

The Senate of York University

Meeting Synopsis

The 646th Meeting of Senate
held on Thursday, May 24, 2018

Remarks

The Chair of Senate, Professor Lesley Beagrie, welcomed Senators and members. She thanked all those who have made extraordinary efforts to ensure that as many students as possible are able to participate in Convocation celebrations despite the disruption.

The President of York University, Rhonda Lenton, commented on the following:

- the widespread, fervent desire to resolve the labour dispute that has disrupted academic activities for twelve weeks, and ongoing efforts made to provide students with options that will help them pursue their studies and other goals
- confirmation that Convocation ceremonies will proceed as planned in June
- notable achievements by York faculty members, students and alumni
- the naming of the University as one of Canada's Greenest Employers for the sixth consecutive year
- expansion of the University Budget Committee to include Deans and others, and the inauguration of comprehensive community budget consultations, scheduled for the autumn, that will help determine strategic investments
- formal authorization by the York Region Council of \$25 million for the Markham Campus
- government relations, currently focused on outreach to provincial election candidates

The President's monthly "Kudos" report was posted with the meeting agenda.

Strategic Research Plan Approval

On a recommendation from the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee Senate approved *Strategic Research Plan 2018-2023: Toward New Heights*.

Policy Approvals

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

- authorize the granting of degrees, certificates and diplomas to eligible students at any time following the completion of the degree audit reconciliation and at the University's convocations held in Fall, February (In Absentia) and Spring
- establish pan-University academic nomenclature

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Curriculum Approvals

Senate approved changes to the requirements for the BA degree program in Educational Studies, Faculty of Education to increase the number of major credits for the Honours and Honours double major degree options from 42 to 48 and increase the number of required credits for the Honours Minor degree option from 30 to 33

Senate Elections

Senate approved a slate of candidates presented by the Executive Committee with the result that a number of individuals were acclaimed to positions on Senate committees while others will be elected as the result of a ballot conducted from May 25 to June 2.

Reports

Professors David Mutimer and Lauren Sergio, Senators on the Board of Governors, transmitted a synopsis of the May 1, 2018 meeting of the Board.

Senate received the spring report of the Provost on major academic planning initiatives, including Markham Centre Campus planning, complement and enrolments, and progress on Institutional Integrated Resource Plan objectives intended to help achieve University Academic Plan goals

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
- topics covered at the spring Meeting of Senate Committee chairs and secretaries
- agreement to take up a request, as part of the triennial review of Senate rules, to consider strengthened language about standards of conduct at meetings and when communicating as Senators
- the status of proposed changes to rules submitted for review by Faculty Councils

Academic Policy, Planning and Research

APPRC's report previewed items expected to be included in its June report to Senate.

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ASCP reported that it hosted members of the Indigenous Council for a discussion of *The Indigenous Framework for York University: A Guide to Action*. ASCP suggested that Senate may also wish to arrange a facilitated discussion of *The Indigenous Framework* at an upcoming meeting.

Awards Committee

The Awards filed on a report on new awards for calendar year 2017 and the disbursement of graduate student awards in 2016. Senators joined in saluting the following recipients of prestigious awards as selected by the Committee:

2018 President's University-Wide Teaching Awards

Senior Full-time Faculty Member: Dan Palermo, Civil Engineering, Lassonde

Full-time Faculty Member: Ruth Koleszar-Green, Social Work, LA&PS

Contract or Adjunct Faculty Bridget E. Cauthery, Dance, AMPD

Teaching Assistant: Minha Reokenally Ha, Mechanical Engineering, Lassonde and Reena Shadaan, Environmental Studies / Social Science, LA&PS

2018 Distinguished Research Professorships

Nantel Bergeron, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Science,

Bernard Lightman, Department of Humanities, LA&PS

Anne Russon, Department of Psychology, Glendon

2018 President's Research Excellence Award

J. Douglas Crawford, Department of Psychology, Health

2018 President's Emerging Research Leadership Award

Sapna Sharma, Department of Biology, Science

June Meeting of Senate

The next regular meeting of Senate is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on

Thursday, June 15, 2018