



# York University Senate

## Memorandum

To: Lesley Beagrie, Chair of Senate Executive  
Maureen Armstrong, Secretary, Senate Executive

From: Robert Everett, Secretary, Academic Policy, Planning and Research  
Committee

Date: October 6, 2017

Subject: **APPRC Priorities for 2017-2018**

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I am writing to inform Senate Executive of the five priorities established by APPRC for the coming year. Please see the table that follows for details.

The Committee will continue to collaborate with ASCP on quality assurance matters and with Senate Executive through the Sub-Committee on Equity. APPRC's own sub-committees are expected to be active throughout the year with several applications for Organized Research Unit charters anticipated.

The Committee has reviewed and taken to heart the results of the annual Senator and Senate committee surveys in regard to items of greatest importance and engagement with Senate.

Meetings will be held at Glendon in the autumn and spring.

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Priority	Specific Outcomes	UAP Objective(s)	Status
Quality and the Pursuit of Goals Associated with the UAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with ASCP and others to define quality / excellence</li> <li>• Foster collegial understanding of quality imperatives</li> <li>• Provide positive examples of innovation and quality</li> <li>• Collaborate with ASCP on areas of mutual interest, including through the Joint Sub-Committee on Quality Assurance – joint meeting of the two committees is planned</li> </ul>	<p>Priority Area 1: Innovative, Quality Programs for Academic Excellence</p> <p>See also introductory text. This is the Committee's overarching priority for the year.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrange meeting with ASCP, develop agenda and work plans (in progress)</li> <li>• Determine how best to engage Senators and the collegium (in progress)</li> <li>• Reflect on UAP spotlight series and determine if and how it should be continued</li> </ul>
Strategic Research Plan renewal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair is a member of the Advisory Committee</li> <li>• Committee input on matters of process</li> <li>• Frequent reports by VPRI</li> <li>• Input on drafts</li> </ul>	<p>Priority 2: Advancing Exploration, Innovation and Achievement in Scholarship, Research and related Creative Activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advice and input (Ongoing throughout the process)</li> <li>• Recommendation to Senate in the spring of 2018</li> </ul>
Markham Campus Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standing item on the Committee's agenda</li> <li>• Timely, meaningful discussion of academic dimensions of the campus</li> <li>• Consideration of specific proposals</li> <li>• Advice to the Provost and others</li> </ul>	<p>Priority 5. Enhanced Campus Experience and</p> <p>Priority 2: Advancing Exploration, Innovation and Achievement in Scholarship, Research and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitated Senate discussion of governance options paper</li> <li>• Coordinate with Provost, ASCP</li> </ul>

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		related Creative Activities	
Innovative Engagement with Faculty and YUL planners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request written responses, with in-person meetings only at the request of the Deans, Principal and University Librarian or in response to written suggestions</li> <li>Development of questions that will allow for consistency, monitoring of developments</li> </ul>	Priority Area 1: Innovative, Quality Programs for Academic Excellence and Priority Area 7. Enabling the Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deans, Principal, University Librarian advised of new format, timing</li> <li>Development of question(s) (October)</li> <li>Report to Senate winter-spring 2018</li> </ul>
Further work on metrics in the context of APPRC's "tracking progress initiative" <sup>1</sup> and preparation for SMA3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completion of consolidated report on Faculty Council responses to request for input</li> <li>Further correspondence with Faculty Councils leading to discussions</li> <li>Sharing of practices and possibilities</li> <li>Discussion of metrics at Senate</li> <li>Input into York's SMA III metrics, influence on system-wide</li> <li>UAP injunctions to "enhance data analytics to increase access to information and evidence-based decision making" and "Collegially develop and confirm measures to be used for monitoring and reporting on our progress for all priorities taking advantage of</li> </ul>	<p>Addressed in "The External Landscape" section</p> <p>Objectives in Priority 7. Enabling the Plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review Faculty Council submissions (November)</li> <li>Review summary report (November)</li> <li>Consider how best to reanimate a dialogue (Ongoing)</li> <li>Review SMA2 agreement and begin discussion of metrics in anticipation of SMA2 (Ongoing)</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> In January 2017 APPRC asked Faculty Councils to provide input on the kinds of measures they use to track progress on the achievement of objectives. The Committee will review submissions and report to Senate and Councils this autumn as part of an ongoing dialogue.

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