



The Senate of York University

Synopsis

The 679th Meeting of Senate held on Thursday, October 28, 2021 via Zoom

Remarks

The Chair, Professor Mario Roy of Glendon College, welcomed Senators to the meeting.

President Rhonda Lenton reported on the following items:

- acknowledgement of the following recent appointments: Dr. Detlev Zwick, Dean of the Schulich School of Business, Dr. Gordon Binsted, Deputy Provost of Markham Campus, Adjunct Professor Joseph Mapa, Krembil Chair in Health Management and Leadership, and Dr. Susan Dion, Associate Vice-President Indigenous Initiatives
- highlights from the President's 2020-2021 Annual Report, [Righting the Future](#), which documents the impressive progress made by the York community to advance priorities and goals articulated in the University Academic Plan (UAP) over the past year despite the challenges of the pandemic
- continued prioritization of the health and safety of the community and acknowledgement that the University will continue to follow the advice of health and safety officials throughout the planned full return to on-campus academic activities for the winter 2022 term.
- recent progress made on key projects underway at the Markham, Keele, and Glendon campuses
- recent progress on equity, diversity, and inclusion initiatives across the University, including the finalization of the Action Plan on Black Inclusion and the third-party review of the culture in York's Athletics and Recreation varsity teams
- recent progress on the University's work to develop a Campus Vision and Strategy for the future of the Keele campus edge lands
- the Kudos report, highlighting York's UNESCO Chair, Charles Hopkins, who is the recipient of the Clean50 Lifetime Achievement Award for his work to reorient education towards sustainable development

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Reports

Report of the Academic Colleague to the Council of Ontario Universities (COU)

Speaking to the written report included in the agenda, the Academic Colleague to the COU, Senator Spotton Visano, reported on its August meetings in which members engaged in a discussion on COU's priorities for 2021-2022 and received several sector-wide updates, including an update on the recent work of the Financial Sustainability & Competition working group. The Academic Colleagues also received updates on the Ontario Health Data Platform (OHDP) and the status of COU discussions regarding micro-credentials.

Approvals

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

- the extension of the use of Duolingo as an accepted English language placement test and 115 as the minimum score for admission to York University for the academic sessions between FW2022– SU2024

Committee Information Reports

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee's information items included the following:

- its ongoing monitoring of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on academic activities, with actions pertaining to the disruption outlined in its written Report
- its approval of Senate Committee members nominated by Faculty Councils
- its confirmation of 2021-2022 priorities, with a key focus on enhancing collegial governance and fostering positive, productive processes
- its review of Senate committee priorities for 2021-2022
- the consolidated report on actions taken by Senate in 2020-2021
- an update on its membership for 2021-2022

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Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee (APPRC)

APPRC reported on the following items:

- its confirmation of 2021-2022 priorities, with a key focus on advancing discussion on the future of pedagogy at the University
- its monthly report to Senate on Markham Centre Campus planning
- its receipt of a comprehensive briefing on the context and environment for the University's budget
- an update on its membership for 2021-2022

Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee (ASCP)

ASCP reported on the following items:

- its confirmation of 2021-2022 priorities, with a key focus on the proposals for Markham Centre Campus curricular programming and the establishment of the new Academic Conduct Policy
- its initial review of proposals for curricular programming at the Markham Campus
- an update on its membership for 2021-2022
- its approval of minor modifications to curriculum

Glendon

Minor changes to the Degree Requirements for the BA program in Economics

Additional Information about this Meeting

Please refer to the full Senate agenda and supplementary material posted online with the Thursday, October 28, 2021 meeting for details about these items.

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

November Meeting of Senate

Senate's next meeting will be held at 3:00 pm on Thursday, November 25, 2021.