

# The Senate of York University

## Meeting Synopsis

The 648th Meeting of the Senate of York University  
held on Thursday, August 2, 2018

### Remarks

In his first remarks as the Chair of Senate, Professor Franck van Breugel of the Lassonde School of Engineering, welcomed new and continuing Senators and thanked them for attending a rare summer meeting. Professor Alison Macpherson of the Faculty of Health was introduced as the new Vice-Chair and those appointed to academic leadership positions were congratulated. The Chair expressed appreciation to all those who are working diligently on remediation to assist students in completing courses and finalizing grades. The primary purpose of the meeting was to consult with Senate “as soon as possible” after the end of a disruption in keeping with the *Senate Policy on the Academic Implications of Disruptions or Cessations of University Business Due to Labour Disputes or Other Causes*.

### Approvals

Senate approved a recommendation of the Executive Committee to temporarily amend the *Senate Policy on Sessional Dates and the Scheduling of Examinations* to permit deferred remediation activities during the Fall Reading Week for 2018 subject to the agreement of course directors and students.

### Committee Information Items

In its report the Executive Committee provided an updated chronology of actions taken prior to and since the disruption of academic activities that began. This document informed a discussion, conducted in Committee of the Whole, about the implementation of the “Disruptions Policy.” Senate Executive will reflect on comments made at the meeting about this and other issues that arose during the disruption.

The Committee also advised that it had approved the membership of Professor Bruce Ryder, Osgoode Hall Law School, on Senate Executive and extended the membership of student Senator Talha Tanweer as a member of the Appeals Committee. There are five remaining vacancies on Senate committees, and expressions of personal interest or suggestions are welcome.

For more information, see the documents posted on the 2018-2019 Senate meeting site

<http://secretariat.info.yorku.ca/senate/meeting-agendas-and-synopses/>

### September Meeting of Senate

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

**Thursday, September 27, 2018**