



# The Senate of York University

## Synopsis

**The 675<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Senate held on Thursday, April 22, 2021 via Zoom**

### Remarks

The Chair of Senate, Professor Alison Macpherson of the Faculty of Health, welcomed Senators to the meeting. She acknowledged with sorrow the recent passing of two faculty colleagues, Professors Emeriti John Ridpath and Austin Clarkson.

President Lenton's remarks to Senate included the following information:

- highlights of the federal government's 2021 budget, which includes investment in work-integrated learning, the Canada Student Financial Assistance program, and supports for Indigenous students.
- an update on the University's ongoing provincial government relations and advocacy efforts in concert with the Council of Ontario Universities.
- the importance of planning for the Fall 2021 term and the planned gradual increase of in-person activities on campus, all in accordance with public health guidelines.
- acknowledgment of the efforts of faculty and community members in maintaining a high quality learning experience for York students during the pandemic.
- the University's recognition by the Times Higher Education Global Impact Rankings, which ranked York 11<sup>th</sup> in Canada and 67<sup>th</sup> overall.
- York's designation as one of Canada's Greenest Employers for the ninth consecutive year.
- the recent release of York's inaugural *Economic and Social Impact Report 2020* which examines the University as a ladder of opportunity, an engine for social progress, and a driver of economic growth.
- the appointment of Louise Spencer as Acting Vice-President Advancement.

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

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### Reports

#### **Academic Colleague to the Council of Ontario Universities (COU)**

Speaking to the written report included in the agenda, the Academic Colleague to COU, Senator Brenda Spotton Visano, reported on its April meeting in which members engaged in a discussion on several updates including, the COU Provincial Budget Advocacy Strategy and planning for the post-pandemic environment. In addition, COU President Steve Orsini provided an update on the recent joint message from COU and Colleges Ontario regarding the vital role Ontario's universities and colleges must play in supporting the province through COVID-19 and the economic recovery.

### Approvals

On the recommendation of its Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee, Senate approved:

- the establishment of the Graduate Diploma (Type II) in Creative Writing, housed in the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, effective FW2021-2022.
- the establishment of the Graduate Diploma (Type III) in Foundations of Canadian Law, housed in the Osgoode Hall Law School, effective January 2022.
- the establishment of a new major in Cities, Regions, Planning for the BES degree program housed in the Faculty of Environmental and Urban Change, effective FW2021-2022.
- changes to the degree requirements for the MA and PhD programs in Science and Technology Studies housed in the Department of Humanities in the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, effective FW2021-22.
- changes to the requirements for the Media Arts Stream in the BFA degree program in Film housed in the Department of Cinema & Media Arts in the School of the Arts, Media, Performance & Design effective FW2021-2022.
- a one-year extension of the Academic Forgiveness Policies pilot to FW2021-2022.
- changes to the requirements for the Master of Conference Interpreting degree program and Graduate Diploma in General Interpreting at Glendon, effective FW2021-22.

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- changes to the breadth requirement categories and requirements for the BA degree program in History, Department of History at Glendon, effective FW2021-22.
- changes to the required core courses for the BA degree programs in Political Science, Department of Political Science at Glendon, effective FW2022-2023.

### Committee Information Reports

#### Executive

The Executive Committee's information items included the following:

- its ongoing monitoring of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on academic activities and planning for the Fall 2021 term.
- the Senate and Faculty Councils' consultation process pertaining to Fall/Winter 2021-2022 planning and course delivery.
- A reminder of the call for expressions of interest in progress for membership on Senate committees and other positions elected by Senate.
- An update on the review of the inaugural Rules and Procedures for the Faculty of Environmental and Urban Change Faculty Council.

#### Academic Policy, Planning and Research (APPRC)

APPRC reported on the following items:

- its ongoing monitoring of University Academic Plan implementation, including preparations for the second APPRC-sponsored planning forum.
- recent discussions with Faculty academic planners on progress toward University Academic Plan priorities.
- receipt of a report from APPRC's Sub-committee on Organized Research Units.
- its concurrence with the recommendation of the Provost to establish the *George Weston Ltd Chair for Sustainable Supply Chains* in the Schulich School of Business.
- ongoing discussions about the development of the academic components of Markham Centre Campus.

#### Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy (ASCP)

ASCP's information items included the following minor changes that were approved by the Committee, effective FW2021-2022 unless otherwise noted:

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### ***Glendon***

Changes to the regulations for the BA degree programs in Business Economics, Economics, English, Mathematics and Psychology; the Certificate in the Discipline of Teaching English as an International Language and Certificate in Refugee and Migration Studies (related to the new grading scheme implementation effective FW2023-2024)

### ***Liberal Arts & Professional Studies***

Changes to the program regulations for the BA degree program in Culture and Expression, Department of Humanities (related to the new grading scheme implementation effective FW2023-2024).

### ***Osgoode Hall Law School***

Minor changes to the requirements for the Disability Law Intensive program

### ***Faculty of Science***

Minor changes to the requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree programs in the Faculty of Science

### ***Schulich School of Business***

Minor change to the English Language Proficiency Test scores required for admission to the Bachelor of Business Administration and International Bachelor of Administration (effective FW2022-2023)

Minor changes to the admission requirements for the Master of Finance program (effective Summer 2021)

Minor changes to the course rubrics in the Diploma in Advanced Accounting (effective Summer 2021)

Minor changes to the course rubrics in the Diploma in Intermediate Accounting (effective Summer 2021)

Minor Changes to the course rubrics in the Master of Accounting degree program (effective Summer 2021)

### ***Temporary Exemptions from the Senate Policy on Sessional Dates and the Scheduling of Examinations***

Temporary exemption from Section 3 of the Senate Policy on *Sessional Dates and the Scheduling of Examinations* for C4: *The Cross-Campus Capstone Classroom* and the *ENG4000 Course* in the Lassonde School of Engineering to allow students in the

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courses participating in the virtual York Capstone Day on April 30, 2021 to have a percentage of their final mark assessed at the event (effective Winter 2021 only).

### **Awards**

The Awards Committee's information items included the following:

- the annual report on the disbursement of undergraduate student awards for the 2019-2020 year.
- the annual report on new awards approved during the 2020 calendar year.
- the annual report from the Faculty of Graduate Studies on Graduate Awards for 2019-2020.

### **Additional Information about this Meeting**

Please refer to the full Senate agenda and supplementary material posted online with the Thursday, April 22, 2021 meeting for details about these items.

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

### **May Meeting of Senate**

Senate's next meeting will be held at 3:00 pm on Thursday, May 27, 2021.