COUNCIL OF THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE



NOTICE OF MEETING

December 10, 2024 3pm – 4:30pm via Zoom

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda
- 2. Chair's Remarks
- 3. Approval of November 12, 2024 Minutes
- 4. Business Arising
- 5. Inquiries and Communications
 - > November 28, 2024
- 6. Dean's Remarks
- 7. Associate Dean and Head of Bethune College Remarks
- 8. Reports from Science Representatives on Senate Committees
- 9. Science Student Caucus Items
- 10. Reports from Standing Committees of Council
 - a) Executive Committee:
 - > Vacancies report on the Standing Committees of FSc Council
- 11. Other Business
 - a) Dean Search Committee Update Muhammad N. Yousaf, Chair of Faculty of Science Council
 - b) Budget Consultation, Fall-Winter 2024-25: Rhonda Lenton, President and Vice-Chancellor, David Peters Interim Provost & Carol McAulay, Vice-President Finance & Administration.

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MINUTES

November 12, 2024 3pm – 4:30pm via Zoom

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1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

Chair of Council, M. Yousaf, called the meeting to order and a motion was moved, seconded and carried to approve the Agenda.

2. Chair's Remarks

M. Yousaf welcomed Council and shared that he would be discussing the Dean Search.

3. Approval of October 8, 2024 Minutes

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

4. Business Arising

There was none.

5. Inquiries and Communications

> Senate Synopsis October 24, 2024

6. Dean's Remarks

Enrollment Update

Dean Wang reported that as of November 1, the total enrollment stands at 5,124 students, by headcount, the highest number in Faculty of Science history.

Fall Campus Day Success

Held on November 2, Fall Campus Day saw the Faculty of Science receiving the highest number of registrations among all York U's Faculties. Dean Wang expressed gratitude to the Strategic Enrolment Management Team, student volunteers, faculty members, and staff for their contributions to the event.

New Promotional Video

The Faculty of Science recently launched a new promotional video, which can be viewed on the Faculty of Science website. Dean Wang thanked all colleagues involved in its creation.

Dean's Round Up

He encouraged council members to explore the Dean's Round Up on the Faculty of Science website, which highlights notable achievements across the Faculty over the last month.

Synergy Award Recognition

The recent YFile story features the success of Professors Jianhong Wu, Sergey Krylov, and Derek Wilson were recognized with the prestigious Synergy Award for their partnerships in natural sciences and engineering research and development between universities and industry in Canada. Congratulations were extended to the recipients.

School of Medicine Update

Dean Wang provided an update on the School of Medicine in advance of their participation in the meeting:

An Open Forum organized by the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee (APPRC) was held on October 31.

Two working groups have been established:

The School of Medicine Planning Group – Professor Robert Tsushima represents the Faculty of Science

APPRC Adhoc Oversight – Dean Wang serves as the representative for all Faculty Deans.

7. Associate Dean and Head of Bethune College Remarks

a) Associate Dean, Faculty Affairs

G. Audette:

He reminded the Faculty that the deadline for 2023–24 CV submissions is November 20, 2024, and noted that the deadline for overdue sabbatical reports was November 1, 2024.

b) Associate Dean, Research & Partnerships

V. Saridakis:

She shared a presentation highlighting the following upcoming items and calls:

Faculty of Science Research Awards
York Research (MRG) and Junior Faculty (JFF) competitions
CFI-JELF internal competition
NSERC URSA
CFI-IOF

c) Associate Dean, Students

M. Scheid:

He thanked the Strategic Enrolment Management Team, student volunteers, faculty members, and staff for their contributions to the Fall Campus Day held on November 2.

8. Dean Search Update – M. Yousaf, Chair of Council

M. Yousaf clarified the Dean Search procedure and advised Council that they would be receiving an email for search committee nominations in the upcoming days.

9. Reports from Science Representatives on Senate Committees

There was none.

10. Science Student Caucus Items

There was none.

11. Reports from Standing Committees of Council

a) Executive Committee:

> Ratification and Call for Nominations for Senate and Standing Committee of Council

A motion was moved, seconded and carried to ratify all nominations to the Standing Committees of Council.

> Vacancies report on the Standing Committees of FSc Council

M. Yousaf noted the vacancies that remain.

> Honorary degree nominations - soliciting nominations

M. Yousaf noted the memo received from Terry Sachlos, Chair, Senate Honorary Degrees & Ceremonials Subcommittee re: Honorary degree nominations – soliciting nominations.

b) Graduate Curriculum Committee

> Consent agenda items

c) Undergraduate Curriculum Committee:

> Consent agenda items

12. Other Business

a) School of Medicine:

David Peters, Interim Provost, Dean of Record and Institutional Lead, School of Medicine

Nancy Sangiuliano, Associate Professor, Teaching Stream, School of Nursing (Co-Chair, SOM Planning Group)

Christopher Perry, Professor, Director, Muscle Health Research Centre (Co-Chair, SOM Planning Group)

Karin Page-Cutrara, Vice Dean, Learning, Teaching & Academic Programs, Faculty of Health; Associate Professor, Teaching Stream, School of Nursing (member of the SOM Planning Group)

Lynsey Kissane, Director, Institutional Strategic Projects, Office of the President

David Peters shared a presentation on the York University School of Medicine and Council were welcome to ask questions and provide feedback.

Meeting Adjournment

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

FACULTY COUNCIL ATTENDANCE NOVEMBER 12 2024



Alex Mills

Alex Wiscicka

Brad Sheeller (Non-voting Guest)

Carl Wolfe Chris Ardern Christopher Perry

Cora Reist
Coral Hillel
David Beya
David Peters
Dawood Baig
Derek Jackson
Diana Amanullah
Eeram Shaikh

Elaina Hyde Elia Xhindole Eva Hughes Gaelle Luabeya Gerald Audette Gino Lavoie

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Iain Moyles Irina Ovis jade atallah James Elwick Jean-Paul Paluzzi

Jennifer van Wijngaarden

Jerusha Lederman

Jill Lazenby Joanne Sequeira

Joe Tran

Karin Page-Cutrara Khansa Cheema Kiana Baniasad Lesley Milley Lynsey Kissane Madeline Blanco Maggie Xu Mandy Ramnaraine

Margaret Mroziewicz

Maria Mazzurco Mario Verrilli Mark Bayfield Mark Vicari Martin Romero

Matt Tsang

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Melissa Hughes Michael Haslam Mike Scheid Momo Das

muhammad yousaf Natalie Moussa Neal Madras Nicole Nivillac Niko Troje Pat Hall

Patricia Lakin-Thomas

Peter Tsasis Robert Tsushima Robin Metcalfe Rui Wang

Seyedeh Lilia Modarresi Saryazdi

Sihat Salam Sophia Luzskov Stephen Watson Tamara Kelly Taylor Cosby Tianna McFarlane Tina Barhagh Tom Kirchner Trevor VandenBoe

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Trevor VandenBoer
Violeta Gotcheva
Vivian Saridakis
Wendy Booth
Yuna Hwang



The Senate of York University Meeting Synopsis

The 711th Meeting of Senate held on Thursday, 28 November 2024

Remarks

Chair

Acting Chair, Senator Burke Wood, welcomed Senators to the 711th meeting of Senate. In the context of the land acknowledgment, she reflected on the role of universities, reminding that it is important to be mindful of obligations to the land and one another. Thanks and appreciation were expressed to Senator Robichaud who is stepping down in December as University Secretary, for his support of Senate throughout his tenure, which included navigating the challenges for governance arising from the pandemic and supporting academic continuity during the labour disruption.

President

The President outlined York University's budget challenges, including a \$111 million deficit for 2024-25 due to missed enrollment targets and external policy impacts like tuition freezes and international student caps. Since the June budget approval, in-year revenue for 2025-26 is projected to fall \$68 million below budget expectations. Efforts to address this include contingency planning, revenue diversification, and partnerships. Emphasizing York's vision of access, interdisciplinarity, and community impact, the president stressed improving student experience and addressing reputational challenges. Despite setbacks, achievements like the Markham campus opening and alumni engagement reflect York's potential to adapt and thrive.

Approvals

On the recommendation of the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee (ASCP), Senate approved the establishment of the Graduate Diploma in Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner (Type 3), to be housed in the School of Nursing, Faculty of Health, effective F/W 2025-2026.

Senate approved a motion that all ongoing plans and associated academic resources required for the establishment of a medical school be fully transparent and provided through regular reports to Senate.

Referrals

Proposed minor revisions to the Academic Conduct Policy were referred back to ASCP for further consultation.

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Reports

Under the auspices of the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee, Interim Provost and Vice-President Academic David Peters presented the annual autumn report on Enrolments and Faculty Complement. The report is accessible from the Senate Meeting website.

Discussions

Under the auspices of the Executive Committee, Senate discussed the option of changing to an earlier statutory meeting time of Senate.

Committee Information Items

Executive Committee

Senate Executive information items included:

- approval of members of Senate committees nominated by student Senators
- a meeting between the Senate and Board Executive Committees on November 5, which included discussions on internationalization and recruitment trends' impact on enrollment, faculty, program delivery, and the University's profile
- an update on the Committee's consideration of actions in response to a motion to establish a Senate Finance and Budget Advisory Committee,
- confirmation that there will be a meeting of Senate on 12 December 2024
- approval of a revision to the Faculty of Health's Faculty Council Rules to include a
 Decolonizing, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee as a standing committee of
 Council.

Academic Policy, Planning and Research (APPRC)

APPRC reported on the following items:

- the Committee's engagement in the budget consultations exercise led by the President, Interim Provost and Vice-President Finance & Administration
- governance actions taken to support academic planning for the establishment of the medical school, specifically the creation of the School of Medicine Planning Group (SoM PG) and the Ad Hoc Oversight Group (AOG). It also reported on the results of the APPRC forum focused on the development of school of medicine plans. The SoM Planning Group and the Ad Hoc Oversight Group have begun to reflect on the input received at the forum.
- the Forward Action Plan Academic Projects

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• the Connected Minds project highlighting activities and contributions at the oneyear mark.

Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy (ASCP)

ASCP reported on the following:

- new and ongoing priorities such as updates to Course Outline Guidelines, the new grading schemes Faculty conversion exercise, feedback received on the policy document speaking to the waiver of requirement for an attending physician statements, and plans to review the Senate Policy on Conduct of Examinations.
- minor changes to degree requirements for the following programs:
 - AMPD: Changes to degree requirements to the Bachelor of Design Program,
 Department of Design, AMPD, effective F2025
 - FGS: Update to Faculty Regulations on guidelines for Hired/Professional Editors, effective 1 December 2024
 - Glendon: Changes to the Certificate in Spanish-English Translation,
 Department of Hispanic Studies, effective Fall 2025

Additional Information about this Meeting

Please refer to the full Senate <u>agenda</u> of **28 November 2024** for details about the items reported.

Senate's next meeting will be held at 3:00 pm on Thursday, 12 December 2024.

2024-2025 FSc Report on vacancies for Senate and FSc Standing Committees								
Committee	Rules of Faculty Council - membership	Meeting time / Membership		rm _				
	According to the York University Secretariat based on the Senate Rules and Procedures governing the size and composition of Senate, the Faculty of Science shall have twelve members, including a minimum of two Chairs. According to The Rules of Council (Science), Faculty representation shall include the Director of Natural Science, three Department Chairs, and terms shall be for three years.	As per Senate website	From	То				
	Dean, Ex officio Member at large	R. Wang G. Audette	Designated Designated					
	Member at large	E. Hamm	2024	2027				
Senate	Member at large Member at large	EJ Janse van Rensburg, Mathematics & Statistics T. Kelly	2022 2024	2025 2027				
	Member at large	J. Elwick, Science, Technology & Society	2022	2025				
	Member at large	T. Kubiseski, Biology	2023	2026				
	Member at large Department Chair	V. Saridakis T. Kirchner, Department of Science, Physics & Astronomy	2024	2027				
	Department Chair	J. van Wijngaarden, Department of Chemistry	2024	2027				
	Department Chair	M. Haslam, Department of Mathematics & Statistics	2023	2026				
	Director of NATS Student representative	R. Metcalfe, Dvision of Natural Science	Designated 2023	2025				
	Student representative Student representative	Yuna (Aria) Hwang Shon Lazarev	2023	2025				
Faculty Council	Chair of Council	M. Yousaf	2024	2025				
Staff Representatives	Vice-Chair of Council	VACANT						
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		W. Booth D. Hossain	2024 2024	2025				
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FSc Reps on Senate Committees	1 member from ESc	T Kelly	2024	2027				
Senate Executive Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee	1 member from FSc	T. Kelly	2024	2027				
APPRC)	1 member from FSc	G. Monette	2023	2026				
ASCP (Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy								
Committee) Senate Tenure & Promotion	1 member from FSc 1 member from FSc	J. Elwick P. Wilson	2024 2024	2027				
Sub-Committee on Honorary Degrees & Ceremonials	1 member from FSc	VACANT	2024	2027				
Executive Committee	member elected from each of Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics & Statistics, Physics & Astronomy, and Science, Technology & Society/Natural Science, the Dean of the Faculty of Science (ex officio), one student member of Council, and one of the staff members elected to Council.							
	Chair of Council	M. Yousaf	2024	2025				
Executive Committee	Vice-Chair of Council	VACANT D. Wass	2024	2025				
	Dean, Ex officio Asst. Dean - SEM & SEP	R. Wang E. Hughes	Designated Designated	-				
	Staff representative	W. Booth	2024	2025				
	Undergraduate Student Rep	Taline Apelian-Sutor	2024	2025				
	Biology	M. Vicari	2023	2026				
	Chemistry Math & Stats	C. Caputo E. J Janse Van Rensburg	2024	2027				
	Physics & Astronomy	E. Hyde	2024	2025				
	Science, Technology & Society	VACANT	2024	2025				
	The Academic Policy and Planning Committee shall include the Dean or designate (ex officio), the Master of Norman Bethune College and one member elected from each of Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics & Statistics, Physics & Astronomy, and Science, Technology & Society/Natural Science, one student member of Council, and one of the staff members elected to Council.	APPC will normally meet the last Thursday of each month (September to April) from 9:00 am - 10:30 am						
APPC	Associate Dean, Faculty Affairs, Ex officio	G. Audette	Designated					
	Head of Bethune College	P. Wilson	Designated					
	Undergraduate Student Representative Elected staff representative	Seyedeh Lilia Modarresi Saryazdi	2024	2025				
	Biology	M. Xu R. Schott	2024	2025 2026				
	Chemistry	R. Fournier	2023	2026				
	Math & Stats	P. Szeptycki	2023	2026				
	Physics & Astronomy	W. van Wijngaarden	2024	2025				
	Science, Technology & Society	S. Domenikos	2022	2025				
	The <u>Curriculum Committee</u> shall include the Dean and an Associate Dean (ex officio), the Chair or nominee from each teaching Division or Department, three members elected by Council and two student members	The Curriculum Committee will normally meet every last Tuesday of each month (September to April) from 9:00 - 10:30 am	2023	2026				
	of Council. Member at Large	VACANT						
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Undergraduate Curriculum Committee	of Council. Member at Large Member at Large Dean, Ex officio	Paula Wilson R. Wang	2023 Designated					
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	The Committee on Evaminations and Academic Standards shall consist of	CEAS will normally meet every alternate Wed / Thurs from 1:00 - 3:00 pm year round.	From	То
CEAS	The <u>Continuite Deal Pathlinia and Nacionals Satisfacts</u> Serial Colliss of an Associate Dean (ex officio), five members elected by Council from each of Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics & Statistics, Physics & Astronomy and Science, Technology & Society/Natural Science, and one student member of Council.	CEAS will normally meet every alternate web./ mults from 1.00 - 5.00 pm year round.		
	In addition to the above membership of the committee, Council shall elect an alternate member from each of the Departments specified above. The alternate member shall be the person polling the next highest number of votes to those elected to the committee from each Department. The alternate for the student member will be selected by the Science Student Caucus from one of its Members at Large. An alternate can only vote in the event that first elected members are not in attendance. Associate Dean - Students, Ex officio		Section 4.4	
	Undergraduate Student Rep	M. Scheid Eeram Shaikh	Designated 2024	2025
	Undergraduate Student Rep Biology	Ayesha Tahir A. Hilliker / ALT. VACANT	2024 2023/2024	2025
	Chemistry	P. Johnson & D. Jackson / ALT T. Mirkovic	2023/2023	2026/202
	Math & Stats Physics & Astronomy	VACANT, N.Purzitsky / ALT. Y. Gao C. Storry & E. Hyde / ALT. VACANT	2021/2022 2023/2023	2025/20
	Science, Technology & Society The Petitions Committee for the purpose of hearing student petitions shall consist of an Associate Dean (ex officio), six members of Council, and two student members of Council. The Committee may divide the workload by splitting the Committee membership into two panels of four people each. A quorum shall consist of either (a) two faculty voting faculty members and one student member or (b) three voting faculty members.	J. Webb / ALT. S. Domenikos Each panel meets once a month on Wednesday or Thursday from 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm	2023/2023 Designated	2026/202
Petitions	Associate Dean, Ex officio Undergraduate Student Rep	Joy Aina	2024	2025
. Gadone	Undergraduate Student Rep Member at Large	Gurleen Kaur VACANT	2024 2023	2025 2026
	Biology Chemistry	C. Jang R. Fournier	2022 2022	2025 2025
	Physics & Astronomy	S. Jerzak	2023	2025
	Math & Stats	D. Liang	2022	2025 2025
	Science, Technology & Society Member at Large	J. Rogerson A. Mills	2022	2025
SRC T & P Committee	The Committee on Tenure and Promotions shall consist of one currently tenured member from each of Biology. Chemistry, Mathematics & Statistics, Physics & Astronomy and Science, Technology & Scociety/Natural Science elected by Council, and one student member of Council. No member of the Committee shall be a member of another Tenure and Promotions Committee, at any time during their tenure on this committee. In addition to the above membership of the committee, Council shall elect an alternate member from each of the Units mandated above. The alternate member shall be the person polling the next highest number of votes to those elected to the committee from each Department. The alternate for the student member shall be selected by the Science Student Caucus from one of its Members-at-Large on an annual basis. An	SRC T & P Committee will normally meet the last Friday of each month (September to May) from 9:00 am - 11:00 am in LUM 305B		
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	Chemistry		2023/2024	2026/202
	Physics & Astronomy	C. Bergevin / ALT. M. George	2024/2024	2025/202
				2026/202 2025/202 2027/202 2026
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Graduate Curriculum Committee	To provide broad review and commendation to Council via the Academic Policy and Planning Committee of all proposals received from Graduate Programs with respect to: New Course Proposals, Course Change Proposals, Minor Changes to Program/Graduate Diploma Academic Requirements, Major Modifications to Program/Graduate Diploma Academic Requirements, New Graduate Fields, New Graduate Diploma Academic Requirements, New Graduate Fields, New Graduate Diplomas, New Graduate Degree Programs The Graduate Education Committee shall consist of: - Associate Dean – Research & Graduate Education (ex officio) - Graduate Program Director (or designate who must be a member of the graduate program) of each Graduate Program in the Faculty of Science -one graduate student member from any Graduate Program within the Faculty of Science -one full-time faculty member from the Faculty of Health or Lassonde School of Engineering who is appointed to teach in any FSc graduate program - A member at large with knowledge of graduate programming, and experience with curriculum approvals at the Faculty-level. The Chair of the Committee is selected by the voting members of the Committee is selected by the voting members of the Committee is selected.	Meeting is held based on availability.					
	Associate Dean – Associate Dean Students (ex officio)	M. Scheid	Designated				
	Biology	J. Paluzzi	2023	2026			
	Chemistry	R. Hili	2023	2026			
	Physics & Astronomy	A. Muzzin	2023	2026			
	Math & Stats	P. Ingram	2023	2026			
	Science, Technology & Society	VACANT	2023	2026			
	Member from Faculty of Health OR Lassonde	VACANT	2023	2026			
	Member at Large	D. Golemi-Kotra	2023	2026			
	Graduate student	Joe Tran	2024	2025			
Committee on Equity, Diversity & Inclusion	 Two graduate students or postdoctoral fellow/visitors (one primary and one alternate) from any graduate program within the Faculty of Science 	Meeting is held the last Wednesday of every month.					
	One undergraduate student Associate Dean - Faculty, ex officio	G. Audette	Designated	1			
	Associate Dean, Research & Partnerships (ex officio)	V. Saridakis	Designated				
	Undergraduate Student Representative	Sophia Luzskov	2024	2025			
	Graduate Student	Coral Hillel	2024	2025			
	Graduate Student	Gaelle Nsamba Luabeya	2024	2025			
	Biology	B. Schwarz	2024	2027			
	Chemistry	C. Young	2023	2026			
	Physics & Astronomy	P. Scholz	2023	2026			
	Math & Stats	A. Woldegerima ALT A. Lumley	2022	2025			
	Science, Technology & Society	VACANT	2024	2027			