

The Senate of York University

Synopsis

The 658th Meeting of Senate
held on Thursday, June 27, 2019

Remarks

The Chair, Professor Franck van Breugel, Lassonde, expressed thanks to Senators and committee members for their contributions this year, especially to those completing terms this month, and to the staff of the University Secretariat for their support of the work of Senate and its committees over the course of the year. This being the final Senate meeting for University Secretary and General Counsel Maureen Armstrong, the Chair expressed thanks and appreciation for her warm collegiality and support of governance. Senator Alison Macpherson will resume the Vice-Chair as of July 1; Senator David Mutimer was thanked for capably filling in this term.

President Rhonda Lenton highlighted the many notable achievements from the year that contributed to the advancement of the UAP priorities through a coordinated integration of the University's academic, operational and capital plans into a comprehensive strategic plan. Notable successes from 2018-2019 include the expansion of experiential education opportunities, the surpassing of the \$100M mark for research funding, and the implementation of the forward-looking plan to grow the full-time faculty complement. Looking ahead to 2019-2020 and beyond, there are a number of strategic opportunities that may serve to further the University's vision, such as a revised Markham Centre Campus, a collaboration on a health sciences academic precinct in Vaughan, the strengthening of the sustainability of Glendon, and the development of the Lands for Learning initiative.

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

Reports

Under the auspices of the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee, Senators Lisa Philipps, Provost and Vice-President Academic, and Carol McAulay, Vice-President Finance and Administration, delivered a presentation on the budget context for academic planning for the years 2019-2020 to 2021-2022.

Approvals

On recommendations of its Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee, Senate approved:

- the chartering of five Organized Research Units: Centre for Feminist Research, The City Institute, Israel and Golda Koschitzky Centre for Jewish Studies,

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Institute for Research on Digital Learning, and Innovation in Computing at Lassonde

- the establishment of the *Senate Policy on Open Access*, effective July 1, 2019
- revisions to the *Principles and Procedures Governing Non-Degree Studies*, effective July 1, 2019

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

- revise the *Senate Pass/Fail Grades Policy*, effective September 1, 2019
- establish a BSc Specialized Honours program in Neuroscience, housed jointly within the Department of Psychology and the School of Kinesiology and Health Science in the Faculty of Health and the Department of Biology in the Faculty of Science, effective FW 2020-2021
- change the admission requirements for the MSc program in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and the degree requirements and program learning outcomes for the specialization in Artificial Intelligence within that MSc degree program, effective FW 2019-2020

On a recommendation of its Awards Committee, Senate approved revisions to the Policy section of the *Senate Policy on Honorary Professorships*, effective July 1, 2019.

The recommendation of its Executive Committee to approve, without amendment, changes to the *Alternate Stream Document* and the *Tenure and Promotions Policy, Criteria and Procedures*.

Committee Information Reports

Executive

The Executive Committee reported on the following items:

- its approval of the revisions to the *Senate Guidelines on Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities*
- the deferral of Senate's formal review of the revisions to the *Senate Rules, Procedures and Guidelines* to September 2019, and encouragement for Senators to complete the survey on the substantive changes to the Rules, Procedures and Guidelines
- Senate Attendance from September 2018 to May 2019
- progress made by Senate Committees in 2018-2019 on defined actions in support of UAP priorities
- encouragement for Senators to complete the Senator and Senate Committee surveys for 2018-2019

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Academic Policy, Planning and Research

APPRC provided information on these items:

- the Report from the Organized Research Unit Sub-Committee
- its engagement with Deans in the context of tracking progress on UAP priorities and preliminary feedback from the discussions
- the Annual Reports of APPRC Sub-Committees supported by the Office of the Vice-President Research and Innovation
- the efforts of the ASCP Special Sub-Committee on New Faculty Curriculum, collegial working groups within FES and Geography, and the Facilitating Group to advance the development of the new Faculty
- its review and discussion of draft Guidelines for Cross-Faculty Degree Programs, prepared by the Provost
- the status of the development of the E-CV management system
- its progress on its 2018-2019 priorities

Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy

ASCP reported on its progress to advance UAP priorities this year and on the following minor changes:

Glendon

- The establishment of Honors Major-Minor degree options with the Faculty of Environmental Studies

Health and Science

- The establishment of the NRSC rubric for the BSc Specialized Honours program in Neuroscience

Lassonde

- Editorial correction to the calendar for the number of credits required for BSc (Honours) and BSc Specialized Honours degrees

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APPRC and ASCP conveyed a joint report in which the Annual Report on Non-Degree Studies and a report from the Joint Sub-Committee on Quality Assurance were transmitted to Senate.

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Awards

Senators joined the Awards Committee in congratulating the recipients of the prestigious awards for graduating students:

Governor General's Gold Medal: Cynthia Kwakyewah, Graduate Program in Interdisciplinary Studies; Meghan Hughes, Graduate Program in Kinesiology & Health Science; and Qiyi Tang, Graduate Program in Electrical Engineering & Computer Science

Governor General's Silver Medal

2019 Recipients: Nicholas Chrobok, Faculty of Science, BSc (Honours) in Biology, First Class with Distinction; Zackary Grant Goldford, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, BA (Honours) in Law and Society, Summa Cum Laude; Avreen Kaur Kochhar, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, Honours Bachelor of Human Resources Management, Summa Cum Laude

2018 Recipients: Antonnia Kiana Blake, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, BA Honours Double Major, Criminology & Human Rights and Equity Studies, Summa Cum Laude; Natalia Maria Ladyka-Wojcik, Glendon, BA Specialized Honours in Psychology, First Class; Maryam Samani, Faculty of Health, BSc (Honours) in Psychology, Summa Cum Laude

The Murray G. Ross Award: Shalyn Isaacs, Faculty of Health, BA (Honours) in Psychology

The Awards Committee also reported on its approval of revisions to the Procedures for Nomination within the *Senate Policy on Honorific Professorships* and its progress on priorities identified in the fall.

Additional Information about this Meeting

Please refer to the full Senate agenda and supplementary material posted online with the June 27, 2019 meeting for details about these items.

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

September Meeting of Senate

Senate's next meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 26, 2019.