

Notice of Meeting

Meeting of LA&PS Faculty Council

January 11th, 2024 | 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting Room

AGENDA

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Time</u>
1	Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda	3:00- 3:05
2	Chair's Remarks	3:05- 3:10
3	Item for Presentation and Discussion: York University President's Budget Consultation, Fall-Winter 2023- 2024 (Presented by President R. Lenton, Provost L. Phillips & Vice-President C. McAulay)	3:10- 4:00
4	BREAK	4:00- 4:10
5	Approval of Minutes: December 7th, 2023, Faculty Council Meeting	4:10- 4:15
6	Business Arising from the Minutes	4:15- 4:20
7	Reports of Standing Committees of Council <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee on Curriculum, Curricular Policy & Standards<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Consent agenda	4:20- 4:25
8	Dean's Report to Council	4:25-4:50
9	Item for Information: Senate Synopsis	4:50-4:55
10	Other Business	4:55-5:00

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.

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Item #3

At the request of Faculty Council, all presentation slides have been separated from the Agenda Package and uploaded as a PDF. For the Presentation Slides for Item 3: *York University President's Budget Consultation, Fall-Winter 2023-2024*, please [click here](#) or go to the Faculty Council Website and consult the 'Additional Materials' section.

York University
Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
Faculty Council

Minutes of the 121st Meeting of Council
December 7th, 2023, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm | Zoom Meeting Room

In attendance:

A. Shabtay, A. Propper, A. Crosby, A. Weiss, A. Parala, A. Rodrigues, A. McKenzie, A. Marie Murnaghan, A. MacLennan, A. Rostamkalaei, A. Valeo, A. Khan, A. Franks, A. Ouedraogo, B. Spotton Visano, C. Ehrlich (CHAIR), C. Steele, C. Cowdy, C. Sanchez Rodriguez, D. Richards, D. Cuff, D. Mutimer, D. Pilon, D. Sargla, E. Lim, E. Pentland, E. Prince, E. Fresco, E. Bogdan, E. McDonough, E. Haque, G. Vanstone, G. Maharaj, G. Pan, G. Onorati, H. Davis, H. Singh, I. Badr, I. Ferrara, I. Splettstoesser, J. Williams, J. Tremblay, J. McMurtry, J. Jones, J. Magee, J. Marcus, J. Kerr, J. Sufrin, J. Anna Allen, K. Paul Evans, K. Case, K. Laird Atkinson, L. Carozza, L. Gonder, L. Davidson, M. Quirt, M. Martel, M. Lambert-Drache, M. Thomas, M. Bernholtz, M. Chaktsiris, M. Goitom, M. Harper, M. Poon, M. Ebrahimi, M. Jacobs, M. Giudice, M. Johnson, M. Smith, M. Maciel Jorge, M. Frial-Brown, N. Tahani, N. Couto, N. Neill, N. Langin, N. Buckley, N. Savdie, N. Robinson (Guest), O. Alexandrakis, P. Burgher, P. Fu, P. Lai, R. De Costa, R. Kenedy (VICE CHAIR), R. McKeown, R. Arata, R. Ophir, S. Gekas, S. Yildirim, S. Hepburn, S. Boatswain, S. Frederiksen, S. Wagner, S. Hamann, S. Brooke, S. Ingram, S. Warwick, T. Taylor, T. Tahereen, T. Hwong, T. McLagan, U. Anucha, W. Ho, X. Ning Shi.

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

Chair called the meeting to Order.

Agenda was approved.

2. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed members of the Faculty Council (FC) to the 121st and the last FC meeting of 2023. Thanked everyone for their support and participation while wishing all a safe holiday season ahead.

3. Approval of the Minutes: November 9th, 2023, Faculty Council Meeting

Approved.

4. Business Arising from Minutes

There was no other business.

5. Reports of Standing Committees of Faculty Council

- Executive Committee: Closing of Autumn 2023-2024 Elections

The Vice Chair presented the Executive Committee report on the current vacancies and autumnal election results of LA&PS standing committees of the Faculty Council. The election was conducted by e-vote from November 16 to November 23. The Vice Chair welcomed all the newly elected and acclaimed members.

Executive Report to include the Director of the Writing Centre as an ex-officio member of the General Education Sub-Committee. FCO will check and correct all membership details.

The Vice Chair on behalf of the Executive Committee thanked all the nominees, new members, and continuing members of the LA&PS Community for their participation and service.

- Committee on Curriculum, Curricular Policy & Standards:

Consent agenda: Having received no objection to the consent agenda, it was deemed approved.

Item for Information: Revised LA&PS General Education Skills Criteria:

The General Education Skills Criteria document was shared with FC members.

- Graduate Committee

Consent Agenda: Having received no objection to the consent agenda, it was deemed approved.

- Committee on Teaching and Learning:

Item for Information: Dean's Awards for Excellence in Teaching TOR updates

Councilor R. McKeown presented the new updates, after a detailed discussion, it was decided that this agenda item will be brought back to FC in 2024 as an item for action. Supporting documents need to include old and new Terms of Reference, with side-by-side highlighted/track changes provided on the document.

A council member raised concerns about the importance and value of DEDI. These words have no meaning, decolonization and inclusivity create more inequality, poverty, and lack of fulfillment of basic needs. In concrete reality, teaching is becoming a problem. Cannot exclude teaching from faculty, students, and the environment everyone is surviving in.

- Academic Policy and Planning Committee:

Item for information: Budget Conversation and Discussion

Councilor A. Gekas shared that President Lenton and Provost Phillips of York University are slated to present the budget updates at the January 11, 2024, Faculty Council meeting. APPC co-chair sought consultation

with FC members querying them to share their questions, feedback, concerns, and matters of importance. No questions or concerns were raised.

6. Break

7. Item for Information and Discussion: Student Services (Nona Robinson, Vice-Provost Students)

Vice-Provost Students N. Robinson presented student services resources available to assist students and faculty in times of need to solicit or address behavior changes, mental health, Academic Honesty, and student code of conduct matters. She mentioned that the first step that helps faculty, staff, and students is to be able to distinguish between emergency, crisis, and distress situations.

A council member inquired about the role of student services in protecting students/student unions in the current environment from the university administration. Secondly, scholars asking questions about, the DEDI aspect of the university is essential in this uncertain environment.

N. Robinson responded that they have been working with student groups to allow for the expression of different points of view. This is a complex issue with many moving parts to it. There has been a lot of publicity about what is happening and challenging to navigate what is happening to everyone, freedom of speech comes with limitations and student services are committed to helping students.

In case students experience online harassment, academic honesty matters, interim academic support, or any occurrence of a traumatic event and so on, directly connect to OSCR. They address all needs in one place. There is a dual role for example providing support for the respondent and the complainant. N. Robinson asked all to contact her if individuals, departments, staff, students, and faculty are looking for

information and support. She offered to host information sessions for departments.

The slide deck is available in the agenda package but will be posted standalone on the Faculty Council website.

8. LA&PS Deans Budget Presentation and Report

Dean McMurtry shared a warm message of gratitude. He thanked everyone for their time, participation, and hard work this year. Especially, over the past few months which have been exceptionally challenging.

Thereafter, urged all to read the Ontario Auditor General's Report on York University and the Blue Ribbon Panel Report, both reports were shared by email and posted on the FC website for ease of access. The following summary of the main points was shared by the Dean.

Ontario Auditor General report's five key matters:

1. Under-enrolled programs
2. Financial sustainability: capital expenditures and the cost of expenditures, increases in deferred maintenance have significant costs.
3. Increased administrative positions by 30 – 40% over the years while enrollments are constant.
4. Over-reliance on international students.
5. York's Poor performance overall in Strategic mandate agreements in comparison to other universities.

Blue Ribbon Panel Report highlights:

1. Impact of tuition freeze on all universities over the past few years. The suggestion was to increase tuition, OSAP, and government grants.

2. Amount allocated to SMA3 in the matrix category to be reduced to 25% over time.
3. Ontario University should be building for demographic growth.
4. Over-reliance on international students.

Dean McMurtry requested all to review the budget and enrolment slide deck. He shared that the international student numbers are declining institutionally. The University Fund contribution/rebate details are pending, it potentially has two parts: one component to the faculties who have asked for the rebate specifically, and the second component is the percentage reduction of the contributions to the university fund. Rearticulation of central bin projections is transpicuous. In the next few years, the carry-forward balance for LA&PS is negative.

9. Item for Information

Senate November 2023 Synopsis shared with Faculty Council.

10. Announcement

None.

11. Adjournment

The Chair thanked all in attendance.
The meeting was adjourned.

Carl S. Ehrlich, Chair of Council

Tejas Kittur, Secretary of Council

**Committee on Curriculum, Curricular Policy and Standards (CCPS)
Consent Agenda**

January 2024

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION (7):

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

New Course Proposal

AP/SOSC 3444 3.00 Work in a Warming World: Issues in Work, Labour and Climate Change

AP/CMDS 1001 3.00 Being a Digital Citizen

AP/CMDS 1002 3.00 Mobilizing Digital Citizenship

AP/CMDS 1630 3.00 Video Gaming and Society

Change to Existing Course Proposals

AP/LING 2430 3.00 Language, Power and Persuasion

AP/SOSC 1520 9.00 Markets & Democracy

AP/SOSC 1439 9.00 Introduction to International Development Studies (ESL)

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 texts are available upon request.

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) if you have any questions regarding the changes to existing courses section.

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Item #9

Based on a canvas of Senate committees, Senate Executive determined there was not sufficient business ready to proceed to Senate in December, and therefore the meeting scheduled for *14 December 2023* was not held. Senate will next convene on *Thursday, 25 January 2024*.

In light of this, there is no December Senate Synopsis included for Item 9. This page has been included in the Agenda Package for the January 11th Meeting of Council as a written update regarding this situation.