

**York University
Board of Governors
Synopsis of the 427th Meeting
25 February 2013**

Remarks

The President commented on the following current issues:

- the extension of Dean Singer's term for a further year to 30 June 2015
- the new Premier and Provincial Cabinet members, and the provincial post-secondary education landscape
- liaison with Queen's Park about the expansion of French post-secondary education as announced in the February Throne Speech
- embarking on the second phase of the branding initiative
- launching a safety awareness campaign, commencing with the new safety "app"
- the second "President for a Day" contest. Faculty of Education student David Mayer will switch roles with the President for the day on 26 February 2013
- recent faculty and student successes

Appointments / Re-appointments

Governors

- William Boyle for a four-year term to December 2016
- David J. McFadden, QC for a four-year term to December 2016
- Dr Earl R. Nestmann for a four-year term to December 2016
- Tony Viner for a four-year term to December 2016
- Hana Zalzal for a four-year term to December 2016

Pension Fund Board of Trustees

- Susan Black re-appointed as a Board of Governors nominee on, and Chair of, the Pension Fund Board of Trustees for a three-year term, effective 1 January 2013.

Approvals

Development / Capital Projects

- A new *York University Master Plan* framework for the Keele Campus, which establishes a set of pillars, lenses, strategies and priorities to guide the evolution of the campus
- authorization for the President to finalize the detailed language of the *York University Master Plan*
- a \$5.3 million renovation of existing facilities to accommodate the first cohort of students and new faculty members in the new engineering programs in the Lassonde School of Engineering
- a \$3.2 million capital project to install an artificial turf playing surface and field lighting in the York Stadium
- a three-year extension of the University's contract with MCW Custom Energy Solutions Ltd. for the Energy Performance Contracting Program
- an expenditure of \$2.45 million for a series of three energy conservation measures in the Energy Management Program
- the awarding of a three-year contract to Otis Canada Inc. for the University's elevator maintenance services, at a value of \$2.8 million
- authorization for the Vice-President Finance & Administration to award a contract for vendor of record for Cisco networking equipment, with an expected value of \$10 million over five years

- an extension of the contract for the University's communications Agency of Record, Doug & Serge Inc. to 31 December 2013, at a value of approximately \$2 million.

Board Structure

- revisions to the *Protocol for Composition of the Board of Governors* to better reflect the University's current focus, reintegration of the advancement function and the Board's oversight responsibilities.

Academic Appointments

- the President's February 2013 report on appointments, tenure and promotion

Reports / Presentations

- Vice-President Lenton reported on the University's initiative to develop an eLearning integrated strategy, and the intention to be a lead university in the Province's initiative to establish an Online University
- Ken Greenberg, Greenberg Consultants Inc. and Donna Hinde, The Planning Partnership, gave a presentation on the proposed York University Master Plan
- Each of the Academic Resources, Executive, Finance & Audit, Governance & Human Resources, 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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