

The Senate of York University

Synopsis

The 697th Meeting of Senate held on Thursday, 29 June 2023 via zoom

Remarks

Editorial correction to the 27 April 2023 minutes, approved by consent at the 25 May 2023 meeting of Senate: the **effective date** for the *establishment of a Specialization in Construction Law* in the Professional LLM program, Osgoode, is **FW2024**, not FW2023 as stated in minutes. Minutes will be amended accordingly.

Reports

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

- Acknowledged the attack at University of Waterloo and expressed sympathy and solidarity.
- Expressed thanks for Senators who attended convocation.
- Highlights of achievements to Plan (UAP priorities), including more than 99% achievement for performance metrics in Year 3 of the Strategic Mandate Agreement. In 2023-24, the provincial government will begin to link funding to achievements.

The President's monthly "Kudos" report on the achievements of members of the York community was received.

Approvals

Senate approved the following recommendation of its Executive Committee:

- That nominations be closed for the elections to Senate Committees and other Senate-elected positions.

Senate approved the following recommendations of its Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee:

- The chartering of the following Organized Research Units for a five-year period, commencing 1 July 2023:
 - the Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health Research
 - the Sensorium Centre for Digital Arts and Technology
- Restructuring of the BA degree program in African Studies, Department of Social Science, LA&PS, effective FW2024.

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Senate Elections

Senate approved a slate of candidates presented by the Executive Committee with the result that several individuals were acclaimed to positions on Senate committees.

Committee Information Reports

Executive Committee

The Vice-Chair, Lauren Sergio, highlighted the following items in the information report:

- Summer Authority coming into effect, after this meeting until Senate convenes in September.
- The planned in-person meeting of Senate in September.

Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee (APPRC)

The Chair of APPRC, Senator Moir, highlighted the following items in the information report:

- The provost and vice president academic, and the vice-president finance and administration (VPFA) presented in tandem to APPRC on 15 June on the operating budget context for academic planning.

APPRC in turn, facilitated an annual update to Senate on the budget context, presented by the Provost and the VPFA.

Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee (ASCP)

The Chair of ASCP, Senator Bunch, highlighted the following items in the information report:

- Continuation of revisions to the *draft academic conduct policy*. Revisions are being undertaken by a working group comprising members of ASCP, SAC, and past working groups. The revised draft document will be posted on the ASCP page on the Secretariat's website for community review and comments. It's anticipated that the document will be presented to Senate in the fall.
- University practices related to *attending physician's statement for students* are under review with related draft document to be shared with the community for feedback.
- Minor changes to admissions requirements for graduate degree programs listed in the ASCP report to Senate **were not approved by ASCP and as such will be excised from the report.**

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Awards Committee

The Awards Committee transmitted the 2021-2022 Undergraduate Award Disbursement report, the 2021-2022 Report on Graduate Awards, and the 2022 New Awards report.

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

The following reports, included in the document package, were transmitted jointly by APPRC/ASCP:

- Report of the Joint Sub-Committee on Quality Assurance.
- 2021-2022 Annual Non-Degree Studies.

Other Business

Senate approved the following motion:

Considering the unrecognized impact of the recent revisions to the [Senate Policy on Sessional Dates and the Scheduling of Examinations](#) (May 2022), it is recommended that Senate request that the University Registrar in conjunction with the Senate ASCP Committee:

- *make an adjustment to the Winter 2024 term dates to achieve a consistent structure of 12 meets for each course, and*
- *further review and undertake consultations with the Faculties to gather input on the implementation of the Sessional Dates policy to ensure that there is consistency in the number of class meets in the fall and winter terms, and to the extent possible in the summer session terms, for the previously announced sessional dates through to FW 2028-2029.*

Additional Information about this Meeting

Please refer to the full Senate agenda and supplementary material [posted online](#) with the **29 June 2023** meeting for details about these items.

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

Senate's next meeting will be held at **3:00 pm on Thursday, 28 September 2023.**