

Notice of Meeting

99th Meeting of LA&PS Faculty Council

October 7, 2021

3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. | Zoom Meeting Room

AGENDA

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2	Chair's Remarks
3	Minutes of the June 10, 2021 Faculty Council Meeting
4	Business Arising from the Minutes
5	Reports of Standing Committees of Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Executive Committee Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Item for Information: Nomination Results
6	Report from Professor Andrea Davis, Special Advisor on LA&PS Anti-Black Racism Strategy
7	Dean's Report to Council & Question Period: <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Budget UpdateB. Return to Campus: Open Discussion
8	Item for Information: Senate Synopsis: September Meeting
9	Other Business
10	Adjournment of Meeting

Note:

LA&PS Faculty Council Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month from 3:00pm-5:00pm EST. Currently, Faculty Council meetings will be held virtually over Zoom from September-December 2021. This year's upcoming meetings are:

November 11, 2021, December 9, 2021, January 13, 2022, February 10, 2022, March 10, 2022, April 14, 2022, May 12, 2022, and June 9, 2022

York University
Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
Faculty Council

Zoom Meeting Room
Minutes of the 97th Meeting of Council
June 10, 2021

1. Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda

The meeting was called to order.

A motion was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the agenda.

2. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed all to the 97th meeting of Faculty Council (**FC**). She thanked Siram Tortumlu for her integral work in almost single handedly putting this meeting together. She also thanked two prior members of council staff who attended to assist with this meeting, and a current member of staff for their ongoing support. The Chair also extended her heartfelt thanks to all members of FC for keeping up with this integral work during such a taxing year. She extended particular thanks to the members of the Executive Committee and other standing committees, Dean McMurtry, all other associate deans, and the extended office staff. She welcomed Vice Chair Waweru as incoming Chair, speaking to his immense promise for continuing and expanding on a culture of collegial governance in FC.

3. Minutes of the April 20, 2021 Special Meeting

It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2021 special meeting.

4. Minutes of the May 13, 2021 Meeting

It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the May 13 meeting, 2021 meeting.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was none.

6. Reports of Standing Committees of Council

6.1. Executive Committee

• **Item for Information: Results of 2nd Nomination Period**

The Vice Chair announced the results of the May 3-May 14 nomination period. F. Zadeh was acclaimed to the Special Committee of FC.

• **Item for Action: Close of Nominations**

The Vice Chair announced that nominations are considered open for remaining vacancies on FC. He informed FC that notice of one nomination for the vacancy of Vice-Chair was received prior to the meeting. No other nominations were received.

Council member I. Ferrara confirmed her nomination for the role of Council Vice-Chair.

A motion was moved, seconded, and carried to close nominations.

The Vice-Chair indicated that nominations would open for the remaining vacancies in September and thanked the incoming Vice Chair for accepting the role.

6.2. Committee on Curriculum, Curricular Policy and Standards (CCPS)

• **Consent Agenda**

7. Report from Andrea Davis, Special Advisor on Anti-Black Racism Strategy

The Special Advisor recognized the grief of our Indigenous and Muslim colleagues and friends which has been brought of late. She spoke to the discovery of the 215 Indigenous children found buried in British Columbia. She also spoke to the hate motivated killing of a Muslim family in Canada this past week. She asserted that members of the Black community stand and grieve in solidarity and look to seek justice together in creating a better world and a better university.

The Special Advisor updated community members on the work that had been done through her office over the 1-year tenure of her role. These activities included:

- Seven targeted job searches to increase representation of Black faculty
- Five new initiatives for Black faculty and students
- Administered the Anti-Black Racism Initiatives Fund with over \$40,000 disbursed
- 6 successful Special Advisor-led webinars and teach-ins attracting more than 6,000 participants
- 8 invited guest talks given by the Special Advisor at York
- 7 additional invited talks at other universities or organizations
- Established connection initiatives for faculty and staff
- Represented LA&PS in university-wide initiatives

The Special Advisor shared the details of these activities as outlined in the slides attached to the minutes.

The Special Advisor spoke to her desire to continue and grow this work going forward, noting in particular the success of the webinars and teach-ins, and her desire to establish more initiatives for faculty and staff.

She spoke to specific ongoing commitments, as outlined in the slides. She noted in particular her continued resolution to create a Black

studies Major/Minor and the ways that this cross-faculty initiative could generate academic excellence and set York apart.

The Special Advisor spoke to and expressed her gratitude for the support and dedication to change that she has seen from the academic leadership and administration during her time in this role. She added that discussions are underway to extend her tenure another year to ensure the success of these initiatives.

A member thanked the Special Advisor for this transformational work. He mentioned that the largest risk factor across York to this work currently stems from the case of a Glendon colleague.

The Chair suggested that the floor was open for questions, and not discussion at this point.

The Special Advisor asked that the member ask his specific question.

The member asked how we address the largest risk factor in this area, referencing a recent situation with a faculty member in another faculty.

The Special Advisor agreed that this issue held deep ramifications both for the University and the wider Black community at large. She acknowledged that this event is out of her role, though, when possible, she has presented her personal views on the matter when leadership has asked, though she is not involved in this case in any formal capacity.

8. Item for Discussion: VPRI Presentation on the Research Vision

The VPRI, Amir Asif, spoke to his offices efforts towards research intensification as outline in the slides attached to the minutes. The presentation covered:

- The 2018-2021 Strategic Research Plan
- 2019/2020 Research Performance

- Innovation
- Future Plans

A member expressed his discomfort with SciVal being used as the technology which supports these searches. He spoke the curated list that comes of this technology and indicated the issues with the ways that this list narrows the vision of the research breadth in targeted ways, such as not including social justice research. He asserted that open access scholarship is a cornerstone at York. He asserted that if we want to foreground what this faculty is truly doing well, SciVal is too restrictive and so must not be used.

The VPRI indicated that this issue is serious and has come up in the past. His office was working on ECV to allow them to anonymously collect data related to our publications from all sources. He indicated that a vendor had been selected, and they hoped that in a year's time, this new system would be in place. He indicated that nonetheless, there would always be certain constraints to fully departing from these parameters, citing Tri-Council funding as one example.

A member asked if ECV allow comparisons with other instructions.

The VPRI answered that this is not currently within the scope of ECV, this will be examined, but as of now the data was York-specific. He committed to trying to find updates on this process.

The VPRI emphasized that the Office of the VPRI is oriented towards success for all faculty members. He encouraged faculty members to reach out and committed to working with faculty members towards their research goals.

9. Item for Action: Approval of LA&PS Academic Plan

The Chair of APPC thanked members P. Baxter and N. Agrawal for their work on the APPC and welcomed A. Glasbeek and A. Kwan to the committee.

The Chair of the APPC thanked all units and faculty members who have been involved in the extensive process of developing the academic plan. She expressed that at this juncture, the faculty needs a guiding document, and that she hoped that the APPC had provided such a document that is balanced and p.

It was moved and seconded and carried to approve the academic plan.

10. Dean's Report

Dean McMurtry thanked the Chair for serving FC though such a difficult year with grace and leadership. He thanked all of the members of FC for their commitment.

Dean McMurtry recognized that this is the second year in a row that we have not been able to properly commemorate graduation for our students. He asked everyone involved to think about their students and take the time to reach out and congratulate them on their amazing efforts. He also spoke to his excitement in welcoming 40 new colleagues to our faculty and asked that colleagues also reach out to welcome these new members to our community.

Dean McMurtry spoke to his report, as is outlined in the attached slide. Topics covered included:

- The Faculty enrolment update, including overall increases in 101 enrolment and acceptance at the University and Faculty Level and a decrease in 105 applications. The details of distribution across programs are listed in the slides
- The 2021 Year End Summary: we are pleased to be looking at an overall positive carry forward of almost 21,000
- The Year End Allocation and Forecast Expenses 2020/21
- 2021/22 Budget Projections

Dean McMurtry thanked the council and invited questions.

A member asked how long hold harmless would continue to be in

The Dean indicated that there are discussions in SPARK 2.0 of removing this and replacing it with a central university fund. He acknowledged that some argue that this may create the same issues, but that some argued that at least they would be able to access this fund in a way that hold harmless did not.

A member asked about aspects that needed more investment in teaching and learning, in particular for teaching online. There were also administrative costs. He indicated that this increase is not present in the budget, and if this investment will be addressed in future models.

Dean McMurtry indicated that two new staff members have been allocated to the Teaching and Learning portfolio, so resources were allocated there. The Dean indicated that in terms of equipment and numbers on campus, there has been significant improvement to technology and space on campus during the pandemic. As well, two new members of the ESO team had been hired. Nonetheless, he committed to breaking down the budget to review these elements in a future budget update.

A member asked about efforts to staff the FC Office.

Dean McMurtry indicated that efforts are well underway.

11. Item for Information: Senate Synopsis: May 27, 2021

12. Other Business

There was none.

13. Adjournment

It was moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn.

For Andrea McKenzie, Chair of Council



The Senate of York University

Synopsis

The 678th Meeting of Senate held on Thursday, September 23, 2021 via Zoom

Remarks

The Chair, Professor Mario Roy of Glendon College, welcomed new and returning Senators and Chairs and thanked those who attended the orientation session. The Chair wished Senators success in their teaching, learning and scholarship this year, and commended them for their ongoing commitment and resiliency. Members were informed that Senate meetings will continue to be facilitated virtually at this time. The Chair acknowledged with sorrow the recent passing of Professor Ruth Schattner, a long-time faculty member in the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies in the Departments of French and Humanities.

President Rhonda Lenton wished Senators health and success in the year ahead, and reported on the following items:

- welcome to Robert Savage, the new Dean of the Faculty of Education, and condolences on the recent passing of Distinguished Research Professor and Professor Emerita Marcia Rioux
- an expression of thanks and appreciation to Sarah Howe, Assistant Vice-President, Innovation & Research Partnerships at Innovation York who is leaving the University
- the positive outlook for the 2021-22 academic year due to strong enrollments and promising applications data for FW 2021-2022
- York's progress advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDG's), including the establishment of the Toronto Centre of Excellence on Homelessness Prevention and Canada's first CIFAL centre, CIFAL York
- gratitude to members of the University community for their perseverance and resilience in successfully completing a full year of online teaching and learning and continuing to advance the priorities of the University Academic Plan
- prioritization of the health and safety of the community and acknowledgement that the University will continue to follow the advice of health and safety officials throughout the implementation of the Fall return to campus

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- progress made on key projects underway at the Markham, Keele, and Glendon campuses.
- the Kudos report, highlighting Heather Prime's (Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Faculty of Health), receipt of the Banting Research Foundation Discovery Award for her study evaluating an innovative program to help families recover from the pandemic.

Approvals

Senate approved the recommendation of its Executive Committee to elect Professors Ilan Kapoor to the Senate Tenure and Promotions Committee.

On the recommendation of its Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee, Senate approved:

- the establishment of a new Master of Arts (MA) program in Design Research housed in the Department of Design, School of the Arts, Media, Performance & Design, effective FW 2022-2023
- changes to the degree requirements for the BA program in Religious Studies, housed in the Department of Humanities, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, effective FW2022-2023
- revisions to graduate petitions and appeals regulations in the Faculty of Graduate Studies, effective immediately
- authorization of the granting of degrees at the University's convocations held in Fall 2021, February 2022 (Convocation in Absentia) and Spring 2022, and individually to students at any point during the year who have fulfilled the degree program requirements for receipt of degrees

Senate approved a hortative motion expressing the view that:

Prior to the finalization of the University's Strategic Mandate Agreement proposal to the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, the Strategic Mandate Agreement submissions should be brought to Senate for concurrence.

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Committee Information Reports

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee's information items included the following:

- its ongoing monitoring of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on academic activities, with actions pertaining to the disruption outlined in its written Report
- its approval of Senate Committee members nominated by Faculty Councils
- preliminary discussion of its priorities for 2021-2022
- the results of the Senator and Senate committee members surveys conducted in June, and the Committee's planned follow-up activities
- its receipt of a briefing from University Secretary Pascal Robichaud on the governance support initiatives for 2021-2022 to be taken up by the University Secretariat
- actions taken under Summer Authority
- the report on Senate attendance in 2020-2021
- the 2021-2022 Executive Committee membership
- Senate meeting dates for 2021-2022 with changes approved for December

Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee (APPRC)

APPRC reported on the following items:

- Preliminary discussion of its priorities for 2021-2022
- its monthly report to Senate on Markham Centre Campus planning
- the membership of its Sub-Committees for 2021-2022

Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee (ASCP)

ASCP reported on the confirmation of Professor Martin Bunch as the new Chair of ASCP membership of its sub-committees for 2021-2022 and on its approval of the following items:

Faculty of Environmental and Urban Change

Minor changes to the requirements of the Dual Credential Program in Ecosystem Management at Fleming College and the BES Honours Major in Sustainable Environmental Management

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Faculty of Health

Temporary change to admission requirements for the MA and PhD programs in Psychology, Graduate Program in Psychology

Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies

Minor change to a course rubric for the Graduate Diploma (Type 2) in Latin American and Caribbean Studies

Additional Information about this Meeting

Please refer to the full Senate agenda and supplementary material posted online with the Thursday, September 23, 2021 meeting for details about these items.

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

October Meeting of Senate

Senate's next meeting will be held at 3:00 pm on Thursday, October 28, 2021.

Committee on Curriculum, Curricular Policy and Standards

Consent Agenda October 2021

New Course Proposals

CCY 2990 3.00 Contemporary Understandings of Gendered Childhoods
ANTH 3300 6.00 Life in Motion: The Anthropology of Transnational Human Migration

Change to Existing Course Proposal

COMN 1000 6.00 Introduction to Communication & Media Studies

Minor Change to Existing Program Proposal

Children, Childhood and Youth

Addition of a specific rubric to the capstone 4000-level core course for students in the CCY program which gives them an alternative option to CCY 4999 6.0.

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Graduate Committee

Curriculum

Consent Agenda October 2021

New Course Proposals

FACC 6875 3.00 Value Creation, Governance, and Risk Considerations.

Change to Graduate Diploma

Master of Financial Accountability

FACC 6999 expires on Fall 2021. The department would like to continue offering it on an ongoing basis.

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