

## The Senate of York University

### Synopsis

**The 693<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of Senate held on Thursday, 16 February 2023 hybrid format**

#### Remarks

The Chair of Senate, Professor Poonam Puri, welcomed Senators to the meeting.

The Chair, on behalf of Senate:

- extended thanks to Vice-President Sheila Cote-Meek for her contributions to Senate and for the initiatives undertaken to support the UAP priority of *Living Well Together*, notably the actions to support reconciliation through our Indigenous Framework, and integration of decolonization, equity, diversity, and inclusion considerations in our collegial governance processes and structures; best wishes extended to VP Cote-Meek in her new leadership role at Brock University,
- acknowledged with sorrow the recent tragic earthquake in Turkey and Syria; Senate expresses its condolences to the families and the communities so deeply affected by the tragedy, and

Consent Agenda items deemed to be approved as no requests were received to move any of the items to the regular business.

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

#### Inquiries and Communications

Senator van Wijngaarden shared highlights of the Academic Colleague to COU report, included in the agenda package.

#### Reports

Under President's agenda items,

- The University is considering response, including collaborating opportunities, to mitigate the impact of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.
- FW 2023 101 applications domestic interest is rising with increases in first choice applicants; international applicants/recruitment needs focus
- School of Medicine (SoM): in conversation with government, City of Vaughan, and other partners; timely for APPRC to bring forward recommendation for endorsement of SoM as the University must be ready to respond to promptly

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- Congress: over eight thousand scholars and practitioners expected
- UAP: aligning budget and resources with plan to achieve priorities.
- Extended congratulations to all in the Kudos report

## Approvals

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

- change to name and degree requirements for the MA and PhD programs in Theatre and Performance Studies, from Theatre and Performance Studies, to Theatre, Dance and Performance Studies, and the change in related degree requirements, effective FW2023-2024.
- change in the name and degree requirements for the BA and iBA degree programs and options in Hispanic Studies (GL), from Hispanic Studies to Spanish and Latin American Cultures and Societies, and the change in related degree requirements, effective FW2023-2024.
- The following major and minor program changes for the Master of Marketing (MMKG) Program, housed in the Schulich School of Business, effective Summer 2024.
  - Change in admission criteria to note that one or more years of post-degree work experience is strongly recommended for those without a business degree (undergraduate or higher)
  - Change in first term of the program from fall to summer term
  - Reduction in total program credits required from 42 to 36

## Committee Information Reports

### Executive Committee

Information items included the following:

- Senate membership models are still being considered; Faculty Councils will be invited to provide input on integration of Markham campus representation on Senate
- change to the meeting date of Senate from June 22<sup>nd</sup> to June 29<sup>th</sup>, to avoid conflict with a convocation ceremony

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

The Chair of APPRC shared highlights of the report included in the document package.

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

The Chair of ASCP highlighted the inclusion of the Statement on AI programs and Academic Honesty, included in the document package.

## **Senate Appeals Committee**

Senator Fitzpatrick shared highlights of the Committee's Annual Report on petitions and appeals, included in the document package.

## **Academic Policy, Planning and Research/Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy**

The Chair noted the inclusion, in the document package, of the report of the Joint Sub-Committee on Quality Assurance.

## **Additional Information about this Meeting**

Please refer to the full Senate agenda and supplementary material [posted online](#) with the **16 January 2023** meeting for details about these items.

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

## **March Meeting of Senate**

Senate's next meeting will be held at **3:00 pm on Thursday, 23 March 2023**