

**York University**  
**Board of Governors**  
**Synopsis of the 422<sup>nd</sup> Meeting**  
**Held on 27 February 2012**

## **Remarks**

### The Chair of the Board

- Announced and congratulated Professor Allan Hutchinson on his appointment as Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies for a five-year term, effective 1 March 2012
- Announced the appointment of John Hunkin to the Board of Governors for a four-year term, effective 27 February 2012

### President Shoukri commented on

- the public policy context for postsecondary education in Ontario and the likelihood that demand for change will intensify;
- the need for the University to embrace change by enhancing processes of all kinds, including collegial governance, and looking closely at the program mix;
- noteworthy accomplishments by members of the University community
- the first ever “President for a Day” contest. Third year biochemistry and education student Rabia Sajun will switch roles with the President for the day on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **Approvals**

- the President’s February 2012 report on appointments, tenure and promotion;
- an \$85 million capital project to construct a new building for the Lassonde School of Engineering
- in principle for a capital project of up to \$80 million for the design and construction of a new Student Centre building, subject to the approval of a student referendum and University arranged financing;
- a \$6.4 million capital project to repair and restore the Ross Building – Central Square podium
- an expenditure of \$2.25 million for a series of three energy conservation measures in the Energy Management Program;
- appointment of Tiffany Wry as a CUPE 1356-01 nominee on the Pension Fund Board of Trustees for a three-year term, effective 27 February 2012.

## **Reports**

- The Vice-President Academic & Provost reported to the Board in closed session on plans to enhance recruitment and retention;
- Each of the Executive, Community Affairs, Finance & Audit, Governance & Human Resources, and Land & Property committees reported for information on matters discussed in their recent meetings.

*Harriet Lewis, Secretary*