

Senate of York University
Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee

Memorandum

To: Senate Committees
Faculty Councils

From: Rebecca Pillai Riddell, Chair, Academic Policy, Planning and Research
Committee of Senate

Date: October 6, 2015

Subject: **University Academic Plan 2015-2020 Consultations**

The process leading to approval of the next version of the University Academic Plan is now underway. As the most important bodies in collegial governance, Senate committees and Faculty Councils should have the first opportunity to provide advice on the focus of UAP 2015-2020, and APPRC seeks your responses to the five questions on the following page.

The overarching themes of the current University Academic Plan are

- academic quality
- student success
- engagement and outreach

We take it as axiomatic that these themes will remain central to academic planning, and that the goal of ensuring York is recognized for its excellence and global leadership in the nexus of research, teaching and learning will continue to infuse our plans and drive our efforts. The questions have been designed to solicit views on contexts, priorities and objectives, and the structure and thrust of the next UAP. APPRC also welcomes advice on any other aspect of the document.

Responses from Senate committees and Faculty Councils will help shape a wider phase of consultations in November. We ask, therefore, that responses from Senate Committees and Councils (or their appropriate committees) be transmitted by Monday, November 9.

A UAP 2015-2020 Website has been created to provide you with background material as you prepare a response. The documents listed below are particularly helpful as a

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collective expression of the vision for York as a comprehensive, research intensive university committed to excellence, student success, outreach and partnership.

UAP 2010-2015
UAP 2010-2015 Summative Report
Suggestions from the Deans, Principal and University Librarian
Provostial White Paper
Institutional Integrated Resource Plan
Strategic Research Plan
Strategic Mandate Agreement

Please submit your completed responses to Robert Everett of the University Secretariat (beverett@yorku.ca). We welcome broad engagement throughout the UAP renewal process and look forward to gathering members of the community at an open forum scheduled for Thursday, December 10.

Thank you in advance for your vital assistance.

Questions

1. What sets York apart from other universities and how is this advantageous?
2. What should be York's academic priorities for the next five years? Please rank your priorities if possible.
3. What are the most pressing challenges facing York now and in the next five years that should be addressed in the next UAP?
4. What are the most compelling opportunities for York now and in the next five years?
5. Do you have any other advice about the University Academic Plan 2015-2020 in terms of its organization and structure, specificity of objectives, indicators of progress and the like?