:**

Jessica Li, Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics  
Ozgun Topak, Department of Social Science  
Marlene Bernholtz, Writing Department  
Sandra Widmer, Department of Anthropology

**2. Closure of Nominations - Liberal Arts & Professional Studies Full-Time Faculty Representatives on Senate**

The Executive Committee recommends the following candidates for election as Liberal Arts & Professional Studies Full-Time Faculty representatives on Senate effective immediately. Nominations are also accepted from the floor of Council. A final approval for the slate of nominees is given by Council on a motion that nominations be closed as moved by the Vice-Chair of Council.

**Liberal Arts & Professional Studies Full-Time Faculty Representatives on Senate (three vacancies):**

Those nominees who are elected will be elected for a 3-year term. Meetings of Senate for the 2017-18 year, as well as agendas and related materials may be accessed through their website at:

<http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/senate/meetings.htm>



**Continuing elected at-large members:**

*Kym Bird, Department of Humanities*

*Kean Birch, Department of Social Science*

*Ricardo Grinspun, Department of Economics*

*Leslie Sanders, Department of Humanities*

*Carl Ehrlich, Department of Humanities*

*George Georgopoulos, Department of Economics*

*Robert Kenedy, Department of Sociology*

*Merouan Mekouar, Department of Social Science*

*Antonio Ricci, Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics*

*Kelly Thomson, School of Administrative Studies*

*Gail Vanstone, Department of Humanities*

**Nominations:**

Andrea Medovarski, Department of Humanities

Ron Ophir, School of Human Resource Management

Ruth Koleszar-Green, School of Social Work

Kelly Pike, School of Human Resource Management

**3. Closure of Nominations - Liberal Arts & Professional Studies Contract Faculty  
Representatives on Senate**

The Executive Committee recommends the following candidates for election as Liberal Arts & Professional Studies Contract Faculty representatives on Senate effective immediately. Nominations are also accepted from the floor of Council. A final approval for the slate of nominees is given by Council on a motion that nominations be closed as moved by the Vice-Chair of Council.

**Liberal Arts & Professional Studies Contract Faculty Representatives on Senate  
(two vacancies):**

Those nominees who are elected will be elected for a 1-year term. Meetings of Senate for the 2017-18 year, as well as agendas and related materials may be accessed through their website at:

<http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/senate/meetings.htm>

**Nominations:**

Dagmara Woronko, Department of Social Science

Carolyn Steele, Department of Humanities

Julie Allen, Department of Philosophy

Sirvan Karimi, School of Public Policy and Administration

William Gleberzon, Department of History

Khashayar Hooshiyar, Department of Politics

Colin Campbell, Department of Humanities

Michelle Mawhinney, Department of Politics

Committee on Curriculum, Curricular Policy and Standards  
Report to Council

September 2017

ITEM FOR ACTION (1)

*The Committee on Curriculum, Curricular Policy and Standards recommends that Council approve the following:*

**1. Major Modification: Creating INDG from MIST**  
**Effective session: Fall 2018**

This proposal represents a major modification to a program: we propose to extract the Indigenous Studies stream from the program in Multicultural and Indigenous Studies (MIST) and revise this into a stand-alone undergraduate degree program in Indigenous Studies (INDG). We have chosen to offer the full range of BA degrees (BA, Honours BA, Specialized Honours BA, Major/Minor, and Minor BA) because we currently offer this range of degrees within the Indigenous Studies stream in MIST.

At a later date, the Human Rights and Equity Studies (HREQ) program will submit a curriculum proposal to absorb the courses for the two remaining streams in MIST, Racism & Multiculturalism and Diaspora Studies. This is a logical move as the HREQ program focuses on the intersections between human rights, race, and migration/diasporic issues. With this transfer, the courses currently offered in MIST will still exist, though the MIST program itself will dissolve. Students who are currently in the program will be able to be grandparented into MIST even after the revised program in Indigenous Studies has replaced MIST. Details on how these students will be accommodated are highlighted in the Appendix.

We will continue to use the term “Indigenous Studies” as this has replaced previous terms such as “Native Studies” or “Aboriginal Studies” at many universities, and is currently the primary term in use within such programs. We have created a proposal for a new rubric, INDG, for the Indigenous Studies program, replacing the MIST rubric which applied to the program in Multicultural and Indigenous Studies. This rubric will be applied to all of the courses which are included in this program. The proposal for a new rubric is in the Appendix.

This proposal has been developed in consultation with the Indigenous Council of York University, with members of the Aboriginal Students Association at York, and in partnership with some of the individuals who currently teach in the Indigenous Studies stream of Multicultural and Indigenous Studies. Consultation has been undertaken with one department where a faculty member is cross-appointed and where certain of our courses are cross-listed. Approval has been granted from that department (see attached letter in Appendix).

The BA program in Indigenous Studies will be housed in the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, in the Department of Equity Studies.

Academic Policy and Planning’s support for the proposal received on September 20, 2017.

THE FULL PROPOSAL IS AVAILABLE BY CLICKING [HERE](#)

## Committee on Curriculum, Curricular Policy and Standards

### Consent Agenda October 2017

#### Changes to Existing Courses

AP ADMS 4370 3.00	Data Analysis Systems
AP ADMS 4375 3.00	Applied Time Series Analysis for Management
AP ADMS 1500 3.00	An Introduction to Accounting: The Analysis and Use of Financial Information
AP HUMA 3829 3.00	Antisemitism from the Enlightenment to the Holocaust and Beyond
AP HUMA 3850 6.00	The Final Solution: Perspectives on the Holocaust
AP SOSC 3917 3.00 & 6.00	Contemporary Jewish Life in North America
AP HUMA 2310 6.00	An Introduction to Caribbean Studies
AP CLTR 2860 3.00	In Other Worlds: The Arts and Artists in Three-Dimensional Multi-User Digital Environments
AP CLTR 3520 3.00	Arts and the Law: Policies and Perspectives
AP ANTH 3210 6.00	Public Anthropology

A consent agenda item does not involve new programs, significant new principles, or new policies. These proposals are clearly identified on the notice of the meeting as consent agenda items. Full proposal text is not reproduced in the hardcopy agenda package. Proposal text is available at the following URL: <http://laps.yorku.ca/office-of-the-faculty-council/council-agenda/>.

A consent agenda item is deemed to be approved unless, prior to the commencement of a meeting, one or more members of Council advises the chair of a request to debate it. Please contact the Secretary to the Committee ([apccps@yorku.ca](mailto:apccps@yorku.ca)) if you have any questions regarding the changes to existing courses section.