

The Senate of York University

Synopsis

The 684th Meeting of Senate held on Thursday, March 24, 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 Margaret Anne Waligora, a former clinical course director and practicum coordinator in the School of Nursing in the Faculty of Health. Also acknowledged is the passing of Professor Emeritus Hugh LeRoy, a prominent sculptor and educator at the School of Arts, Media, Performance and Design and senior scholar at the Graduate Program in Art History & Visual Culture.

President Rhonda Lenton reported on the following items:

- an update on the delivery of academic programming for the winter 2022 term and York's continued prioritization of the advice of health and safety officials
- an update on the recently held community consultations on the initiative to establish a School of Medicine and the Vaughan Healthcare Precinct
- the Kudos report, highlighting that the York University Magazine received five Canadian Online Publishing Awards in recognition of its outstanding achievement in Canada's digital media landscape

Approvals

On the recommendation of its Executive Committee, Senate approved:

- the appointment of Professor Poonam Puri, Osgoode Hall Law School, for the position of Vice-Chair of Senate for the term of 1 April 2022 – 31 December 2022, to be followed by a term as Chair of Senate of 1 January 2023 – 30 June 2024

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

- the establishment of the degree of Master of Biotechnology Management
- the establishment of the Master of Biotechnology Management degree program at Markham Campus, housed in the Faculty of Science, effective FW2023-2024
- the establishment of the Graduate Diploma (Type 3) program in Biotechnology at Markham Campus, housed in the Faculty of Science, effective FW2023-2024

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- changes to the degree requirements for the Professional LLM in International Business Law in the Department of Osgoode Professional Development at Osgoode Hall Law School, effective W2023
- changes to the Faculty language requirements for Bachelor degree programs at Glendon College, effective FW2022-2023

On the recommendation of its Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee, Senate approved:

- a change in the name of the Department of Theatre in the School of Arts, Media, Performance and Design to the Department of Theatre and Performance, effectively immediately

Facilitated Discussion

Under the auspices of the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee, a facilitated discussion was held on the University's conceptual plans for a School of Medicine.

A wide-ranging discussion ensued in which a number of themes surfaced, including the opportunities and partnerships a medical school can bring York, resource implications for the University, and the importance of continuing to engage Senate throughout the consultation process. Senators' input was gratefully received and, along with feedback from Faculty Councils and the University community, will inform future discussions regarding the establishment of a School of Medicine.

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
- an update on the recent meeting of the Sub-Committee on Equity, including its discussion on the draft *Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity Strategy* being developed for the University
- its receipt of a communication from the Vice-President, Equity, People and Culture on the Anti-Black Racism Framework and the associated Action Plan

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advising of the actions being taken following the hortative motion pertaining to the plans passed by Senate in January

- thanks and appreciation to Senator Brushwood Rose for her leadership and service as Vice-Chair of Senate

Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee (ASCP)

ASCP reported on the following items:

- the deferral of the implementation of the new Grading Scheme
- its approval of the following regulation changes and minor modifications to curriculum:

Faculty of Graduate Studies

Changes to the FGS Registration Legislation

School of the Arts, Media, Performance and Design

Changes to the degree requirements for the Specialized Honours BFA program in Cinema and Media Arts – Screenwriting

Minor changes to the Degree Requirements for Specialized Hons BFA in Cinema and Media Arts – Production

Minor changes to the Degree Requirements for the BFA program in Integrative Arts

Minor changes to the Degree Requirements for the for Specialized Hons BFA in Cinema and Media Arts – Media Arts

Faculty of Science

Changes to the core program requirements for the Physics and Astronomy BSc, BSc Hons and Streams

Changes to the core program requirements for the Chemistry BSc, BSc Hons and Streams

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Student Appeals Committee (SAC)

SAC reported on the following items:

- the annual report on student appeals statistics for 2020-21, including SAC's activities for the past year and data on Senate and Faculty-level cases

Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee (APPRC)

APPRC reported on the following items:

- the work and consultations underway to develop the high-level vision for a School of Medicine at York University and broad plans for the submission to the Province
- final preparations for the APPRC-sponsored spring planning forum on the *Future of Pedagogy*
- an update from the Vice-President Research & Innovation advising of the province's *Commercialization mandate policy framework reporting system* and the *Research Security Framework*

Additional Information about this Meeting

Please refer to the full Senate agenda and supplementary material posted online with the Thursday, March 24, 2022 meeting for details about these items.

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

April Meeting of Senate

Senate's next meeting will be held at 3:00 pm on Thursday, April 28, 2022.