



The Senate of York University

Synopsis

The 687th Meeting of Senate held on Thursday, June 23, 2022 via Zoom

Remarks

The Chair, Professor Mario Roy of Glendon College, announced and congratulated the 2022 recipients of the *Robert Everett Exceptional Leadership in Student Governance Award*, which recognizes students who have demonstrated high distinction in governance during their studies:

Jacky Duong, an undergraduate student jointly in the Faculty of Environmental & Urban Change and Faculty of Education

Mohamed Elsayed Elghobashy, an undergraduate student in the Faculty of Health

Stephen Teong, an undergraduate student at Glendon

This being the last meeting of the academic year, the Chair extended thanks and appreciation to Senators, committee members and the Secretariat for their contributions.

Drawing Senators' attention to the 2021-2022 Year-End Retrospective presentation slides circulated in advance of the meeting, President Rhonda Lenton highlighted the University's strong foundation, notable achievements from the year and strategic opportunities on the horizon despite the challenges presented by the two-year COVID-19 pandemic. Thanks and appreciation were extended to Senators for their support navigating the pandemic and commitment to the University.

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

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 the May COU meetings where the Academic Colleagues received updates on ongoing issues in the sector, detailed in the written report included in the agenda package. Discussions about decolonizing the academy continue at COU, including a conversation with York's own Vice-President Equity, People and Culture Sheila Cote-Meek at the April meeting; relevant references on this topic are listed in Senator Spotton Visano's report.

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Approvals

Senate approved a motion to refer the proposed revisions to the Senate Rules back to its Executive Committee for further discussion with a view to bringing recommended revisions back to Senate at a subsequent meeting.

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

- the chartering of five Organized Research Units for a five-year period, commencing 1 July 2022: Centre for Artificial Intelligence & Society; Water Management, Artificial Intelligence, Technologies, Education and Sustainability, Resource Recovery & Reuse (One WATER); Centre for Integrative and Applied Neuroscience; Institute for Technoscience and Society; York Emergency Mitigation, Engagement, Response, and Governance Institute (Y-MERGE)
- the change in name of the Department of Science and Technology Studies to the Department of Science, Technology and Society, Faculty of Science, effective immediately

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

- the following items from the School of Health Policy and Management, Faculty of Health, effective FW 2023-2024:
 - the merger of the Specialized Honours BHS and Honours Minor BHS programs in Health Management, Health Policy, and Health Informatics into Specialized Honours BHS and Honours Minor BHS programs in Health Policy, Management and Digital Health
 - the closure of the Specialized Honours BHS programs in Health Management, Health Policy, and Health Informatics
 - the change in name of the Cross-Disciplinary Certificate in Health Informatics to the Cross-Disciplinary Certificate in Digital Health
- revisions to the *Senate Policy on York University Grading Schemes* to be integrated immediately but take effect at the time that the new grading schemes are implemented

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Senate Elections

Senate approved a slate of candidates presented by the Executive Committee with the result that a number of individuals were acclaimed to positions on Senate committees.

Committee Information Reports

Executive Committee

Information items included the following:

- its efforts to continue to fill remaining vacancies on Senate committees, with a call to Senators to consider participating on committees or assist in the identification of prospective candidates
- its communication in early June regarding the plans to declare the disruption to academic activities over, with the matter to be considered early in Fall 2022
- its review and endorsement of changes to the rules and procedures for the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Graduate Studies
- the report on Senate Attendance in 2021-2022
- progress made by Senate Committees on their 2021-2022 priorities
- its assumption of summer authority between the June and September meetings of Senate, in accordance with the Senate Rules

Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee (APPRC)

APPRC reported on the following items:

- its report on University Academic Plan progress in 2021-2022
- the receipt of a report from its Sub-Committee on Organized Research Units, conveying the one-year extension of a number of ORU charters and suggestions made to the Office of the Vice-President Research and Innovation about the chartering process
- its discussion with the Provost and Deputy Provost, Markham Campus, about the broad academic resources and plans for Markham Campus
- its discussion about the strategic repositioning of Glendon with Principal Marco Fiola
- updates on the University's response to two new policy frameworks applicable to university research and researchers, the provincial *Commercialization mandate policy framework reporting system* and the federal *Research Security Framework*
- its receipt and discussion of the *Impact Report 2021-2022* on the Academic Innovation Fund

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Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee (ASCP)

ASCP provided Notice of Statutory Motion for the establishment of the degree type Bachelor and Bachelor (Honours) of Sport Management, School of Human Resource Management, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, Markham Campus.

ASCP reported on the following items:

- its receipt of an update on the estimated timing of the implementation of the new grading schemes with additional information to be communicated to Faculties shortly regarding academic and program regulation changes and to Senate in the fall
- its receipt of a briefing on the implementation timing for programming to be delivered at Markham Campus
- its approval of a minor change to the Strategic Management Field within the PhD program in Administration, Schulich, and receipt of a report on a minor correction to degree requirements for the Certificate of Proficiency in the Korean Language, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, both effective FW2022-2023

Awards

The Awards Committee transmitted the 2020-2021 Undergraduate Award Disbursement report and the 2021 New Awards Report. Senators joined the Committee in congratulating the recipients of the 2022 President's University-Wide Teaching Awards, the 2022 University Professorship, and the prestigious awards for graduating students, as follows.

President's University-Wide Teaching Awards

Senior Full-time Faculty: Michael Connor, School of Kinesiology and Health Science, Faculty of Health; Susan D. Dion, Faculty of Education

Full-time Faculty: Andrew Maxwell, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Lassonde School of Engineering

Contract and Adjunct Faculty: Carolyn Steele, Department of Humanities, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies

Teaching Assistant: Janice Anderson, Department of Humanities, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies

2022 University Professorship

Sharon Murphy, Faculty of Education

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2022 Governor General's Gold Medals

Ilana Shiff, Graduate Program in Clinical-Developmental Psychology

Allison Taylor, Graduate Program in Gender, Feminist & Women's Studies

Signy Lynch, Graduate Program in Theatre and Performance Studies

2022 Governor General's Silver Medals

Samuel Isaac Dreyzin, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, Bachelor of Arts in Commerce, Summa Cum Laude

Rosa Giannone, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, Honours BA in Law and Society, Summa Cum Laude

Robert Alexander Khatib, Faculty of Science, Honours BSc in Biology, With Distinction

2022 Murray G. Ross Award

Dorsa Shakerie, Faculty of Health, Honours BSc in Kinesiology & Health Science

Additional Information about this Meeting

Please refer to the full Senate agenda posted online with the Thursday, June 23, 2022 meeting for details about these items.

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September Meeting of Senate

Senate's next meeting will be held at 3:00 pm on Thursday, September 22, 2022