

The Senate of York University

Synopsis

The 686th Meeting of Senate held on Thursday, May 26, 2022 via Zoom

Remarks

The Chair, Professor Mario Roy of Glendon College, welcomed Senators to the meeting and expressed appreciation and thanks to Assistant University Secretary Hillary Barron who is departing to take up a position at another university.

In the absence of President Rhonda Lenton, the Chair highlighted the monthly “Kudos” report on the achievements of members of the York community, which can be accessed with other documentation for the meeting.

Reports

Under the auspices of the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee, the Provost & Vice-President Academic and the Vice-President Finance & Administration delivered a presentation on the budget context for academic planning for the years 2022-2023 to 2024-2025.

Approvals

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

- the establishment of a BSc (Honours) program in Financial Technologies, School of Information Technology, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (LA&PS), located at Markham Campus, effective FW2024-2025
- the housing of a BSc degree type in LA&PS effective FW2024-2025
- the establishment of BSc (Honours) and BA (Honours) programs in Data Science, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Faculty of Science, effective FW2023-2024
- the addition of Type 1 and 2 options for the Graduate Diploma in Management, School of Administrative Studies, LA&PS, located at Markham Campus, effective FW2023-2024
- revisions to the *Senate Policy on Sessional Dates and the Scheduling of Examinations*, effective FW2022-2023

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On the recommendation of its Awards Committee, Senate approved revisions to the *Senate Policy on Honorific Professorships* effective July 1, 2022.

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

The Executive Committee provided Notice of Statutory Motion for revisions to the Rules of Senate and engaged Senators in a preliminary discussion about the proposed changes. Senators' input was gratefully received and will inform the finalization of the revisions to the Rules.

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 review of the input provided by Senators at the April meeting on key considerations for declaring an end to the pandemic-caused disruption to academic activities, with plans to convey more information in a communication in early June
- its review and endorsement of minor changes to the rules and procedures for the Faculty Council of Osgoode Hall Law School, and review of draft revisions to the rules and procedures of the Faculty of Graduate Studies' Faculty Council
- encouragement for Senators to complete the annual survey of Senators and Senate committee members, to be launched shortly

Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee (APPRC)

APPRC reported on the following items:

- its receipt and discussion of the spring report on the budget context for academic planning from the Provost & Vice-President Academic and the Vice-President Finance & Administration
- its monitoring of progress on University Academic Plan 2020-2025 priorities, with discussions with Deans launched this spring about Faculties' activities in support of the UN Sustainable Development Goals and more to be held over the fall

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- its receipt of an update on the timing to launch programming at Markham Campus in view of the delayed opening of the campus
- its preliminary discussion about the strategic repositioning of Glendon
- its ongoing conversations about exploring possible alignment with the Vaughan Healthcare Precinct and the creation of a School of Medicine

Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee (ASCP)

ASCP reported on its approval of the following minor changes.

Glendon (effective FW2022-2023)

Degree requirements for the Specialized Honours BA and iBA programs in International Studies

Degree requirements for the Specialized Honours BA, Honours BA and iBA in Political Science

Admission requirements for the Master's in Public and International Affairs

Schulich (effective FW2023-2024)

Admission requirements for the Master of Accounting and Diploma in Accounting programs

ASCP also reported on its receipt of the following minor corrections to degree requirements for previously approved program modifications, effective FW2022-2023.

Environmental and Urban Change

Dual Credential Program in Ecosystem Management at Fleming College and the BES Honours Major in Sustainable Environmental Management

Glendon

BA programs in Political Science and History

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APPRC and ASCP jointly conveyed the 2020-2021 annual report on Non-Degree Studies and two reports from the Joint Sub-Committee on Quality Assurance.

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Additional Information about this Meeting

Please refer to the full Senate agenda posted online with the Thursday, May 26, 2022 meeting for details about these items.

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June Meeting of Senate

Senate's next meeting will be held at 3:00 pm on Thursday, June 23, 2022