

# The Senate of York University

## Meeting Synopsis

**The 703rd Meeting of Senate  
Held on Thursday, 15 February 2024, via Zoom**

### Remarks

The Chair, Poonam Puri, welcomed Senators to the 703<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Senate, and noted that Senator Alison Macpherson would act as Vice-Chair for the meeting.

The President spoke to the challenges posed by the reduction in international study permits and ensuing confusion for applicants, the implications on university enrolment and strategic planning, the necessity for cost reduction and strategic enrolment management, alongside opportunities for innovation in pedagogy and AI initiatives.

### Approvals

Senate approved the recommendations of the Executive Committee to:

- amend the Rules of Senate to integrate representation from the Markham campus in the Senate membership and make editorial updates to reflect recent changes in titles of senior administration positions; and
- confirm the membership of Senate for the period 1 July 2024 - 30 June 2026 with a maximum of 169 and allocations by Faculty, with the School of Arts, Media, Performance & Design, the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, the Lassonde School of Engineering and the Faculty of Science, as the anchor Faculties delivering Markham campus programming.

Senate approved the recommendation of the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee to recommend to the Board of Governors the establishment of 4 academic units and disestablishment of 14 existing units at Glendon; and relatedly, Senate approved the transfer of the constituent academic programs and curricula from the 14 existing units to the 4 new departments at Glendon, effective 1 September 2024.

Senate approved the recommendations of the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee to amend Faculty-wide Regulations at Glendon College applicable to all BA and Honours BA/iBA degree programs to:

- remove major grade point average (GPA) requirements for graduation, effective FW2024; and
- remove the *Failed to Gain Standing Academic Decision* sanction.

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## Committee Information Items

### Executive

The Executive Committee's information items included the following:

- Summary of suggestions, questions and comments raised at the 18 January 2024 special meeting of Senate on the report of the Auditor General of Ontario
- Ruling on a hortative motion submitted for consideration of Senate
- Additions to the pool of prospective honorary degree recipients as recommended by the Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials Sub-Committee

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

APPRC reported on the following items:

- report from the Interim Deputy Provost on FW'24 applications at Markham Campus
- Its preliminary discussion of the report of the *APPRC-ASCP Task Force on the Future of Pedagogy*
- Horizon Europe Research Program

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

ASCP reported on the following items:

- Minor modifications to degree requirements in programs housed in AMPD, FGS, Health, LA&PS and Lassonde, effective FW 2024
- Status update on the Attending Physician Statement and Academic Conduct policies

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

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 advised of enhancements to process matters.

## Additional Information about this Meeting

Please refer to the full Senate agenda and supplementary material [posted online](#) with the **15 February 2024** meeting for details about the items reported.

Senate's next meeting will be held at **3:00 pm on Thursday, 28 March 2024**.