



The Senate of York University

Synopsis

The 681st Meeting of Senate held on Thursday, December 16, 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:

- 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 delivery of academic programming for the winter 2022 term
- the appointment of Susan Gajic-Bruyea as Vice-President Advancement
- thanks and appreciation to Louise Spencer for her service as Acting Vice-President Advancement
- the re-appointment of Lisa Philipps as Provost and Vice-President Academic
- the retirement of Lucy Fromowitz, Vice-Provost, Students, and appreciation for her leadership and service
- the Kudos report, highlighting that four Faculty of Science professors received grants from the Academic's Indigeneity in Teaching & Learning Fund to advance three projects that incorporate Indigenous knowledges and perspectives into teaching and learning
- best wishes for the holiday season

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 October meetings in which members engaged in a discussion on COU's comprehensive advocacy campaign in support of key sector interests and received several sector-wide updates. The Academic Colleagues also received an update on private universities and colleges in Ontario, including degrees offered, current PEQAB applications, tuition and admission requirements.

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Addressing Anti-Black Racism: A Framework on Black Inclusion and Action Plan for Inclusion: A Living Document for Action

Sheila Cote-Meek, Vice-President Equity, People & Culture, and Carl James, Special Advisor on Equity and Representation delivered a presentation on the Framework and Action Plan on Black Inclusion.

Approvals

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

- the establishment of BAsc degree in Digital Technologies, Markham Campus, housed in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science in the Lassonde School of Engineering, effective FW2023-2024
- the establishment of a Disciplinary Certificate in Creative Writing Across Contexts, housed within the Department of at Glendon College, effective FW2022-2023
- the establishment of a Field in Health System Management and Health Data Analytics in the MA and PhD degree programs in Health in the Faculty of Health, effective FW2022-2023
- a revision to the name of the Diploma in German and European Studies housed in the Department of Politics in the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies to the Diploma in European Studies, and revisions to its requirements, effective FW2022-2023
- revisions to the requirements for the Diploma in Intermediate Accounting and the Master of Accounting degree program, Schulich School of Business, effective FW2022-2023

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

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- its continued discussion of the scope of the 2021-2022 Senate Rules review exercise
- its review the Faculty Council rules and procedures for the School of Arts, Media, Performance & Design, including a newly established Equity, Diversity, Decolonization, and Inclusion (EDDI) standing committee
- its consideration of a hortative motion that seeks to have Senate express its opinion on the *Anti-Black Racism Framework* and the *Action Plan on Black Inclusion*
- its preliminary discussion of the mode of delivery of Senate meetings going forward

Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee (APPRC)

APPRC reported on the following items:

- its monthly report to Senate on Markham Campus planning
- its ongoing monitoring of University Academic Plan (UAP) implementation, including preparations for the APPRC-sponsored spring planning forum on the *Future of Pedagogy*
- its continued discussion of the Action Plan to the Framework to Address Anti-Black Racism
- its discussion with the President on the development of a proposal for a medical school for submission to the Province
- its discussion with the Vice-President Research and Innovation on the Report from the York University Task Force on AI & Society

Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee (ASCP)

ASCP reported on its continued review of proposals for curricular programming at the Markham Campus and approval of the following minor modifications to curriculum:

Faculty of Graduate Studies

Changes to Undergraduate Students Taking Graduate Courses Regulations

Faculty of Education

Minor changes to degree requirements for the BA program in Education Studies

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School of the Arts, Media, Performance and Design

Minor Changes to the degree requirements for the Specialized Honours BFA program (Production)

Schulich School of Business

Minor changes to the degree requirements for the MMKG Master of Marketing program

Change of title for the Global Mining Management (GMM) specialization to *Global Metals and Minerals Management (GMM)*

Minor changes to the degree requirements for the Master of Business Analytics, MBAN program

Tenure and Promotions Committee

Tenure and Promotions transmitted its 2020-2021 Annual Report to Senate, which addressed tenure and promotions data for 2020-2021, the review of unit-level standards, as well as other items.

Additional Information about this Meeting

Please refer to the full Senate agenda and supplementary material posted online with the Thursday, December 16, 2021 meeting for details about these items.

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

January Meeting of Senate

Senate's next meeting will be held at 3:00 pm on Thursday, January 27, 2022.