

The Senate of York University

Meeting Synopsis

**The 705th Meeting of Senate
Held on Thursday, 28 March 2024, via Zoom**

Remarks

The Chair, Poonam Puri, welcomed Senators to the 705th meeting of Senate.

The President spoke to implications of the federal government international students cap, the compounded impact of continued tuition fee freezes and share of PSE provincial grant monies, and a focused strategy to advance academic priorities.

Inquiries & Communications

A synopsis of the 24 February 2024 meeting of the Board of Governors was presented for information. The approval of an increase to the Budget of \$20.0M (from \$260.5M to \$280.5M), inclusive of a budget contingency amount of \$5.6M and HST, to complete the construction of the Markham Campus building was discussed.

Approvals

Senate approved the recommendation of the Executive Committee to reduce the length of the 2024 Winter term by two weeks for the remediation period that will follow the end of the disruption for the resumption of courses that were suspended, except for programs that have accreditation requirements that define the length of term / number of contact hours.

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

- create an exception to the Senate Policy on Bridging Programs, for a pilot period of five (5) years, to allow the School of Continuing Studies to increase the number of credits that could be earned in the Year-1 Language Pathway Program from 9 credits to 24 credits, to be done in partnership with other York Faculties, effective F2024;
- modify Glendon Academic Regulations on language requirements for BA degree programs, to include Indigenous Language as an option for self-identified Indigenous students to satisfy the requirement of a non-dominant language, effective F2024;
- make three interrelated programming changes to the Master of Accounting degree program, the Diploma in Intermediate Accounting (Type 3), and the Diploma in

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Advanced Accounting (Type 1) housed in the Schulich of Business, effective May 2024; and

- add a 90-credit degree option to the BA degree program in Communication and Media Studies, LA&PS, effective F2024.

Notice of Statutory Motions

The Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee provided Notice of Statutory Motion for the establishment and disestablishment of academic units in the School of Arts, Media, Performance & Design, and engaged Senators in a preliminary discussion about the proposed changes.

Committee Information Items

Executive

The Executive Committee's information items included the following:

- a chronology of actions taken by Senate Executive prior to and since the beginning of the disruption that began on 26 February 2024,
- a Statement to clarify its understanding of Senate policy on matters of maintaining the academic integrity of courses during a disruption, posted on the publicly accessible Senate website, in response to a request from Senators, and
- a communication from the Faculty of Graduate Studies Faculty Council expressing a set of considerations to be weighed in remediation planning pertaining to graduate courses and programs.

Academic Policy, Planning and Research (APPRC)

APPRC reported on the following items:

- a status update on undergraduate and graduate applications and enrolment projections at Markham Campus for FW 2024;
- the new federal Policy on Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern (STRAC), introduced to protect Canada's research ecosystem from foreign influence by research institutions connected to military, national defense, or state security entities; and
- information related to the expansion of the Horizon Europe Research program to include eligibility of Canadian researchers and innovators to ensure York's community of scholars is aware of the potential offered by the expansion.

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Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy (ASCP)

ASCP reported on Minor modifications to degree requirements at the AMPD, Glendon, Health, LA&PS, and Schulich Faculties, effective FW 2024.

Additional Information about this Meeting

Please refer to the full Senate agenda and supplementary material [posted online](#) with the **28 March 2024** meeting for details about the items reported.

Senate's next meeting will be held at **3:00 pm on Thursday, 25 April 2024**.