



The Senate of York University

Synopsis

The 682nd Meeting of Senate held on Thursday, January 27, 2022 via Zoom

Remarks

The Chair, Professor Mario Roy of Glendon College, welcomed Senators to the meeting. He acknowledged with sorrow the recent passing of two faculty colleagues, Paul Wilkinson, University Professor and former Chair of Senate, and Michael Goldrick, Professor Emerita.

President Rhonda Lenton reported on the following items:

- acknowledgment of the recent passing of two York community members, David Ogden, Shift Engineer in Energy Management, Facilities Services, and John McCurdy, PhD candidate
- the appointment of Margaret Kierylo as Assistant Vice-President, Institutional Planning & Chief Data Officer, effective April 1, 2022
- the appointment of Brad Strom as Chief Information Officer, effective February 21, 2022
- continued prioritization of the health and safety of the community and acknowledgement that the University will continue to align York's plans for a safe return to in-person activity with public health guidance
- an update on York's Well-Being Strategy, including the creation of a Well-Being Executive to support the initiative
- an update on York's Sustainability Framework, which positions York as a Living Lab to support major sustainability projects including food security and electrical vehicles
- an update on the current SMA3 process, including the weighting of key performance metrics
- the Kudos report, highlighting the work of Professor Sherry Grace, Faculty of Health, who is co-leading the development of the world's first cardiac rehabilitation registry

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Approvals

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

- the addition of a new Stream and a Minor degree option in entrepreneurship and Innovation in the Bachelor of Commerce degree program, Markham Campus, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, effective FW2023-2024
- a new Field in Municipal Government within the Master of Public Policy, Administration and Law degree program, Markham Campus, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, effective FW2023-2024
- revisions to requirements and addition of a new Specialized Honours option within the Bachelor of Human Resource Management degree program, School of Human Resources Management in the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, effective FW2022-2023
- changes to requirements and the name of the BA and BSc degree programs in Science and Technology Studies from “Science and Technology Studies” to “Science, Technology and Society”, Department of Science and Technology Studies, Faculty of Science, effective FW2022-2023
- the change of the program name from “Film” to “Cinema and Media Arts”, Department of Cinema and Media Arts, AMPD, effective FW2022-2023

Senate approved two hortative motions pertaining to the Anti-Black Racism Framework and Action Plan and N95 respirator masks:

- that, a combination of a bottom-up, community-led, research-based and data-driven process with strong leadership, commitment, and action from York’s administration is required to enact a robust Framework to Address Anti-Black Racism and an accompanying Draft Action Plan on Black Inclusion that challenge the structural inequities, power imbalances, and ideologies of white supremacy that are at the root of systemic racism. Senate expresses concern that such a commitment to substantial change, working closely with the affected communities, has yet to emerge, nor is it evident in the Draft Action Plan on Black Inclusion or in other actions taken so far
- that, based on emerging public health literature promoting the use of N95 respirator masks over cloth and surgical masks, and out of a concern that all

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York University students, staff, and faculty have equitable access to respirator masks, Senate hereby expresses its opinion that York University should –

1. procure,
2. provide free or heavily subsidize, *and*
3. safely distribute N95 or KN95 (or equivalent or better) respirator masks to all community members.

that, this practice be maintained for the Winter 2022 semester, with the possibility of an extension if the pandemic continues

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 review of feedback received from Senators and confirmation of the scope of the 2021-2022 Senate Rules review exercise
- its approval of individuals nominated by Faculty Councils for membership on Senate committees
- additions to the pool of prospective honorary degree recipients
- the Sub-Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials' approval of a recommendation from the University Registrar to permit the use of students' chosen first names (retaining surnames) on University parchments (diplomas and certificates)
- the recent activities of the Sub-Committee on Equity, including the review of its mandate, terms of reference, and composition
- its discussion of the mode of delivery of Senate meetings going forward

Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee (APPRC)

APPRC reported on the following items:

- an update on recent preparations for the APPRC-sponsored spring planning forum on the *Future of Pedagogy*

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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 Liberal Arts & Professional Studies

Revisions to the calendar copy for the Japanese, BA program

Minor changes to the program requirements for the BCom Business Minor

Minor changes to the program requirements for the Children, Childhood & Youth BA program

Minor changes to the workshop requirement for the MA, PhD and Graduate Diploma programs in English

Glendon

Minor changes to the requirements for the Canadian Studies Minor

Minor changes to the admission requirements for the Communications, Hons BA program (effective immediately)

Minor changes to the General Education requirements for the Psychology, BSc program

Faculty of Education

Removal of pre-requisites from non-required BA courses for the BA program in Education Studies

Faculty of Health

Minor changes to the degree and admission requirements for the MA and PhD programs in Critical Disability Studies

School of the Arts, Media, Performance and Design

Changes to the rubric for the MA in Design Research and the Master of Design program

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Additional Information about this Meeting

Please refer to the full Senate agenda and supplementary material posted online with the Thursday, January 27, 2021 meeting for details about these items.

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

February Meeting of Senate

Senate's next meeting will be held at 3:00 pm on Thursday, February 17, 2022.