

York University
Board of Governors
Synopsis of the 430th Meeting held on 30 September 2013

Remarks

Chair, Julia Foster, welcomed all on the Board to the new academic year, specifically the new governors who were in attendance Darnell Harris and Randy Williamson. It was announced that coincident with the new governance year, Susan Black will be chairing the *Governance & Human Resources Committee* and Henry Wu will be chair of the *Academic Resources Committee*. Appreciation was extended to Zahir Janmohamed and Sam Schwartz for their leadership in chairing these two committees respectively over the past several years. The President was congratulated for receiving the *Diversity Award in Education* from Diversity Magazine. And sympathy was expressed to his family on the recent passing of former governor and steadfast friend and supporter of the University, Phillip Lapp.

The President commented on:

- the highly successful student orientation this Fall
- the launch of the second phase of the brand awareness campaign
- the detention of Professor Greyson and the grave concern shared by the University community
- a recent article in *Toronto Life* and the University's response
- summer roundtables sponsored by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, and efforts to ensure that the University is rightly understood as research intensive
- the Academic and Administrative Prioritization exercise being led by the Vice-President Finance & Administration and the Provost to realize the UAP goals and ensure financial sustainability

Appointments

Governors

- Randy Williamson (Alumni nominee) for a four-year term commencing 1 October 2013

Pension Fund Board of Trustees

- Robert Wai (Osgoode nominee) for a three-year term commencing 1 October 2013
- Jane Rowe (YURA nominee) re-appointed for a three-year term commencing 1 October 2013
- Dale Domian (President's nominee) re-appointed for a three-year term commencing 1 October 2013

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

Student Centre Referendum

Permission for a student referendum to be held in October 2013, rather than in Spring 2014, on a proposed levy to fund a new (second) Student Centre on the Keele campus.

Labour Settlements

Concurrence of the Board Executive Committee with the negotiated agreement with the Osgoode Hall Faculty Association.

Approvals

- President's September 2013 report on appointments and tenure & promotion candidates
- Re-appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the external auditors for the University for the 2013-14 fiscal year

- The building site at the north end of *The Green* (south of the Ross Building) on the Keele campus for a second Student Centre building.
- For the University to enter into a contribution agreement with the *Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario* for funding for two infrastructure projects on the Keele campus (rehabilitation of the Osgoode Green and upgrade of the natural turf soccer sports field).

Reports / Presentations

- Susan Webb, Executive Director Communications & Public Affairs, presented an overview of the Phase 2 of the “This is My Time” marketing campaign;
- Vice-Provost Morrison reported on the fresh approach taken for this year’s student orientation;
- Bud Purves, President of the York University Development Corporation, reported on the PanAm Games stadium being constructed at York; 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 at
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For further information on any of the above items contact the University Secretariat.

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