

The Senate of York University

Synopsis

The 699th Meeting of Senate held on Thursday, 26 October 2023, via Zoom

Remarks

The Chair, Poonam Puri, expressed appreciation to members for accommodating the shift from in-person to virtual mode for the meeting.

Approvals

Senate approved the recommendation of its Executive Committee to:

- Elect a member to a non-designated seat on the Senate Committee of Tenure & Promotions.

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

- Establishment of a PhD program in Disaster and Emergency Management, School of Administrative studies, LA&PS, effective FW2024.
- Establishment of an Honours Minor BA Degree Program in Chinese Studies, Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics, LA&PS, effective FW2024.
- Closure of the International Bachelor of Business Administration degree program, Schulich School of Business, effective F2026.

Reports

President

President Lenton spoke to the following:

- Acknowledgement that Community members are affected by current world events, actions undertaken by the University to keep them safe and York's contribution to the solution.
- FW 2023-2024 enrolment update and flow-through resource challenges.
- Report of the Auditor General value-for-money audit of the University is expected in late Fall.
- *Blue Ribbon Panel on Financial Sustainability in the Postsecondary Education Sector* report is expected soon.

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Executive Committee

Information items included the following:

- Approval of an Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee member, nominated by a Faculty Council.
- Senate Executive priorities for 2023-2024.

Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee (APPRC)

The Chair, Senator Davis, spoke to the Committee's 2023-2024 priorities and actions to date.

Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy (ASCP)

The Chair, Senator Michasiw, spoke to the ongoing work on ASCP priorities, including the Academic Conduct Policy; collaboration with the Office of the University Registrar on progressing the new grading schemes; discussions on Generative AI; and continuing discussions on the waiver of requirement for "Attending Physician Statements" – for which ASCP anticipates requesting an extension to the waiver via Senate Executive, in November.

ASCP is looking into the possibility of proposing guard rails around the weight of final exams, which can form 85% of a student's final grade. Progress on the item will be reported on at a future meeting.

Additional Information about this Meeting

Please refer to the full Senate agenda and supplementary material [posted online](#) with the **26 October 2023** meeting for details about the items reported.

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