

The Senate of York University

Meeting Synopsis

The 641st Meeting of Senate
held on Thursday, February 15, 2018

Remarks

Having noted the status of bargaining with CUPE 3903 and that a strike was not inevitable, the Chair of Senate, Professor Lesley Beagrie of the Faculty of Health, gave assurances that the Executive Committee was committed to living up to the letter and spirit of Senate policy in the event that a disruption of academic activities did occur.

In her remarks, the President of York University, Rhonda Lenton

- acknowledged long-service faculty members honoured at a recent celebration
- provided an update on Sexual Violence on Campus initiatives, including a Campus Climate Survey growing out of the Ontario government's 2015 action plan, establishment of an advisory committee, and expansion of training and support for members of the community
- identified next steps in addressing Employee Engagement Survey results with particular emphasis on how the concept of excellence that is so prominent in University plans can be applied in workplaces throughout the University
- described the process for developing new decanal renewal guidelines

The monthly “Kudos” report on the achievements of members of the York community can be accessed with other documentation for the meeting.

Approvals

Senate approved recommendations of the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee to

- merge of 90-Credit degree programs in Mathematics & Statistics, Department of Mathematics & Statistics, Science
- establish a Black Canadian Studies Disciplinary Certificate • Department of Humanities, Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
- restructuring of the Indigenous Studies Stream, BA Program in Multicultural and Indigenous Studies, Department of Equity Studies, Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
- establish a Performance Creation Stream, BFA Program in Theatre, Department of Theatre, School of the Arts, Media, Performance and Design
- establish a Specialization in Artificial Intelligence in the MSc Program in Computer Science, Graduate Program in Electrical Engineering & Computer Science, Graduate Studies
- establish a Specialization in Data Science in the MA Program in Mathematics & Statistics, Graduate Program in Mathematics & Statistics, Graduate Studies

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- changes to Requirements for BA and iBA Programs in English, Department of English, Glendon
- establish of a Co-Operative Education Option, BSc and BA Programs in Computer Science and Computer Security, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Lassonde School of Engineering
- changes to Requirements for the MA Program in Theatre and Performance Studies , Graduate Program in Theatre, Graduate Studies / AMPD
- changes to requirements for Clinical Neuropsychology within the MA and PhD Programs in Clinical Psychology, Graduate Program in Psychology, Health / Graduate Studies
- changes to Requirements for the Master of Science in Nursing Program, Graduate Program in Nursing, Health / Graduate Studies
- closure of the Geomatics Science Stream, Honours BSc Program in Earth & Atmospheric Science, Earth & space Science & Engineering, Lassonde School of Engineering

Major Reports

Under the auspices of the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee, Provost Lisa Philipps provided an update on implementation of recommendations developed by Institutional Integrated Resource Plan (IIRP) working groups.

Committee Information Items

Executive

The Executive Committee's information items included the following:

- approval of members of Senate committees nominated by Faculty Councils
- a final call for expressions of interest in Senate Committee Membership and other positions elected by Senate
- concurrence with recommendations from the Sub-Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials, as a result of which four new candidates have been deemed eligible for honorary degrees and three have been approved for a further five year term; the Sub-Committee also has modified its guidelines such that individuals must be re-nominated to remain in the pool for more than ten years
- an action plan for the year developed by the Sub-Committee on Equity
- confirmation of the Committee's position about a request for discussion of senior appointments

Academic Policy, Planning and Research

- APPRC facilitated discussion of indicators with emphasis on a set of inclusive "incomparable metrics" designed to better profile York research

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- a briefing by Vice-President Haché on opportunities for electronic CV management and APPRC's endorsement of a collegial conversation about capacity and limits
- reflections on the February 8 APPRC-ASCP Forum of Ideas (posters from the event were displayed in the Senate Chamber)
- a preliminary review of Faculty and YUL academic planning submissions and follow-up steps
- an update on the process leading to Senate approval of a new Strategic Research Plan
- the Committee's comments on revised Decanal Search Procedures
- input into an Internationalization Review Panel's terms of reference
- progress on 2017-2018 priorities established in the autumn

Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy

ASCP reported on its approval of minor changes to degree requirements and other aspects of the following programs:

Graduate Studies

- International Business Law Specialization of the Professional LLM program (reduction from 4 terms to 3 terms with no change to requirements)
- Neural and Biomechanical Control of Movement Field within the Graduate program of Kinesiology and Health Science (change of name to Neuroscience and Biomechanics)
- Social and Personality Psychology Specialization, PhD in Psychology
- Mechanical Engineering, PhD
- Applied Statistics Specialization, MA Program in Mathematics and Statistics

Lassonde School of Engineering

- Mechanical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Software Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Atmospheric Science Stream within the Specialized Honours BSc program in Earth and Atmospheric Science

Liberal Arts & Professional Studies

- BA programs in Indigenous Studies, Equity Studies (use of the rubric INDG)

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APPRC and ASCP conveyed a report from the Joint Sub-Committee on Quality Assurance which included Final Assessment Reports for completed Cyclical Program Reviews and covered other matters.

Awards

The Awards Committee filed its annual report on undergraduate student awards distribution for 2016-2017.

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March Meeting of Senate

Senate's next meeting is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on **Thursday, March 22, 2018**