

# The Senate of York University

## Meeting Synopsis

The 643rd Meeting of Senate  
held on Thursday, March 22, 2018

### Remarks

The Chair of Senate, Professor Lesley Beagrie, welcomed Senators and those listening to the proceedings in Curtis Lecture Hall B.

President Rhonda Lenton presented her monthly “Kudos Report.”

### Reports

Under the auspices of the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee Senate received an update on the renewal of the Strategic Research Plan from Vice-President Research and Innovation Robert Haché.

Senate received a report on the February 27, 2018 meeting of the Board of Governors from Senators on the Board, Professors David Mutimer and Lauren Sergio.

### Approvals

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

- establish a Cross-Disciplinary Certificate in Culture, Medicine and Health, Department of Anthropology, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
- establish a Disciplinary Certificate in Advocacy & Public Engagement, Department of Anthropology, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
- establish an Honours Minor Degree Option in Advocacy & Public Engagement, Department of Anthropology, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
- establish a Privacy and Cybersecurity Specialization in the Professional LLM Program, Osgoode Hall Law School / Faculty of Graduate Studies
- change degree requirements for the Masters in Environmental Studies Program, Faculty of Environmental Studies / Faculty of Graduate Studies

### Hortative Motions

Senate considered hortative motions (the term hortative refers to an expression of opinion; the passage of these motions has no substantial impact and will not, for example, result in classes being cancelled). In doing so it approved a motion that

Senate hereby expresses its view that Senate, in conjunction with Senate Executive, has the authority to direct and determine that classes be suspended on the basis of academic integrity.

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It defeated a motion that:

It is the opinion of Senate that all classes on the Glendon campus should be suspended for the duration of the CUPE3903 strike.

### Committee Information Items

#### Executive

The Executive Committee's information items included the following:

- actions taken by the Committee prior to and since the outset of the disruption that began on March 5 as a result of the CUPE 3903 strike
- a commentary on motions with respect to the suspension of classes and the rationale for the approach that all classes that could continue would continue
- reflections on proceedings at the special meeting of Senate on March 8 and a guide to the rules that govern the conduct of business
- the status of items in progress
- consultations undertaken by the Sub-Committee on Equity as it reviews the Guidelines and Procedures accompanying the Senate Policy on Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

#### APPRC's report to Senate included information on the following:

- the Committee's endorsement of the establishment of a task force to examine possibilities for CV management software
- reflections on the APPRC-ASCP February Forum of Ideas and consideration of ways to share knowledge gained as the committees seek to advance University Academic Plan objectives related to quality and innovation.
- consultations on the development of "Incomparable Metrics" that will include Faculty Councils and the York University Libraries.
- Faculty Planning Submissions: Status and Goals
- the latest update on Markham Centre Campus planning from the Provost

#### Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy

##### Minor Modifications

ASCP advised that it had approved minor changes to the following programs

##### Graduate Studies

- Finance Field in the PhD program in Business Administration (degree requirements)

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### Lassonde School of Engineering

- BEng program in Geomatics Engineering (degree requirements)
- BEng program in Space Engineering (degree requirements)
- Geomatics Science Stream within the Specialized Honours BSc program in Earth and Atmospheric Science (degree requirements)

### Liberal Arts & Professional Studies

- BA program in Sociology (degree requirements)
- BA program in Anthropology (degree requirements)
- BA program in English (degree requirements)

### Schulich School of Business

- Certificate in Managing International Trade and Investment (name change to Certificate in International Management together with minor change to its requirements)

### Appeals

SAC reported that it had approved a recommendation of the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professionals Studies Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Success that York University rescind the degree of Bachelor of Arts conferred on two York students, one in 2017 and one in 2016, and that the official transcript record the reason for which it was rescinded.

### Awards

The Awards Committee responded to a question, posed at the February meeting of Senate, about the share of undergraduate student awards by Faculty. In doing so it pointed to factors that influence the distribution of awards including the proportion of part time students, the GPA of incoming students, differential tuition and related fees, and the financial needs of students.

### April Meeting of Senate

Senate's next meeting is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on **Thursday, April 26, 2018**