

# The Senate of York University

## Meeting Synopsis

The 706th Meeting of Senate  
Held on Thursday, 25 April 2024, in person

### Remarks

The Chair, Poonam Puri, welcomed Senators to the 706<sup>th</sup> meeting of Senate.

The President acknowledged the efforts that enabled a return to in-person activities. The decline in humanities and social sciences enrollments was highlighted, emphasizing the need for innovative responses to attract more students. Financial challenges were discussed in detail, focusing on budgetary shortfalls due to factors such as declining international student enrollments and extension of tuition freezes. The President also shared insights on the University's long-term vision, stressing the importance of maintaining foundational strengths while adapting to changing trends in the education sector.

### Inquiries & Communications

There were none.

### Approvals

Senate approved the recommendations of the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee to recommend to the Board of Governors the establishment of a Department of Theatre, Dance, & Performance in the School of Arts, Media, Performance & Design (AMPD), the disestablishment of the Department of Dance and Department of Theatre & Performance, effective 1 May 2024, and transfer of the constituent academic programs and curricula from the two existing departments to the above-noted new department.

Senate approved the recommendations of the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee to establish the Advanced Management Diploma (Type 2), to be available in all Master's degree programs housed in the Schulich School of Business, effective F2024.

### Committee Information Items

#### Executive

The Executive Committee's information items included the following:

- A consultation with Senate following the end of the disruption of academic activities as required by the Senate Disruptions Policy

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- A call for expressions of interest in membership on Senate committees and other positions elected by Senate, with terms beginning 1 July 2024
- Changes to the rules and procedures of Glendon Faculty Council, following the Executive Committee's review, related to revised quorum for Council committees, changes to committee membership rules and student membership on several committees.

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

APPRC reported on the following items:

- planning and developments for the new Markham campus, including current data on undergraduate and graduate applications and enrolment projections for the FW'24 academic year
- preliminary academic planning for the newly approved School of Medicine

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

ASCP conducted a facilitated discussion on revisions to the Senate Academic Conduct Policy and Procedures, seeking the input of Senate on the question of whether the central features of the proposed Policy and Procedures represent process improvements.

## **Tenure and Promotions (T&P)**

T&P presented its annual report for 2022-2023, which provided data on files reviewed and described activities for the past year, ongoing review of unit-level standards, appeals, composition of sub-committees, and other process matters.

## **Additional Information about this Meeting**

Please refer to the full Senate agenda and supplementary material [posted online](#) with the **25 April 2024** meeting for details about the items reported.

Senate's next meeting will be held at **3:00 pm on Thursday, 23 May 2024.**