

The Senate of York University

Synopsis

The 694th Meeting of Senate held on Thursday, 23 March 2023 via zoom

Remarks

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

On behalf of Senate, the Chair expressed appreciation for Helen Vari's contributions to York University and expressed condolences on her passing.

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

Inquiries and Communications

There were none.

Reports

Senator Philipps presented the President's report in her absence, and expressed regrets on behalf of the President who is representing the University at the UN Water conference.

Under President's agenda items,

- the value for money audit is underway and is at the information gathering stage.
- the University is awaiting a response from government, for support of the proposed School of Medicine.
- University budget consultations are complete, and the three-year budget will be presented to the Board for approval.
- Faculties will be refunded a portion of their contributions to the University Fund for 2022-23. The planned 8% Faculty contributions will be readjusted to approximately 5%, depending on each Faculty's year end results.
- in support of its commitment to advancing the UN SDGs the University has appointed a Chief Sustainability Officer and will lead a ground-breaking Water Academy supported by government.

The President's monthly "Kudos" report on the achievements of members of the York community can be accessed with other documentation for the meeting. Senator Philipps congratulated Glendon College on receiving the Gold award for its *Virtual Decision Tree App* at the 2023 Educational Advertising Awards competition, detailed in the Kudos report.

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Approvals

Senate approved the recommendation of its Executive Committee to:

- make an interim change to section 2.19 of the Rules of Senate to permit a one-year membership of Senate for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, based on the existing formula to calculate full-time faculty member allocations by Faculty, with a return to the two-year period stipulated in the Rules of Senate for the period of 1 July 2024 - 30 June 2026.

With the above approval, Senate Executive drew members attention to a Notice of Statutory Motion on senate membership for 2023-2024, detailed in the agenda package.

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

- charter the *York University Centre on Aging Research and Education* as an Organized Research Unit for a five-year period, commencing 1 July 2023.

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

- addition of a Co-operative Education option within the joint Digital Media BA degree program, Lassonde School of Engineering and the School of Arts, Media, Performance and Design, effective F2023.
- revisions to the Faculty-wide degree requirements in General Education for undergraduate degree programs, effective F2024.
- revisions to the program name, from *Translation* to *Professional Translation*, and degree requirements for the Specialized Honours BA and iBA degree programs in Translation, Glendon, effective F2023.
- revisions to the program name, from *Translation* to *Professional Translation*, and degree requirements for the Honours BA Accelerated program in Translation, Glendon, effective F2023.
- closure of the Joint Collaborative PhD program in Ancient Greek and Roman History, Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, effective W2023.
- closure of the diplomas in Voice Teaching (Concurrent type 2) and Voice Teaching (Stand-alone type 3), Arts, Media, Performance & Design, effective W2023.
- change of the name of the stream in Acting, from *Acting* to *Acting & Performance*, and changes to degree requirements for the Honours BFA degree program in Theatre, Arts, Media, Performance and Design, effective FW2023.

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Committee Information Reports

Executive Committee

Information items included the following:

- Executive's decision that this term's remaining meetings of Senate will be held virtually

Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee (APPRC)

The Chair of APPRC invited Vice-President Research and Innovation, Amir Asif, to present highlights of the 2022 Annual Research Report, included in the agenda package.

Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee (ASCP)

The Chair of ASCP reported that the Committee continues to receive feedback on the Academic Conduct policy, which is under revision. The revised draft policy, incorporating feedback, will be brought forward to Senate.

Additional Information about this Meeting

Please refer to the full Senate agenda and supplementary material [posted online](#) with the **23 March 2023** meeting for details about these items.

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

April Meeting of Senate

Senate's next meeting will be held at **3:00 pm on Thursday, 27 April 2023**