

The Senate of York University

Meeting Synopsis

**The 700th Meeting of Senate
held on Thursday, 23 November 2023**

Remarks

The Chair of Senate, Professor Poonam Puri, welcomed Senators and acknowledged that this is the 700th meeting of the Senate. A slide show containing a historical reflection on the role Senate has played was presented, and the Chair invited members to take a group photo to commemorate the occasion.

President Lenton's comprehensive remarks included the challenging circumstances currently affecting the University, both internal and external factors, and the broad plans to address them to advance the University Academic Plan priorities and achieve financial sustainability. The full text can be found [here](#).

Approvals

Senate approved recommendations of the Executive Committee:

- the election of members to the non-designated Senate Committees of Tenure and Promotions
- the extension of the waiver of required Attending Physician Statements to support requests for petitions, appeals and deferred standing for an additional six months beyond the current waiver, from 31 December 2023 to 30 June 2024.

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

- establish a Cross-Disciplinary Certificate in Mechatronics, Department of Earth & Space Science Engineering, Lassonde, effective FW2024.
- add a Co-op Option to Bachelor of Environmental Studies and Bachelor of Arts degree programs, Environmental & Urban Change, effective FW2024.

Reports

Under the auspices of the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee, Vice-President Academic and Provost Lisa Philipps reported on Enrolments and Faculty Complement. The report is accessible from the Senate Meeting website.

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Committee Information Items

Executive

The Executive Committee's information items included the following:

- The Vice-Chair reported on the appointments of student senators to Senate committees for the 2022-2023 governance year.
- The Topics of Broad Academic Interest (TBAI) initiative.
- Commencing review of the Senate Disruption Policy by working group.

Academic Policy, Planning and Research (APPRC)

APPRC reported on the following items:

- The Committee's engagement in budget consultations, providing feedback on how to support academic priorities, and upcoming consultation with Faculty councils and the community.

Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy (ASCP)

ASCP reported on the following items:

- The Committee's review of concerns regarding phone-mounted YU cards, the challenges presented for examinations,

Student Appeals Committee (SAC)

SAC presented its annual report for 2022-2023, which described activities for the past year and presented data on Senate and Faculty-level cases.

Additional Information about this Meeting

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