

# The Senate of York University

## Year End Review 2016-2017

From September 2016 to January 31, 2017 the Senate of York University was presided over by its 42<sup>nd</sup> Chair, Professor George Comninel of the Department of Political Science, Liberal Arts and Professional Studies. Senate approved a one-month extension of his term to accommodate his successor. In February 2017, Professor Lesley Beagrie of the School of Nursing in the Faculty of Health began an 18-month term as Chair. At the same time, Professor Franck van Breugel of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science in the Lassonde School of Engineering began serving as Vice-Chair. Professor Beagrie and Professor van Breugel are the first members of their Faculties to be officers of Senate. Professor Ian Roberge, Political Science, Glendon ably served as an Acting Vice-Chair during the year. Maureen Armstrong continued in her capacity as Secretary of Senate.

Senate met on nine occasions during the year. The second of President Mamdouh Shoukri's five-year terms ended on June 30. His successor, Provost Rhonda Lenton, was named by the Board of Governors in February based on a recommendation made by a Search Committee that included seven individuals elected by Senate. Gregory Sorbara was re-appointed as Chancellor by the Board of Governors after an *ad hoc* group composed of members designated by Senate Executive and the Board recommended that he serve a second three-year term.

Senate committees identify priorities for the year in the autumn and provide year-end reports on their progress. They also undertake activities that may not be fully reflected in this summary, such as leading or participating in consultations, providing advice or interpretations, and facilitating reporting by others.

Information about items referenced in this report can be accessed from the online meeting synopses and minutes of Senate meetings or obtained by contacting the University Secretariat.

### Committees and Acronyms

Executive (Executive)  
Academic Policy, Planning and Research (APPRC)  
Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy (ASCP)  
Appeals (SAC)  
Awards (Awards)  
Tenure and Promotions (T&P)  
Tenure and Promotions Appeals (T&P Appeals)

### Sub-Committees

There are 6 standing sub-committees:

Executive: Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials / Equity (with members from ASCP and APPRC)  
APPRC: Sub-Committee on Quality Assurance (with ASCP) / Organized Research Units / Technical  
ASCP: Sub-Committee on Quality Assurance (with APPRC), Coordinating and Planning

In addition, three sub-committees focusing on research report to Senate via APPRC.

For more information on Senate and its committees, including agendas for the year, please visit the Website at <http://secretariat.info.yorku.ca/senate/>

## **Markham Centre Campus Planning**

A standing agenda item for the Academic Policy, Planning and Research is academic planning for the Markham Centre Campus opening in 2021. The Committee facilitates reports and is guided by Senate in undertaking its monitoring of developments. Major reports were received by Senate in October, March and May.

## **Strategic Mandate Agreement 2: Briefings and Discussions**

- SMA briefing by the Provost (APPRC, January)
- SMA draft discussion (APPRC, April)

## **Academic Planning Forum**

On October 20 and 26 APPRC sponsored open forums on recommendations arising from the Integrated Institutional Resource Plan process (a session at Glendon was cancelled). A final version of the IIRP was in development during the year.

## **Establishment of New Academic Units**

FES – Geography Merger (in principle, APPRC; pending in June)

## **Regular Reports**

- President Mamdouh Shoukri (Monthly)
- Provost Rhonda Lenton (Markham, enrolments, applications, academic planning; various months)
- Interim Provost Lisa Philipps (Markham, Institutional Integrated Resource Plan; June)
- Vice-President Finance & Administration Gary Brewer (Budget context for planning, November)
- Interim Vice-President Trudy Pound-Curtis (Budget context for academic planning, June)
- Vice-President Research and Innovation Robert Haché (November)
- Senate Members on the Board of Governors on meetings of the Board (following Board meetings; Professor Bernard Lightman and Professor Lauren Sergio)
- Academic Colleague to the Council of Ontario Universities on COU Issues Updates (periodic; Professor David Leyton-Brown)

## **Major Planning Reports**

- Faculty and York University Library Planning (APPRC, May)
- Joint Sub-Committee on Quality Assurance of APPRC and ASCP (April, June)

## **Annual Reports from Senate Committees**

- Allocations of Scholarship and Bursaries (Awards, April)
- Animal Care, Biological Safety, and Human Participants Review Committee (APPRC, May)
- Appeals and Petitions, University and Faculty (Appeals, January)
- Distinguished Research Professor (Awards, May)
- New Scholarships and Bursaries (Awards, April)
- Non-Degree Studies (APPRC and ASCP, June, pending)
- President's University-Wide Teaching Awards Recipients (Awards, April)
- Prestigious Awards for Graduating Students (Awards, June, pending)
- Senate Attendance (Executive, June, pending)

- Senate Year in Review (Executive, June, pending)
- Tenure and Promotions (Tenure and Promotions, November)
- University Professors (Awards, May)

### **Facilitated Discussions**

- Advancing a Mentally Healthy Campus (Chair of Senate, February)
- Senate Grading Scheme and Feedback Policy (ASCP, October / November)
- University Academic Plan Spotlight Series (January to June, except May, APPRC)

### **Senate Policies**

- *Senate Policy and Guidelines on Withdrawn from Course Option* (amendments, ASCP, approved by Executive under summer authority, July)
- *Senate Policy on Organized Research Units* (amendments, APPRC, January)
- *Senate Policy on Postdoctoral Researchers at York University* (new, APPRC, April)

### **Senate Rules and Procedures**

- Senate Appeals Committee expansion (Executive, September)
- *Senate Guidelines and Procedures Governing Course Cross-Listings, Exclusions and Substitutions* (amendments, ASCP, February)
- Senate Membership for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 (Executive, April)

### **Name Changes**

- Certificate of Italian Language Proficiency, Level Three (Advanced Range) to the Certificate of Italian Language Proficiency (ASCP, May)
- Department of Political Science, Liberal Arts & Professional Studies to Department of Politics (APPRC, April)
- PhD Program in Computer Science, Lassonde School of Engineering / Graduate Studies (January)

### **New Degree Types**

No new degree types were approved.

### **Academic Programs (New)**

- Digital Media, Graduate Programs, PhD, MSc, MA (ASCP; pending, June)

### **Academic Programs - New Streams, Options, Fields and Specializations**

- Arts, Media, Performance and Design's Minor Option, Arts, Media, Performance and Design (ASCP, March)
- Biochemistry, New Degree Options, Science (ASCP, March)
- Chemistry, Co-Registration Option between York and Seneca, Science (ASCP, January)
- Education Studies, 90-credit Degree Option, Education (ASCP, February)
- Media Arts Stream within the BFA program in Film, Department of Cinema and Media Studies, Arts, Media, Performance and Design (ASCP, March)

## **Undergraduate Certificates (New)**

- Cross-Disciplinary Bergeron Entrepreneurs in Science and Technology (BEST) Certificate in Technology Entrepreneurship, Lassonde School of Engineering (ASCP, February)
- Professional Certificate in Actuarial Science, Department of Mathematics & Statistics, Science (ASCP, March)

## **Program, Graduate Diploma and Undergraduate Certificate Discontinuation**

- Certificate of Proficiency in Italian Language Level One (Beginner Range), (ASCP, May)
- Certificate of Proficiency in Italian Language Level Two (Intermediate Range) (ASCP, May)
- Diploma in Real Estate and Infrastructure, Schulich School of Business / Graduate Studies (ASCP, November)
- Joint York-Seneca BSc (Tech) Program in Applied Biotechnology, Science (ASCP, January)
- Psychology, Honours Double-Major Interdisciplinary BA Program, Psychology, Health (ASCP, November)

## **New Rubrics Approved by Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy**

- COMS for BA program in Communications, Glendon (ASCP, October)
- DEMS for Bachelor of Disaster & Emergency Management, Administrative Studies (ASCP, January-)
- LYON for York-EM Lyon Dual Credential BBA – ILST program, International Studies, Glendon (ASCP, January)

## **Changes in Admissions Requirements and Transfer Credit**

- Computer Science, PhD Program, Lassonde School of Engineering / Graduate Studies (January)
- Dance, BFA and Programs, Arts, Media, Performance & Design - Transfer credits for eligible graduates of the Sampradaya Dance Academy Professional Training (ASCP, April)
- Education BEd (Technological Education) Program (ASCP, February)
- Masters Programs, Schulich School of Business / Graduate Studies (ASCP, February)
- Translation, MA, School of Translation, Glendon / Graduate Studies (ASCP, January)

## **Changes in Degree Requirements (Programs)**

*During the year the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee sought Senate approval or reported its own approval of revisions to the requirements for the following:*

- Anthropology, BA Programs, Anthropology, Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (February)
- Bilingual Requirement, All Undergraduate Programs, Glendon (February)
- Biology, BSc Program, Science (March)
- Biology, Honours Minor Degree Option, Biology, Science (January)
- Chemistry, Pharmaceutical and Biological Stream, Honours BSc in Chemistry Science (March)
- Children's Studies, Honours BA Program, Social Science, Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (January)
- Civil Engineering, Specialized Honours BEng Program, Lassonde School of Engineering (February)
- Communications, Bilingual BA Programs, Translation, Glendon (November)
- Computational Arts and Technology, BA Honours Minor, Arts, Media, Performance and Design (February)

- Computer Science, PhD Program, Lassonde School of Engineering / Graduate Studies (January)
- Dance, MFA Program, Arts, Media, Performance and Design / Graduate Studies (February)
- Design, Masters Program, Arts, Media, Performance and Design, Graduate Studies (April)
- Disaster and Emergency Management, BDEM Program, Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (January)
- Economics, PhD, Liberal Arts and Professional Studies / Graduate Studies (February)
- Education, BEd Program (Technological Education), Education (February)
- Educational Studies, BA Programs, Education (ASCP, February)
- Global Health, BA and BSc Programs, Health (March)
- Global Health, Specialized Honours BA and BSc Programs, Health (January)
- History, MA and PhD Programs, Liberal Arts and Professional Studies / Graduate Studies (May)
- iBA Degree Type, Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (February)
- Linguistics, 90-credit BA in, Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics, Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (January)
- Mathematics and Statistics, PhD Program, Science / Graduate Studies (April)
- Nursing, MScN, Health / Graduate Studies (April)
- Physics, Specialized Honours BSc, Physics, Science (March)
- Political Science, BA Program, Glendon (May)
- Professional Writing and English & Professional Writing, BA Programs, Writing, Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (February)
- Psychology, BA and BSc Programs in Psychology, Health (November)
- Psychology, BSc Programs (corrections only) Psychology, Health (March)
- Psychology, PhD Program (October)
- Science and Technology Studies, PhD program, (October)
- Science, BA Programs (General Education requirements) (February)
- Social Work, BSW Program, Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (January)
- Social Work, Masters, Liberal Arts and Professional Studies / Graduate Studies (January)
- Social Work, PhD Program, Liberal Arts & Professional Studies / Graduate Studies (February)
- Sociology, PhD Program, Liberal Arts & Professional Studies / Graduate Studies (October)
- Theater, BFA Honours and BA Honours BA Programs, Theatre, Arts, Media, Performance and Design (February)
- Theatre, BA Honours Minor (Production), Arts, Media, Performance and Design (February)
- Translation, BA, iBA and Accelerated BA Programs, Translation, Glendon (November)
- Visual Arts, BFA Program, Arts, Media, Performance and Design (January)

### **Program, Certificate and Diploma Restructuring**

- International & Security Studies Diploma, rehoused from the York Centre for International & Security Studies to the Department of Political Science, Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (ASCP, April)
- Master of Leadership and Community Engagement Program (ASCP, October)
- Mathematics for Commerce, BA Program, Mathematics & Statistics, Science (ASCP, March)

### **Changes in Requirements (Certificates and Diplomas)**

- Certificate in Spanish-English Translation, Translation, Glendon (May)
- Certificate in Technical and Professional Communication, Translation, Glendon (ASCP, January)
- Certificate of Italian Language Proficiency, Liberal Arts and Professional Studies (ASCP, May)
- Diploma in Health Psychology, Health / Graduate Studies (February)

- Diploma in International & Security Studies Diploma, Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, Graduate Studies (ASCP, April)

### **Sessional Dates**

During the year ASCP advised that it had reviewed proposed sessional dates for Summer 2017 and Fall-Winter 2017-2018 and confirmed that they were consistent with Senate policy. The Committee also agreed to work with the Registrar's Office to develop a three-year outlook on sessional dates.

### **Recipients of the President's Research and Teaching Awards (Awards, April)**

- President's Research Excellence Award: Anne Russon, Psychology, Glendon
- President's Emerging Research Leadership Award: Amro Zayed, Biology, Science
- President's University-Wide Teaching Award for Senior Full-Time Faculty Members: Andrea Davis, Humanities, Liberal Arts and Professional Studies
- President's University-Wide Teaching Award for Full-time Faculty: Alex Czekanski, Mechanical Engineering, Lassonde School of Engineering
- President's University-Wide Teaching Award for Contract and Adjunct Faculty: Véronique Tomaszewski, Sociology, Glendon
- President's University-Wide Teaching Award for Teaching Assistant: Sabina Mirza (PhD Program in Education), Sociology and Social Science, Liberal Arts and Professional Studies

### **Endowed Chairs and Professorships**

- Renaming, Chair in Business History to the Richard E. Waugh Chair in Business History, Schulich School of Business (APPRC, Nov.)
- Establishment, Timothy R. Price Chair in Real Estate and Infrastructure (APPRC, November)
- Establishment, Helen Carswell Chair in Community Engaged Research in the Arts (APPRC, April)

### **New University Professors (Awards, May)**

- Dawn Bazely, Biology, Science

### **Distinguished Research Professor (Awards, May)**

- Jonathan Edmondson, History / Program in Classical Studies, Liberal Arts and Professional Studies
- Joel Katz, Psychology, Health

### **Additions to the Pool of Prospective Honorary Degree Recipients**

During the year the Executive Committee approved the addition of 22 individuals to the pool of prospective honorary degree recipients and the extension of 5 previously approved individuals for a further five year term. The Committee's decisions were based on recommendations made by its Sub-Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials. The Sub-Committee adopted a successful expedited process for approving candidates, and signaled its intention to revise guidance and forms to enhance and expedite. It also called on colleagues to establish processes by which to promote the nomination of worthy candidates, and to help expand and diversify the pool.

## **Organized Research Unit Charters**

- Suspension of the York Institute for Health Research as options are explored (reported by APPRC, February)

## **Other Motions and Actions**

- Declaration of November 2, 2016 as a day of academic accommodations (September)
- Discussion of due diligence in the acceptance of gifts to the University (Executive Committee auspices, September)
- Hortative motion on the York University Advisory Committee on Responsible Investment (May)

## **Senate Officers and Committee Chairs**

George Comninel, Chair of Senate

Leslie Beagrie, Vice-Chair of Senate / Chair of Senate

Franck van Breugel, Vice-Chair of Senate

Maureen Armstrong, Secretary of Senate

Lesley Jacobs, Chair of the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee

Lisa Farley, Chair of the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee

Natalie Coulter, Chair of the Appeals Committee

Robert Kennedy, Chair of the Awards Committee

George Comninel and Lesley Beagrie, Chairs of the Executive Committee

Victor Shea, Co-Chair of the Tenure and Promotions Committee

Simone Bohn Co-Chair of the Tenure and Promotions Committee

Shayna Rosenbaum, Chair of the Sub-Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials

## **University Secretariat**

Maureen Armstrong, University Secretary and General Counsel

Robert Everett, Senior Assistant Secretary of the University

Terry Carter, Assistant Secretary of the University

Cheryl Underhill, Assistant Secretary of the University

Elaine MacRae, Coordinator, Board and Senate Support

Michelle Roseman, Administrative Assistant