

York University
Board of Governors
Synopsis of the 426th Meeting
3 December 2012

Remarks

Mrs Foster and Mr Wickham shared reflections on an orientation session for new university governors hosted by the Council of Ontario Universities.

The President commented on:

- the successful open forum on safety
- his trip to China
- his recent speech at the Empire Club on the importance of internationalism to post-secondary education in Canada
- the provincial post-secondary education landscape
- the \$2 million funding received for the new Chair in Autism Spectrum Disorders Treatment and Care Research in the Faculty of Health
- the ground-breaking ceremony commencing construction of the Pan Am Games stadium on the Keele campus
- Red & White Day held to celebrate school spirit and announce the winner of the free tuition contest
- A Memorandum of Understanding between York and the Indian Research Council to collaborate on research projects
- The successful Bryden Awards event
- The recent induction of Professors Carl James and Norman Yan as Fellows of the Royal Society of Canada.

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

The appointment of Rhonda Lenton as Vice-President Academic and Provost for a term to commence 26 November 2012 through to 30 June 2014.

Approvals

Academic Appointments

- President's report on tenure and promotion candidates
- The establishment of the *Bergeron Chair in Engineering Entrepreneurship* at the Lassonde School of Engineering
- The establishment of *PowerStream Chair in Sustainable Energy Economics*, in the Faculty of Environmental Studies

Appointments

- Iouldouz Raguimov as a CUPE 3903 nominee on the Pension Fund Board of Trustees for a three-year term, effective 1 October 2012.

Development / Capital Projects

- The revised block plan for the Pond-Sentinel student housing development which will guide the planning and detailed design of the residential-retail development project on the Keele campus
- The financial term sheet to be used by the University for negotiating the master development and leasing agreement between York and the Forum York Developments Consortium for the Pond-Sentinel development project

Financial Operations

- Adoption of new accounting rules for non-for-profit organizations, effective fiscal year 2013
- Long-term Ancillary Plan
- Minor changes to the terms of reference for the Pension Plan and Fund
- Minor change to the University's banking resolution to reflect the change in the Vice-President Academic and Provost

Reports / Presentations

- Vice-President Brewer provided a safety and security update
- Vice-President Lenton provided an enrolment update
- Dean Harvey Skinner showcased the Faculty of Health's "Agents of Change" wellness and health research focus;
- 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.

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