

The Senate of York University

Year End Review 2018-2019

From 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 the Senate of York University was presided over by its 44th Chair, Professor Franck Van Breugel of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science in Lassonde. From 1 July to 31 December 2018, Professor Alison Macpherson of the School of Kinesiology and Health Science, Faculty of Health served as Vice-Chair. Professor David Mutimer, Department of Politics, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies ably served as Interim Vice-Chair during Professor Macpherson's sabbatical from 1 January to 30 June 2019. Maureen Armstrong continued in her capacity as Secretary of Senate.

Senate met on eleven occasions during the year. One special meeting was held in August to deal with matters arising from a disruption of academic activities caused by a strike of CUPE 3903 beginning 5 March 2018.

Senate committees identify priorities for the year in the autumn and provide year-end reports on their progress. They also undertake activities that may not be fully reflected in this summary, such as leading or participating in consultations, providing advice or interpretations, and facilitating reporting by others.

Committees and Acronyms

- Executive (Executive)
- Academic Policy, Planning and Research (APPRC)
- Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy (ASCP)
- Appeals (SAC)
- Awards (Awards)
- Tenure and Promotions (T&P)
- Tenure and Promotions Appeals (T&P Appeals)

Sub-Committees

There are 6 standing sub-committees:

- Executive: Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials / Equity (with members from ASCP and APPRC)
- APPRC: Sub-Committee on Quality Assurance (with ASCP) / Organized Research Units / Technical
- ASCP: Sub-Committee on Quality Assurance (with APPRC), Coordinating and Planning

In addition, three sub-committees focusing on research that are supported by the Vice-President Research and Innovation report to Senate via APPRC.

For more information on Senate and its committees, including agendas for the year, please visit the Website at <http://secretariat.info.yorku.ca/senate/>.

Matters Arising from the Disruption

The CUPE 3903 labour disruption that began on 5 March 2018 ended on 25 July 2018 following the passage of the Provincial Government's back-to-work legislation. In accordance with the Senate Policy on the Academic Implications of Disruptions or Cessations of University Business Due to Labour Disputes or Other Causes, a special meeting of Senate was held as soon as possible after the disruption, on 2 August 2018. At that meeting, Senate passed a motion to approve a temporary amendment to the Senate Policy on Sessional Dates and the Scheduling of Examinations such that, for 2018 only, and with the mutual agreement of students and course directors, deferred remediation activities were permitted during Fall Reading Week.

In 2018-2019, the Executive Committee engaged in follow-up initiatives related to the labour disruption and reported on them to Senate. These included:

- the extension of the deadline from 31 December 2018 to 10 January 2019 for the submission of remaining assignments and completion of tests / examinations for Y and W terms or to drop courses from the winter 2018 term
- sponsorship of a Senate Community Forum on Renewing Institutional Focus, held 4 October 2018
- oversight of the process of directing and implementing the necessary remedial action for outstanding academic matters from the disruption in Winter 2018, particularly the efforts and process to convert provisional grades to final grades
- the identification and development, jointly with the Board Chair, of proposed principles, mandate and membership for a Working Group to review the responsibilities for the cancellation / suspension of classes during a strike

In February, both Senate and the Board approved the proposal to establish a Special Joint Senate-Board Working Group on Jurisdiction Related to the Cancellation/Suspension of Classes during a Labour Disruption. However, a call for expressions of interest fell short of attaining the required three members of Senate, with just two nominations received. The Chair of Senate and the Chair of the Board will consider options and next steps in 2019-2020.

Markham Centre Campus Planning

In October, the Provincial Government announced the cancellation dedicated funding for PSE satellite campuses in Ontario, including the York-Seneca campus in Markham, putting the planning on hold. President Lenton provided regular updates to Senate throughout the year about explorations to continue the initiative in the absence of government funding.

New Faculty

The process to establish a new/re-visioned Faculty comprised of Geography, FES and other possible units was revived following a pause on discussions to allow for further reflection and the appointment of a Dean in FES.

Under the auspices of APPRC, a Facilitating Group was established to shepherd the initiative, co-chaired by the Chairs of APPRC and ASCP. APPRC transmitted reports to Senate at regular intervals as it tracked progress of the Facilitating Group's efforts to work closely with all relevant parties to cement the Faculty vision, identify options, address hurdles and tackle resource questions. Giving shape to the innovative curriculum and pedagogy that will express the Faculty's vision emerged as a high priority and resulted in shifting the timelines for the remaining stages of the development process.

A Sub-Committee of ASCP, chaired by the ASCP Chair, was established to assist in deliberations and consultations about curriculum development during the period of May to December 2019.

Tracking 2015-2020 UAP Progress

APPRC initiated planning discussions with Deans and Principals to take stock of UAP progress in its penultimate year and frame the process for developing the next Plan; discussions commenced in Spring 2019 and will continue through Fall 2019.

Academic Planning Forum

On 7 February, APPRC and ASCP sponsored a follow-up event to the inaugural APPRC-ASCP Forum of Ideas held last winter, which focused on program re-visioning and curriculum reform. This year's planning forum picked up the main themes of enquiry generated at the first event to discuss (i) what are the promising new ideas on the horizon for post-secondary curriculum and teaching; and (ii) how can those ideas be moved from theory to practice at York University. From the 2018 and 2019 forum discussions, the clear need for a cross-faculty framework to govern interdisciplinary program arrangements emerged; this initiative is being taken up under the guidance of the Provost.

Regular Reports

- President Rhonda Lenton (Monthly)
- Provost Lisa Philipps (Complement and Enrolment, September)
- Provost Lisa Philipps and Vice-President Finance & Administration Carol McAulay (Budget context for planning, January, June)
- Vice-President Research and Innovation Robert Haché (November)
- Senate Members on the Board of Governors on meetings of the Board (following Board meetings; Professor David Mutimer and Professor George Turlakis)
- Academic Colleague to the Council of Ontario Universities on COU meetings (Professor David Mutimer, October; Professor Andrea Davis, January, February, April, May)

Major Planning Reports

- Joint Sub-Committee on Quality Assurance of APPRC and ASCP (October, February, May, June)
- E-CV Management System (VPRI Robert Haché, March)
- Complement Renewal Strategy (Provost Lisa Philipps, March)
- Indigenous Framework for York University (Professor Ruth Koleszar-Green and Vice-Provost Academic Alice Pitt, April)
- Open Access at York University (Dean of Libraries Joy Kirchner and AVP Research Rebecca Pillai-Riddell, May)

Annual Reports from Senate Committees

- Undergraduate Award Disbursement (Awards, March)
- Graduate Award Disbursement (Awards, March)
- Animal Care, Biological Safety, and Human Participants Review Committee (APPRC, June)
- Appeals and Petitions, University and Faculty (Appeals, January)
- Distinguished Research Professor (Awards, June)

- New Awards (Awards, May)
- Non-Degree Studies (APPRC and ASCP, June)
- President's Research Awards Recipients (Awards, May)
- President's University-Wide Teaching Awards Recipients (Awards, May)
- Prestigious Awards for Graduating Students (Awards, June)
- Senate Attendance (Executive, June)
- Senate Year in Review (Executive, June)
- Tenure and Promotions (Tenure and Promotions, October)
- Tenure and Promotions Appeals (Tenure and Promotions Appeals, October)
- University Professors (Awards, May)
- Research Annual Report (APPRC, November)
- Organized Research Unit Sub-Committee (APPRC, June)

Senate Policies

- Statement of Policy on Free Speech, jointly approved by Senate and the Board of Governors (new, December)
- Registration Eligibility in Summer Courses (amendments, ASCP, May)
- Policy on Open Access (new, APPRC, June)
- Principles and Procedures Governing Non-Degree Studies (amendments, APPRC, June)
- Pass/Fail Grades Policy (amendments, ASCP, June)
- Policy on Honorific Professorships (amendments, Awards, November, June)
- Tenure and Promotions Policy, Criteria and Procedures and Alternate Stream Document (amendments, Executive, June)
- Guidelines and Procedures for Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities (amendments, Executive, June)

Senate Rules and Procedures

Changes to membership of Senate for the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019, with a maximum of 168 Senators (Executive, April).

Notice of Statutory Motion for revisions to the Senate Rules and Procedures was provided in May 2019, with formal review slated for June 2019. Several Senators requested to postpone the review to Fall 2019 and the deferral was confirmed by Senate Executive.

Faculty Council Rules and Procedures

Faculty of Health (March)

New Degree Types (ASCP Recommendations with APPRC Concurrence)

- Master of Management in Artificial Intelligence, Schulich / Graduate Studies (March)

Academic Programs (New, ASCP Recommendations with APPRC Concurrence)

- Master of Management in Artificial Intelligence program, Schulich / Graduate Studies (March)

- BSc Specialized Honours program in Neuroscience, housed jointly within the Department of Psychology and the School of Kinesiology and Health Science, Health, and the Department of Biology, Science (June)

Undergraduate Certificates and Graduate Diplomas (New, ASCP Recommendations with APPRC Concurrence)

- Type 2 Graduate Diploma in Culture, Communication and Leadership in Canadian Business, Schulich / Graduate Studies (October)
- Type 3 Graduate Diploma in Law for Law Enforcement Professionals, Osgoode / Graduate Studies (February)

Academic Programs - New Streams, Options, Fields and Specializations

- Stream in Cognitive Neuropsychology within the BA and BSc (Honours) programs in Psychology, Glendon (January)
- Full-time option for the Master of Public Policy, Administration & Law, Public Policy & Administration, LA&PS / Graduate Studies (January)
- Graduate Field in Black Studies and Theories of Race and Racism within the MA and PhD programs in Social and Political Thought, Graduate Program in Social and Political Thought, LA&PS / Graduate Studies (February)
- Stream in Financial Mathematics within the Specialized Honours BA and BSc programs in Applied Mathematics, Mathematics and Statistics, Science (March)
- Expansion of Seneca-York Chemistry Co-Registration Option to the BSc program in Chemistry and the BSc (Honours) program in Biochemistry, Chemistry, Science (March)
- Honours Major-Minor degree options between the Faculty of Environmental Studies and Glendon (June)

Program, Graduate Diploma and Undergraduate Certificate Closure

- College - University Accounting Bridge Program, Administrative Studies, LA&PS (September)
- Diploma in Theatre & Performance Studies, Graduate Program in Theatre & Performance Studies, AMPD / Graduate Studies (September)
- BA programs in Multicultural and Indigenous Studies, Equity Studies, LA&PS (February)
- BA programs in European Studies, Humanities, LA&PS (February)
- BA programs in United States Studies, Humanities, LA&PS (February)
- BA programs in Environmental and Health Studies, Multidisciplinary Studies, Glendon (February)
- Certificate in Psychometrics, Psychology, Health (February)
- Specialized Honours BSc program in Computational Mathematics, Mathematics and Statistics, Science (March)
- Specialized Honours BA program in Individualized Studies, Multidisciplinary Studies, Glendon (May)

New Rubrics Approved by Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy

- New rubrics for Professional LLM specializations in Osgoode Professional Development, Osgoode / Graduate Studies (March)
- “TECL” for technology proficiency courses, Lassonde (March)
- “NRSC” for the BSc Specialized Honours program in Neuroscience, Health / Science (June)

Changes in Admissions Requirements and Transfer Credit (ASCP)

- Master of Real Estate and Infrastructure, Schulich / Graduate Studies (September)
- Professional LLM in International Business Law, Osgoode / Graduate Studies (January)
- English-language facility requirement, BEng programs, Lassonde (February)
- Transfer Credits from the School of Dance to the BFA (Honours) program in Dance, AMPD (March)
- English Language Proficiency, Graduate Studies (March)
- Consecutive option for the Black Canadian Studies Certificate, Humanities, LA&PS (March)
- Graduate Diploma in Mathematics Education, Graduate Programs in Education and Mathematics & Statistics, Graduate Studies (April)
- Transfer Credit program between the Departments in AMPD and Specialized Arts programs at Secondary Schools (May)
- MSc program in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Lassonde / Graduate Studies (June)

Changes in Degree Requirements (Programs)

During the year, the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee sought Senate approval or reported its own approval of revisions to the requirements for the following:

- Master of Real Estate and Infrastructure, Schulich / Graduate Studies (September)
- Honours Minor program in Marketing, Administrative Studies, LA&PS (September)
- MA program in Social and Political Thought, Graduate Program in Social and Political Thought, Social Science, LA&PS / Graduate Studies (October, February)
- BA (Honours) programs in Business & Society, Social Science, LA&PS (October)
- MA and PhD programs in Sociology, Graduate Program in Sociology, LA&PS / Graduate Studies (October)
- Professional LLM Specializing in Securities Law, Osgoode / Graduate Studies (November)
- BA (Honours) Programs in Business Economics, Business Economics, Glendon (November)
- Finance stream within the Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) Program, Administrative Studies, LA&PS (November)
- Master of Design, Graduate Program in Design, AMPD / Graduate Studies (January)
- MSc and PhD programs in Biology, Graduate Program in Biology, Science / Graduate Studies (January)
- BA programs in Human Rights and Equity Studies, Equity Studies, LA&PS (February)
- BA and BCom programs in Information Technology, Information Technology, LA&PS (February)
- Honours Minor BA program in Japanese Studies, Language, Literature, and Linguistics, LA&PS (February)

- Specialized Honours BA and Honours Minor BA programs in Cognitive Science, Philosophy, LA&PS (February)
- BEng programs in Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Space Engineering, and Electrical Engineering, Lassonde (February)
- BSc in Earth and Atmospheric Science, Earth and Space Science and Engineering, Lassonde (February)
- Master of Business Analytics program, Schulich / Graduate Studies (March)
- Master of Accounting program, Schulich / Graduate Studies (March)
- MA program in Economics, Graduate Program in Economics, LA&PS / Graduate Studies (March)
- BA programs in Educational Studies, Education (March)
- Streams within the Specialized Honours BA and BSc programs in Global Health, Global Health, Health (March)
- Bachelor of Health Studies, Health Policy and Management, Health (March)
- MA program in Interdisciplinary Studies, Graduate Program in Interdisciplinary Studies, LA&PS / Graduate Studies (March)
- BA programs in Children, Childhood and Youth, Humanities, LA&PS (March)
- Bachelor of Human Resources Management Minor program, Human Resource Management, LA&PS (March)
- BA and BSc programs in Applied Mathematics, Mathematics and Statistics, Science (March)
- Biomedical Science stream within the BSc programs in Biology, Biology, Science (March)
- Non-science general education requirement for BSc programs, Science (March)
- Bachelor of Disaster and Emergency Management programs, Administrative Studies, LA&PS (April)
- Specialized Honours Bachelor of Commerce program and the Management Science stream within the program, Administrative Studies, LA&PS (April)
- MA and PhD programs in English, Graduate Program in English, LA&PS / Graduate Studies (April)
- Thesis and Dissertation regulations relating to oral examinations, FGS (April)
- MA program in Music, Graduate Program in Music, AMPD / Graduate Studies (May)
- Master of Marketing program, Schulich / Graduate Studies (May)
- BA (Honours) programs in Hispanic Studies, Hispanic Studies, Glendon (May)
- Master of Supply Chain Management program, Schulich / Graduate Studies (May)
- Minor change to degree requirements for the Biomedical Sciences stream within the BA (Honours) programs in Biology, Biology, Science (May)
- Artificial Intelligence specialization within the MSc program in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Graduate Program in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Lassonde / Graduate Studies (June)
- Editorial correction to the calendar for the number of credits required for BSc (Honours) and BSc Specialized Honours degrees, Lassonde (June)

Changes in Requirements (Certificates and Diplomas)

- Certificate in Athletic Therapy, Kinesiology and Health Science, Health (November)
- Professional Certificate in Logistics, Administrative Studies, LA&PS (March)
- Certificate in the Discipline of Teaching English as an International Language, English, Glendon (February)
- Certificate in Anti-Racist Research and Practice, Equity Studies, LA&PS (March)
- Certificate in Indigenous Studies, Equity Studies, LA&PS (March)
- Graduate Diploma in Intermediate Accounting, Schulich / Graduate Studies (March)
- Interdisciplinary Certificate in Aging, Health (March)
- York-Seneca Rehabilitation Services Certificate, Psychology, Health (March)
- Diploma in Mathematics Education, Graduate Program in Education / Graduate Program in Mathematics and Statistics / FGS (April)
- General Certificate in Refugee and Migration Studies, FES / Equity Studies, LA&PS (May)
- Certificate in Spanish-English Translation, Hispanic Studies, Glendon (May)

Sessional Dates

During the year ASCP advised that it had reviewed proposed sessional dates for Summer 2019 and Fall-Winter 2019-2020 and confirmed that they were consistent with Senate policy. The Committee worked with the Registrar's Office to develop a three-year outlook on sessional dates.

New University Professorships (Awards, June)

Avi Cohen, Economics, LA&PS

Kim Michasiw, English/Writing, LA&PS

2019 President's University-Wide Teaching Awards (Awards, May)

Senior Full-time Faculty: Russ Patrick Alcedo, Dance, AMPD

Full-time Faculty: Nicolette Richardson, Kinesiology and Health Science, Health

Contract and Adjunct Faculty: Alistair Mapp, Psychology, Health

Teaching Assistant: Mohamed Abdelhamid, Mechanical Engineering, Lassonde

New Distinguished Research Professorship (Awards, June)

Stephanie Ben-Ishai, Osgoode

President's Research Excellence Award (Awards, May)

Deanne Williams, English, LA&PS

2019 President's Research Impact Award (Awards, May)

Julia Creet, English, LA&PS

President's Emerging Research Leadership Award (Awards, May)

Engineering, Science, Technology, Health and Biomedicine Cluster: Christine Till, Psychology, Health

Social Sciences, Art & Design, Humanities, Business, Law and Education Cluster: Marcello Musto, Sociology, LA&PS

Governor General's Gold Medals (Awards, June)

Cynthia Kwakyewah, Graduate Program in Interdisciplinary Studies

Meghan Hughes, Graduate Program in Kinesiology & Health Science

Qiyi Tang, Graduate Program in Electrical Engineering & Computer Science

Governor General's Silver Medals (Awards, June)

2019 Recipients

Nicholas Chrobok, Faculty of Science, BSc (Honours) in Biology, First Class with Distinction

Zackary Grant Goldford, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, BA (Honours) in Law and Society, Summa Cum Laude

Avreen Kaur Kochhar, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, Honours Bachelor of Human Resources Management, Summa Cum Laude

2018 Recipients

Antonnia Kiana Blake, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, BA Honours Double Major, Criminology & Human Rights and Equity Studies, Summa Cum Laude

Natalia Maria Ladyka-Wojcik, Glendon, BA Specialized Honours in Psychology, First Class

Maryam Samani, Faculty of Health, BSc (Honours) in Psychology, Summa Cum Laude

(Due to the 2018 labour disruption, the 2018 recipients were not honoured at the Spring 2018 Convocation; they were recognized at the Spring 2019 Convocation, along with the 2019 recipients.)

The Murray G. Ross Award (Awards, June)

Shalyn Isaacs, Faculty of Health, BA (Honours) in Psychology

Additions to the Pool of Prospective Honorary Degree Recipients

13 new candidates were deemed eligible for honorary degrees; **1** approved for a further five-year term.

Honorary Degree recipients

Fall 2018 Convocation

Frances Shepherd, world-renowned oncologist

Dame Moya Greene, business and public sector leader

Anna Maria Tremonti, journalist and host of CBC's *The Current*

Colleen Johnston, business executive and community leader

Thandika Mkandawire, economist and public intellectual

Spring 2019 Convocation

Paul Alofs, award-winning innovator

Gregory Belton, business leader and philanthropist

Anne Cools, social and civil rights activist

Kimberle Crenshaw, civil rights advocate and scholar

Jennifer Doudna, human genomics researcher

Paul Gross, renowned actor, director and writer

Cheryl McEwen, philanthropist and entrepreneur

Marangu Njogu, national development leader

Marie Ponte, social service activist

Lynn Posluns, brain health advocate

Organized Research Unit Charters

Centre for Feminist Research (June)

The City Institute (June)

Israel and Golda Koschitzky Centre for Jewish Studies (June)

Institute for Research on Digital Learning (June)

Innovation in Computing at Lassonde (June)

Senate Officers and Committee Chairs

Franck van Breugel, Chair of Senate / Chair of Senate Executive

Alison Macpherson, Vice-Chair of Senate / Vice-Chair of Senate Executive

David Mutimer, Interim Vice Chair of Senate

Maureen Armstrong, Secretary of Senate

Les Jacobs, Chair of the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee

Kim Michasiw, Chair of the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee

Simone Pisana, Chair of the Appeals Committee

Brenda Spotton Visano, Chair of the Awards Committee

Thomas Baumgartner, Co-Chair of the Tenure and Promotions Committee

Lily Cho, Co-Chair of the Tenure and Promotions Committee

Parissa Safai, Chair of the Tenure and Promotions Appeals Committee

University Secretariat

Maureen Armstrong, University Secretary and General Counsel

Robert Everett, Senior Assistant Secretary of the University (to December 31, 2018)

Terry Carter, Assistant Secretary of the University

Cheryl Underhill, Senior Assistant Secretary of the University

Kathryn White, Assistant Secretary of the University

Elaine MacRae, Governance Coordinator

Michelle Roseman, Administrative Assistant