

# The Senate of York University

## Synopsis

The 660th Meeting of Senate held on Thursday, October 24, 2019

### Remarks

The Chair of Senate, Professor Franck van Breugel of the Lassonde School of Engineering, welcomed Senators to the meeting and, referencing the inspirational addresses by the honorary degree recipients at the Fall Convocation ceremonies, encouraged Senators to give thought to identifying nominees for honorary doctorates.

Comments made by President Lenton included the following:

- optimism that the outcome of the federal election will provide stability for higher education, especially in the areas in which investments were made in the 2019 budget: internationalization, experiential education, and infrastructure
- highlights from the President's 2018-2019 Annual Report and the plans to continue advancing the priorities articulated in the University Academic Plan (UAP) 2015-2020 and identify items that could be carried over to the next UAP
- an update on the Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA3) negotiations with the provincial government and a commitment to discuss new information with Senate as it becomes available
- the administration's consideration of opportunities to support sustainability efforts at York
- an announcement of the 2019 Bryden Alumni Award recipients: Eva Marszewski, Robert Krembil, Suzanne Katsi'tsiarihshion Brant, and Kimberly Badal

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

### Inquiries and Communications

Senator Turlakis, one of Senate's nominees to the Board of Governors, spoke to the synopsis of the October meeting of the Board. The Board approval of a new business plan for the Markham Centre Campus generated a discussion of the strategy for the new campus in the context of existing academic and campus plans for Keele and Glendon.

### Reports

Under the auspices of the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee, Provost Philipps presented the Autumn Report on Complement and Enrolment and the Faculty Complement Renewal Strategy.

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### Approvals

On the recommendation of its Executive Committee, Senate approved:

- the election of Tom Wesson (Schulich) to the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee, and Susan Drummond (Osgoode) to the Tenure and Promotions Appeals Committee
- revisions to the Senate Rules on conduct of proceedings and decorum (Subsection 6.6) and Senate's nominees to the Board of Governors (Subsection 8.61), effective immediately
- the establishment of an interim Faculty Council for the Faculty of Urban and Environmental Change, for the period of 1 January 2020 to 31 August 2020, contingent upon the approval of the new Faculty by Senate and the Board of Governors

Senate approved the recommendation of its Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee to close the MA program in Mathematics for Teachers, housed within the Graduate Program in Mathematics and Statistics, Faculty of Science, Faculty of Graduate Studies, effective FW 2020-2021.

### Committee Information Reports

The Chairs of Senate committees briefly described their roles on behalf of Senate, how they conduct business and items Senate can expect to come to the floor from them during the year, as time constraints had precluded them from doing so at the inaugural meeting of 2019-2020.

### Executive (Professor Alison Macpherson, Vice-Chair)

The Executive Committee gave Notice of Statutory Motion for the disestablishment of the Faculty Council, Faculty of Environmental Studies, effective 31 December 2019, contingent upon the approval of the new Faculty of Urban and Environmental Change by Senate and the Board of Governors.

The Executive Committee's information items included the following:

- approval of the Faculty of Graduate Studies' nominee to Executive
- Senate committees' priorities for 2019-2020

### Academic Policy, Planning and Research (Professor Carl Ehrlich, Chair)

APPRC provided Notice of Statutory Motion for the following items and gathered input from Senators:

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- Establishment of the Faculty of Urban and Environmental Change comprising the Faculty of Environmental Studies and the Department of Geography, LA&PS to commence operations 1 January 2020, with a full launch on 1 September 2020
- Disestablishment of the Faculty of Environmental Studies, effective 31 August 2020
- Transfer of the constituent academic programs and curricula from the Faculty of Environmental Studies to the new Faculty of Urban and Environmental Change, effective 1 September 2020
- Disestablishment of the Department of Geography, housed in the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, effective 31 August 2020
- Transfer of the constituent academic programs and curricula from the Department of Geography, Liberal Arts & Professional Studies to the new Faculty of Urban and Environmental Change, effective 1 September 2020

APPRC reported on the following information items:

- an update on the University Academic Plan renewal process, with an Open Forum to be held on 7 November from 9:30 to 11:45 am in the New/Second Student Centre and other forms of consultations to be launched in the coming weeks (details are available on the [UAP renewal website](#))
- its review of the Provost's reports on FW2019-2020 enrolments and faculty complement and the Faculty Complement Renewal Strategy
- confirmation of its priorities for 2019-2020
- committee input to the Provost and AVP Finance on the budget consultation
- an update on its membership for 2019-2020

## **Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy (Professor Kim Michasiw, Chair)**

ASCP's information items included:

- changes to English language proficiency requirements for the Master of Financial Accountability program, Graduate Program in Financial Accountability, School of Administrative Studies, LA&PS / Graduate studies
- a minor change to degree requirements for the BA program in Mathematics, Department of Mathematics, Glendon
- its reflections on the proposal for the establishment of the Faculty of Urban and Environmental Change
- sessional dates for three academic years, from SU' 2020 to FW'2022-2023

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### Appeals (Professor Suprakash Datta, Chair)

On behalf of the Committee, Professor Datta provided an overview of the Committee's role and function and reported on the following information items:

- its approval of revisions to the Senate Appeals Committee procedures
- its approval of a recommendation to rescind a degree conferred on a student

### Awards (Professor Jonathan Obar, Chair)

On behalf of the Committee, Professor Obar gave an overview of the Committee's role and function and advised Senators that the call for nominations had been issued for the President's Research Awards – the President's Emerging Research Leadership Award, the President's Research Impact Award, and the President's Research Excellence Award. Details are available on the [Awards Committee website](#).

### Tenure and Promotions, Tenure and Promotions Appeals (Professor Thomas Baumgartner, Co-Chair)

Professor Baumgartner provided an overview of the Committee's role and function on behalf of the Committee and Co-Chair.

### Additional Information about this Meeting

Please refer to the full Senate agenda and supplementary material posted online with the October 24, 2019 meeting for details about these items.

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

### November Meeting of Senate

Senate's next meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 28, 2019.