

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

Zoom Meeting Room  
Minutes of the 100<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Council  
November 11, 2021

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

The meeting was called to order. Quorum was confirmed.

**2. Chair's Remarks**

Business includes an open discussion on the University's vaccination policy and the return-to-campus planning for Winter 2022, routine business of Council, and an open discussion on Markham Campus planning led by Provost and Vice President Academic (Lisa Philipps) and Senior Advisor, Markham Academic Strategic Planning (Alice Pitt). The agenda was approved. The Chair noted that it was the 100<sup>th</sup> meeting of Council.

**3.a. Minutes of the September 16, 2021, Faculty Council Meeting**

The Chair called for comments on the minutes of September 16<sup>th</sup> Faculty Council (FC) Meeting. A member proposed to include full language of the three motions passed at the September FC meeting as well as the names of its mover and seconder. Council voted in favour of the amendment.

**b. Minutes of the October 7, 2021, Faculty Council Meeting**

A member requested that a commentary about the letter sent by Provost Philipps and Dean McMurtry was not in the minutes and should be included. An amendment to add the reference to the comments was proposed and seconded. The motion was passed.

**4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

None.

**5. Reports of the Standing Committees of Council**

**a) Executive Committee**

The Vice-Chair reported that most vacancies have been filled on committees and Council through the Fall nomination period. There are only two bodies with vacancies, i.e., Faculty Council (19 Contract Faculty) and Committee of Teaching, Learning and Student Success (2 TA vacancies).

**b) Academic Policy and Planning Committee APPC Report**

Chair of APPC presented its first report to Council for the year and highlighted recent proposal reviews for resource implications.

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

Item for Action: Major Modification: Human Resource Management Program.

Modification approved.

**d) Committee on Graduate Studies**

Item for Action: Major Modification: Municipal Government Graduate Field.

Modification approved.

**6. Dean's Report to Council & Question Period**

Council moved into a Committee of the Whole for an Open Discussion on the vaccination mandate and winter term return-to-campus plans. In response to a member's question, information was provided about student de-enrollment and students' ability to access an adjudicator to prove they comply. A member raised a

question about what freedom York University would exercise to go above the provincial mandate and set higher standards to protect its students, staff, and faculty when there is a planned return to campus in January.

**7. Open Discussion on Markham Campus with Provost & Vice-President Academic (Lisa Philipps) Senior Advisor, Markham Academic Strategic (Alice Pitt)**

Provost Philipps noted the budget implications of the Markham campus, faculty's ability to teach across both campuses, and clarified about expressions of interest to teach at the new campus. Clarification was also provided about complementary programs between the campuses and the goal being for York to grow its enrollments overall. Council moved into a Committee of the Whole. Questions raised were regarding curricular considerations, switching streams and teaching appointments for contract faculty. In response to the questions raised the provost confirmed that:

- Faculty will be permitted to teach both at Keele and Markham campuses. Faculty hired for the Markham campus will have their offices and will maintain presence at the new campus.
- Keele campus faculty will not be compelled to teach at the new campus.
- Students will be able to take classes at either campus for credit. However, students who enrol in a program located at Markham will be guaranteed the possibility to take all their courses at Markham.
- Students will be given the opportunity to switch streams in the same program even if the other stream (or "no stream" option) is housed at a different campus.
- There are no changes to the regulations of the General Education framework for LA&PS. It applies in its present form to programs housed at Markham campus. Should modifications to the current framework be proposed for Markham in the future, those modifications will need to go through the regular approval process.
- there is a separate line created in the university current three-year University rolling budget for the Markham

campus. Expenses that are incurred before the opening of the camps and/or before there is any student enrolment would be offset out of the central budget. Those start up expenses won't be put on the faculty budget and are being held separately.

**10. Other Business**

None. Meeting adjourned.

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Nelson Waweru, Chair of Council

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Erika Nunes, Secretary of Council