

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

Zoom Meeting Room  
Minutes of the 98<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Council  
September 16, 2021

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

The meeting was called to order.

A member moved a new 3-part motion to introduce a new motion in the agenda. The Chair explained the jurisdiction of Faculty Council, according to Senate rule 8.3, Faculty Council has responsibility purely related to academic governance. The chair noted that only items A and B fell under Faculty Council's responsibility. The Chair noted that the items A and B could be accepted as substantive motions but item C could only be accepted a hortative motion. The member agreed with the chair.

The results of the poll were 64% in favour, 21% against and 15% abstained. The motion fails since it didn't achieve 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the total votes. A member indicated that according to Senate rules abstaining votes could not be counted. After some discussion the chair agreed to accept the motions.

A member asked to move the 3-part motion before the Reports of the Standing Committees of Council. The Chair asked if the members were ready to allow the motion to be added above the Reports of Standing Committees. The motion to move the 3-part motion before the Reports of the Standing Committees of Council was voted and passed. .

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

### **2. Chair's Remarks**

The Chair thanked the former chair of council, Andrea McKenzie for the support and advice she gave over the course of last 2 years and for exposing the Chair to all the functions of faculty council. The Chair also thanked, Professor Mino Derayeh for encouraging him to stand for Faculty Chair. The Chair also thanked Professor Ida Ferrara for serving as the Vice-Chair.

### **3. Minutes of the June 10, 2021 Meeting**

A motion to table the minutes to next Council meeting was moved, voted and carried.

### **4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was none.

### **5. 3-part motion**

a) LA&PS Faculty Council expresses deep concern regarding the unsafe conditions for return to Fall in-person teaching and asserts the responsibility of academic units to address the concerns of individual instructors and teaching assistants, as well as the requests from students to move from in-person to remote classes and tutorials, in ways that place priority on academic integrity, pedagogic consistency, and the health and safety of everyone.

b) LA&PS Faculty Council moves that a systematic, faculty and unit-level approach to addressing the need for more remote classroom spaces be implemented immediately, including allowing academic units to unilaterally adopt remote delivery as needed, and without unnecessary bureaucratic delays.

c) **Hortative motion:** LA&PS Faculty Council categorically objects to the use of electronic surveillance of CUPE 3903 and YUFA teaching staff and the application of retroactive disciplinary procedures against those seeking to minimize their health and

safety risks rather than pursuing a proactive strategy to promote the health and well-being of all involved.

Moved: Councillor Ricardo Grinspun  
Seconded: Councillor Terry Maley.

The Chair calls for the vote on the part 1 of the motion. The part 1 of motion passes. The Chair calls for vote on the second part of motion. The part 2 of motion passes. The chair calls the final vote of part 3 of the motion. The part 3 of the motion passes.

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

### **a. Executive Committee**

The Vice-Chair of Council presented on 2 items on the Executive Committee's report:

1. List of Faculty Councils and Standing Committee Meeting dates.
2. Announcement for the nomination and election periods for the vacancies in the Faculty Council Standing Committees and/or Senate.
  - The member urged everyone to encourage their colleagues to volunteer and added that the nominations for the CPM and YUSA positions had been closed and all positions acclaimed.
  - The member mentioned that the nomination period had been extended till October 7 to fill 3 vacancies.

### **b. Curriculum, Curricular Policy and Standards Committee**

A member mentioned that the new course proposals have gone up by 30%. The Chair thanked everyone who served on the committee, the

elected faculty, and the ex officio members for their intensive work. The member directed attention to the curriculum toolkit.

### **c. Tenure and Promotions Committee**

The Committee Chair presented the report and mentioned that the committee worked on 27 tenure and/or promotion files. Out of total files, 13 were promotion only files and the rest were promotion and/or tenure.

## **7. Markham Campus Curriculum Updates**

The Dean mentioned that this will be a pivotal year for Markham Campus curriculum to get approved through various bodies. Dean reminded colleagues that Fall 2023 is the expected start for campus and that it would proceed in a gradual stage. By 2027 there would be a full compliment of courses offered from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> year.

There are 5 new undergraduate streams, 1 new minor, 2 new undergraduate degree programs and 3 graduate programs.

There will be an opportunity for Keele students to participate in experiential education opportunities at Markham campus.

The Financial Technology is a new field which combines information technology training with economics and finance education which will include a capstone piece.

Sports Management will be a new program which combines management with an interdisciplinary approach to sports.

In graduate programs there will be municipal field in MPPA (Masters of Public Policy and Administrative Law) which is a new field.

The Dean thanked everyone and mentioned that there will be an opportunity to discuss these programs in depth. There are new

programs coming out next week and all information will be presented to colleagues.

### **8. Dean's Report**

The Dean will be bringing a report on the new SHARP logic model and enrolment numbers to the October Faculty Council meeting. In the context of a global pandemic, the numbers are relatively positive. Many different programs such as Humanities, Social Science and professionally focused programs have seen a strong increase in 101 domestics, high school students from Ontario coming to York.

### **9. Adjournment**

It was moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn.

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Nelson Waweru, Chair of Council

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Erika Nunes, Secretary of Council