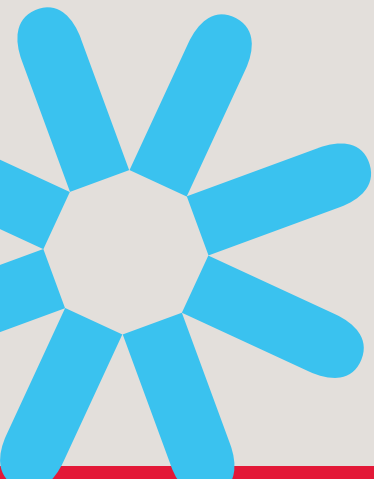




York University Senate Update

Interim President Lisa Philipps

JANUARY 2026



Remembering our core values



Excellence



Progressive



Diversity and Inclusivity



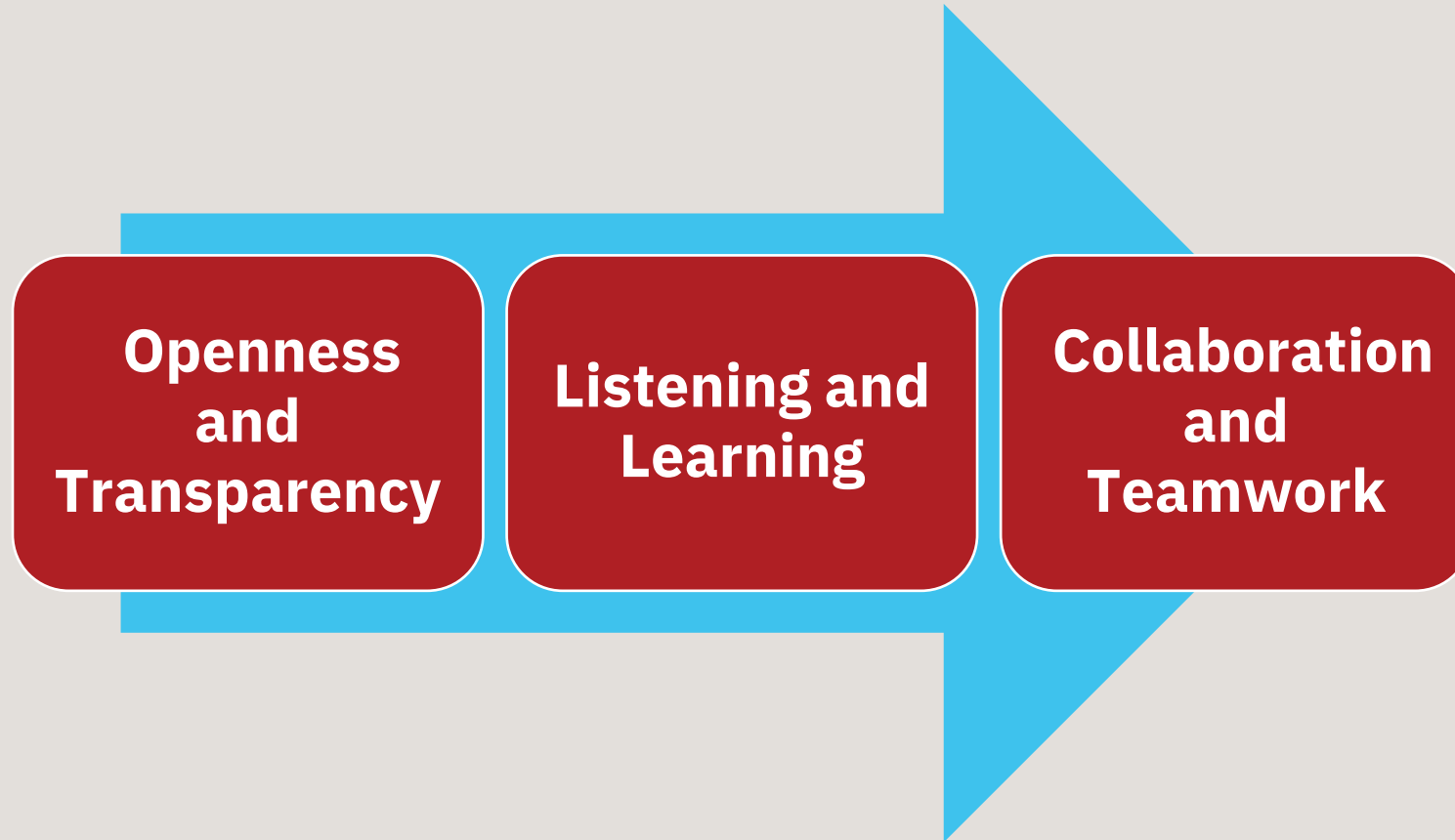
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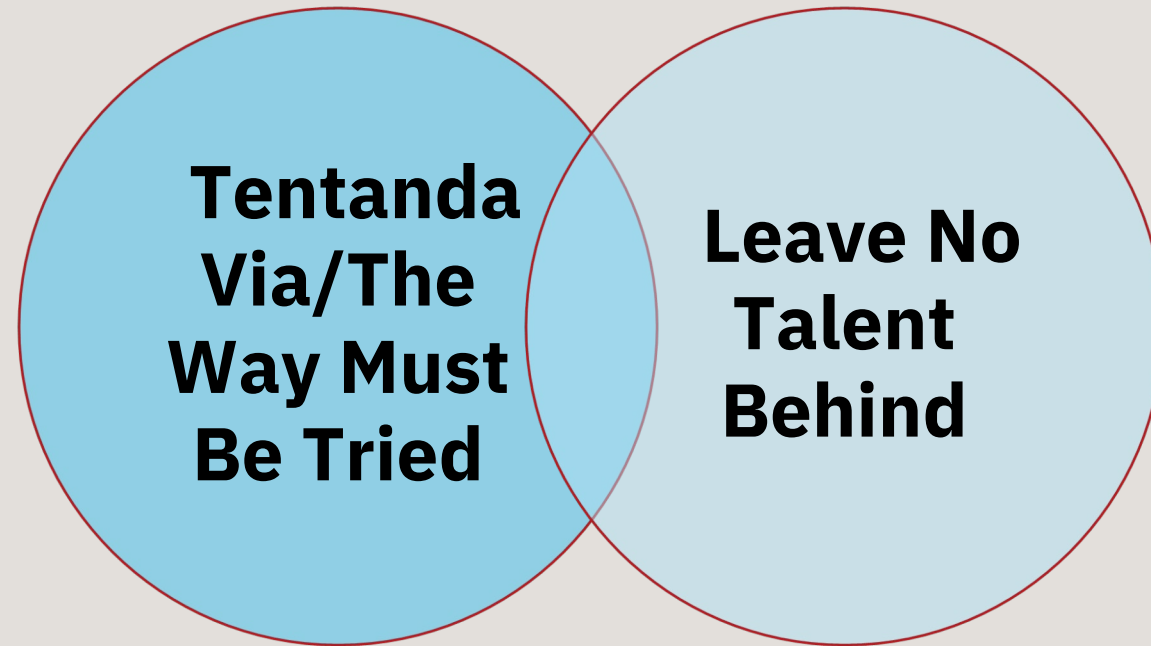
Sustainability



Principles for Service



Returning to our Roots



“Should they follow the time-honoured patterns of venerable universities and colleges? Or should they think rather in terms of today and of special needs related to special problems of contemporary society?”

- Murray Ross, The New University (1961)

Imperatives in the Near Term

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Maximize Research Impact

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Build Learning Capacities

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Champion York's Purpose

Maximize research impact

- Canada Global Impact+ Research Talent Initiative:
 - Recruitment underway for potential Chairs
 - Launching new website and promotions
 - CI+R Training Awards: Provost confirmed additional incentive funding for international graduate students and postdocs
- New Faculty of Graduate Studies Recruitment Efforts showing early results
- Visits to all Faculties to see research, scholarship, and creative activities in motion – let us know if you'd like me to come and see your work in action!
- External projection – increasing visibility and awareness of York's research impact



Zooming in: FGS recruitment

- Applications up 12.54% overall
- 40.24% increase in international PhD applications
- Domestic PhD applications increased 10.68% yoy

Anchor Faculty Short Desc	Fall 2025	Fall 2026
AMPD	290	324
EUC	182	192
Education	264	245
Glendon	52	32
Health	1370	1746
LA&PS	2462	2777
Lassonde Eng.	511	517
Osgoode	332	397
Schulich SB	810	680
Science	346	448
Grand Total	6619	7358

Build learning capacities

- Inaugural Teaching Fellows: developing capacities for equity in experiential learning, creating belonging through peer mentorship, AI literacy and critical engagement, and networked learning through inclusive hybrid classrooms
- YSpace Network: growing Work Integrated Learning placements in our innovation hubs and startups (2,000+ students and counting)
- Creating more active learning classrooms: \$900k+ Ministry grant, University Fund allocation

Congratulations to the inaugural cohort of teaching fellows:



Lesley Zannella,
Psychology



Lisa Davidson,
Anthropology



Ian Garrett,
Theatre, dance, performance

Champion York's purpose



- Vital importance of York U and all Canadian universities as spaces for independent thought and evidence-based, constructive, and pluralistic dialogue across differences
- Sector-wide advocacy – essential partners to achieve broader public goals of social and economic health and opportunities for graduates
- Financial stability – please join us for Budget Consultations and Townhall in April



Universities Canada, January 2026

Spotlight

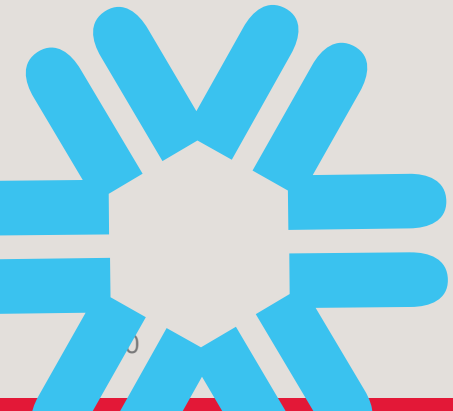
- Congratulations to Dr. Christina Sharpe on her piece in the Globe & Mail over the holidays – part of a year-long series looking back at the most significant moments of the past 25 years:

The murder that led to an uprising around the world

The killing of George Floyd on May 25, 2020 proved, again, there are people to whom seemingly anything can be done with impunity



Christina Sharpe, Killam Prize winner and Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Black Studies in the Humanities





Questions?

