

# The Senate of York University

## Synopsis

**The 695th Meeting of Senate held on Thursday, 27 April 2023 via zoom**

### Remarks

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

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

Under President's items, President Lenton spoke to the following:

- The higher education sector is being disrupted by a number of factors, including globalization, pandemic, etc., with which is resulting in a negative impact on enrolments at post-secondary institutions, including specifically international enrolments at York.
- The provincial government has frozen tuition fees for the 2023-2024 academic year, with no additional funding for institutions announced. Enrolment shortfalls will have a significant budgetary impact for the coming year at York. Between now and June, Faculties are focused on converting applications to enrolments and increasing revenue, while trying to slow down expenditures at the same time.
- The three-year operating budget will be presented to the Board of Governors for approval in May or June.
- Congratulations were extended to the outstanding researchers recognized recently at the President's Research Awards ceremony.
- York's strategy on sustainability is receiving positive media attention.

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

### Approvals

Senate approved the recommendation of its Executive Committee to:

- approve the membership of Senate for the period 1 July 2023 - 30 June 2024 with a maximum of 169 and distribution as set out below, with the School of Arts,

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Media, Performance & Design, the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, the Lassonde School of Engineering and the Faculty of Science, as the anchor Faculties for Markham campus programming, encouraged to consider for the 2023-2024 interim year allocating one of their Faculty seats to be filled by a faculty member who will be based at the Markham campus.

Senate approved the following recommendations of its Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee, all effective FW 2023-2024:

- closure of the Certificat en rédaction professionnelle, housed in the French Studies Department, Glendon
- establishment of a Jewish Studies Certificate, to be housed in the Department of Humanities, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies
- establishment of a Cross Disciplinary Certificate in Children's Literature, to be housed in the Department of Humanities, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies
- establishment of a new Specialization in Construction Law in the Professional LLM program, Osgoode
- minor changes in the BBA and iBBA degree programs housed in the Schulich School of Business
- minor changes to degree requirements for the PhD degree program in Law, Osgoode

## Committee Information Reports

### Executive Committee

Information items included the following:

- the annual call for service on Senate Committees has been released and is on the Senate website. Senators are encouraged to self-nominate and to encourage colleagues to submit their interest in participating in a Senate Committee.

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

The Chair of APPRC facilitated a discussion at the meeting, on the *School of Medicine: Planning Prospectus*, included in the agenda package.

An update on the academic planning for the Markham Campus was provided.

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

The Chair of ASCP reported that the Committee received a draft report, from the AVP Teaching and Learning, on *Common Language for Modes of Learning*. The AVP T&L will share the document with community members for feedback.

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## APPRC and ASCP Joint Sub-Committee on Quality Assurance

APPRC and ASCP conveyed:

- a report from the Joint Sub-Committee on Quality Assurance which included Final Assessment Reports for completed Cyclical Program Reviews and covered other matters
- an update on the Taskforce on the Future of Pedagogy

## Senate Committee on Awards

The Chair of SCA transmitted the Committee's report and congratulated the recipients of the 2023 President's Research Awards:

*President's Research Excellence Award*

Linda Peake, Faculty of Environmental and Urban Change

*President's Research Impact Award*

Karen Burke, School of Arts, Media, Performance & Design

*President's Emerging Research Leadership Award*

Jude Kong, Faculty of Science

Taien Ng-Chan, School of Arts, Media, Performance & Design

## Additional Information about this Meeting

Please refer to the full Senate agenda and supplementary material [posted online](#) with the **27 April 2023** meeting for details about these items.

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

## May Meeting of Senate

Senate's next meeting will be held at **3:00 pm on Thursday, 25 May 2023.**