

The Senate of York University

Synopsis

The 689th Meeting of Senate held on Thursday, October 27, 2022 via Zoom

Remarks

The Chair of Senate, Professor Mario Roy of Glendon College, welcomed Senators to the meeting.

President Rhonda Lenton reported on the following items:

- efforts being made towards the development of a new framework for the sustainability strategy, including expanding York's Office of Sustainability, hiring a Chief Sustainability Officer and establishing a new million-dollar fund for Sustainability Innovation
- preliminary 2022-2023 enrolment numbers, reflecting York's return to its historic market share as well as ongoing challenges impacting enrolment such as the impact of the pandemic on the international student market
- external developments related to post-secondary education, which include waiting for the final report of the Auditor General of Ontario on Laurentian University, expectations of a challenging financial context over the next few years and ongoing pandemic-related challenges

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

Inquiries and Communications

A written report from the Academic Colleague to the Council of Ontario Universities, Senator William van Wijngaarden, was circulated with the agenda. Senator van Wijngaarden sent regrets for this meeting but will respond to any questions at the November meeting.

Approvals

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

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- establish a Type 2 and 3 Diploma in Global Metals and Minerals Management in the Schulich School of Business, effective FW2023-2024
- approve the establishment of a Professional Certificate in Educational Development in the Faculty of Education, effective FW2023-2024
- approve the establishment of a Disciplinary Certificate in Counselling and Mental Health in the Department of Psychology, Faculty of Health, effective FW2023-2024
- approve the establishment of a Field in Sustainability within the PhD program in Administration in the Schulich School of Business, effective FW2023-2024.

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.

Facilliated Discussion

The Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee, along with the Senate Appeals Committee, sought the input of Senate through a facilitated discussion on whether, based on Senators' experiences with investigations and adjudication of academic honesty/misconduct cases, the central features of the new draft *Academic Conduct Policy and Procedures* represent process improvements and/or whether there are any material measures or considerations that warrant further exploration.

Committee Information Reports

Executive Committee

Information items included the following:

- its ongoing monitoring of the pandemic disruption, with discussions commencing on the matter of the timing to declare the disruption ended
- its approval of Senate Committee members nominated by Faculty Councils
- the results of the election for the contract faculty seat for a one-year term on the Senate Academic Standards Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee for 2022-2023
- preliminary discussion of its priorities for 2022-2023
- a consolidated report on actions taken by Senate in 2021-2022

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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 **October 27, 2022** meeting for details about these items.

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

October Meeting of Senate

Senate's next meeting will be held at **3:00 pm on Thursday, November 24, 2022.**