

# The Senate of York University

## Synopsis

**The 688<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Senate held on Thursday, September 22, 2022 via Zoom**

### Remarks

The Chair of Senate, Professor Mario Roy of Glendon College, welcomed new and returning Senators, thanked those who had attended the Senate orientation session, and extended wishes for success in research, teaching and learning this year. Senators were encouraged to attend convocation ceremonies in October to celebrate graduates and their families.

To set the context for the 2022-2023 academic year, President Rhonda Lenton highlighted progress to date on advancing University Academic Plan priorities and the UN Social Development Goals, the success of efforts to mitigate the impacts of the pandemic, and opportunities on the horizon such as Markham Campus, the forthcoming globalization strategy, and explorations of the establishment of a medical school. Other updates shared by President Lenton included:

- an expression of appreciation to Senators for their engagement in collegial governance
- condolences on the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and recognition of the opportunity it presents to acknowledge the British monarchy's colonial legacy and focus efforts to advance decolonization
- an announcement of the honorary degree recipients to be recognized at the October convocation ceremonies
- in the context of COVID-19's shift toward endemic status, an update on the University's implementation of a community care approach while continuing to take precautions, track the pattern of the virus and engage with government and public health authorities

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

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## Approvals

On the recommendation of its Executive Committee, Senate approved revisions to the Rules of Senate pertaining to hortative motions, Senate membership, and nominations rules and procedures to integrate further equity considerations for committee and elected positions, as well as adjustments to enhance clarity and reflect practices including enhanced flexibility with respect to the mode of delivery of Senate meetings.

Senate approved the recommendations of its Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee to:

- approve the establishment of the degree and programs of Bachelor and Bachelor (Honours) of Sport Management, School of Human Resources Management, LA&PS, Markham Campus, effective FW2024-2025
- approve the closure of the York-Seneca Dual Credential Program in Sustainable Environmental Management and Advanced Diploma in Environmental Technology, the York-Seneca Dual Credential program in Urban Sustainability, and the York-Humber Dual Credential in International Development, Faculty of Environmental and Urban Change, effective FW2022-2023
- approve revisions to Faculty of Graduate Studies Regulations pertaining to Thesis and Dissertation Formats (effective May 1, 2024), Doctoral Dissertation Proposal Milestones (effective September 1, 2023), and Academic Honesty (effective January 1, 2023)
- authorize the granting of degrees, certificates and diplomas at the University's convocations held in Fall 2022, February 2023 (Convocation In Absentia) and Spring 2023, and individually to students at any point during the year who have fulfilled the degree program requirements for receipt of degrees

## Senate Elections

Senate approved a slate of candidates presented by the Executive Committee for the contract faculty seat on ASCP with the result that an election will be held beginning September 28, 2022.

## Committee Information Reports

### Executive Committee

Information items included the following:

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- its efforts to continue to fill remaining vacancies on the Tenure & Promotion and Awards committees and the Joint Sub-Committee on Quality Assurance, and to seek Vice-Chair / Chair of Senate candidates
- its ongoing monitoring of the pandemic disruption, with a focus on the circumstances at the start of this term and criteria to be taken into account to determine the timing of declaring the disruption ended
- its plan to hold at least one meeting in the Fall term in each of the virtual, hybrid and in-person formats, with details for the October and November meetings to be announced as soon as possible
- its review of the Senator and Senate Committee member survey results and plan to hold a series of facilitated discussions at Senate meetings

### **Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee (APPRC)**

On behalf of the Committee, the Chair shared updates on the information items outlined in the written report.

### **Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee (ASCP)**

On behalf of the Committee, the Chair spoke to the information items covered in the written report.

### **Additional Information about this Meeting**

Please refer to the full Senate agenda and supplementary material posted online with the **September 22, 2022** meeting for details about these items.

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

### **October Meeting of Senate**

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