

**York University  
Board of Governors  
Synopsis of the 425<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

**Remarks**

Chair, Julia Foster, welcomed all on the Board to the new academic year, particularly new governors Emile Wickham, Martin Lockshin and Salvatore Paneduro. She expressed her enthusiasm for the year ahead, noting that she has been actively attending University events and meetings, including the Ontario Universities Fair and the September meeting of Senate.

The President commented on

- the successful start to the year
- the launch of the “This is My Time” brand
- the public policy context for postsecondary education and continuing funding challenges facing universities
- the measures being taken to achieve York’s academic objectives and operational efficiencies
- the candidates for honorary doctorates at the Fall 2012 convocation ceremonies
- recent faculty and student successes

**Appointments**

*Governors*

- Salvatore Paneduro (non-academic staff nominee) for a nine-month term commencing 1 October 2012

**Approvals** *(Taken since the last Board meeting by the Executive Committee on behalf of the Board)*

The appointment of Barbara Crow as Interim Dean and AVP Graduate Studies for a 10-month term to commence 1 September 2012

*Labour Settlements*

Concurrence of the Board Executive Committee with the negotiated agreements with the following:

- OPSEU 578 Unit 1 (Full-Time ESL Instructors in the York University English Language Institute)
- YUFA (York University Faculty Association)
- IUOE (Local 772) Renewed Collective Agreement
- OPSEU 578 Unit 2 (Casual ESL Instructors in the York English Language Institute)

**Approvals**

*Academic Appointments*

- President’s report on tenure and promotion candidates
- Three Chairs at the Schulich School of Business in Financial Accounting; Operations Management; and Organizational Studies & Strategic Management
- an EDC Professorship in International Business at the Schulich School of Business
- a Certified General Accountants of Ontario Chair in International Entrepreneurship at the Schulich School of Business

*Board Structure*

- Change in the name of the Board Community Affairs Committee to the *Marketing, Communications and Community Affairs Committee*

### *York University Mission Statement*

- A minor amendment to the York University Mission Statement to include *alumni and volunteers* among the groups referenced as part of the University community. The recommended amendment will proceed to Senate for concurrence.

### *Administrative Arrangements*

- Authority for the University to establish a bank account with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank (HSBC) in order to facilitate the University's business in India.

### **Reports / Presentations**

- President Shoukri reported on the key academic and administrative objectives for 2012-2013, including the academic priorities of establishing and building the engineering program, and strengthening research; and the administrative priorities of furthering the PRASE initiative and the development of a strategy to use the University's development lands to advance its mission;
- Vice-President Monahan provided an overview of the University's Strategic Mandate Agreement prepared for submission to the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities;
- Susan Webb, Executive Director Communications & Public Affairs, presented an overview of the "This is My Time" marketing campaign;
- Vice-President Brewer provided a status report on the subway construction on the Keele campus; and
- Each of the Academic Resources, Executive, Finance & Audit, Governance & Human Resources, Investment and Land & Property committees reported for information on matters discussed in their recent meetings.

*The agenda for the meeting is posted on the Board of Governors website.*

*For further information on any of the above items contact the University Secretariat.*

*Harriet Lewis, Secretary*