

The Senate of York University

Meeting Synopsis

The 715th Meeting of Senate held on Thursday, 27 March 2025, via Zoom

Remarks

President

The President reported on York's response to the Ontario Auditor General's 2023 Report outlining the financial sustainability measures and governance improvements being undertaken in response to the report's recommendations; the University's *York U Forward Action Plan*; and ongoing negotiations related to Strategic Mandate Agreement 4 (SMA-4).

Inquiries & Communications

A communication from the Council of Ontario Universities (COU) was received from the Academic Colleague to COU.

Approvals

On recommendation of the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee revisions to the *Senate Policy on Responsible Conduct of Research*, effective July 1, 2025.

On the recommendation of the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee:

- establishment of a Bachelor of Engineering in Mechatronics degree program, Lassonde School of Engineering, effective FW'25
- closure of the York-Fleming Dual Credential program in Sustainable Environmental Management, Faculty of Environmental and Urban Change, effective FW'25
- a Collaborative Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Vision Research, Department of Psychology, Faculty of Health, effective FW'25
- a new Global Mental Health Stream in the Specialized Honours BA and BSc degree programs in Global Health, School of Global Health, Faculty of Health, effective FW'25
- a new Nursing Leadership and Care of the Older Adult Stream in the Honours BScN degree program, School of Nursing, Faculty of Health, effective FW'25
- establishment of a Disciplinary Certificate in Social Justice and Community Engagement: Sport, Physical Activity & Health, School of Kinesiology and Health Science, Faculty of Health, effective FW'25

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- minor revisions to the *Senate Policy on the Conduct of Examinations*, effective 1 September, 2025
- updates to the graduate academic calendar on acceptable formats of thesis and dissertations for graduate programs in Chemistry and Physics & Astronomy (Faculty of Science), effective FW'25

Referrals

A recommendation for Senate to endorse the *President's Policy on the Temporary Suspension of Program Admissions* was referred back to APPRC for further consideration taking into account Senate's feedback, and with a request that the policy subsequently be brought forward to Senate with its referenced associated procedures, the latter for Senate to comment on.

Committee Information Items

Executive Committee

Information items included the following:

- a review of the annual Senate and committee survey questionnaires for revision.
- approval of minor revisions to the Faculty Council Rules and Procedures of the Faculty of Health.
- Receipt of and transmission to Senate communications from internal colleagues / bodies addressed to the Chair of Senate concerning administrative decisions on the temporary suspension of admissions to programs.

Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee

Information items included the following:

- Concurrence on the recommendation of the Provost to establish the *Jay Smith and Laura Rapp Chair in Innovation and Entrepreneurship* in the Schulich School of Business.
- Monitoring and responding to the impact of US policy on Canadian university research and researchers.
- The status of the Committee's support for the *Faculties of the Future* initiative, noting that community consultations are continuing, and that APPRC supports a Senate discussion of the interim report released on 27 February 2025.

Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee

Information items included minor modifications to degree requirements and minor edits in programs housed in the Faculties of AMPD, EUC, Education, FGS, Health, LA&PS, and Science, effective FW'25.

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Additional Information about this Meeting

Please refer to the full Senate agenda of [27 March 2025](#) for details about the items reported.

The next regular meeting of Senate will be held at **3:00 pm on Thursday, 24 April 2025.**