

**York University**  
**Board of Governors**  
**Synopsis of the 432nd Meeting held on 24 February 2014**

**Remarks**

The President reported on:

- The following government initiatives:
  - Strategic Mandate Agreements
  - Online Centre of Excellence
  - the expansion of academic programming at Glendon
  - the University's consideration of a York Region campus in response to the Province's Capacity Expansion Framework
  - new opportunities for research funding for universities announced in the 2014 Federal budget
- the York University – Toronto Star initiative to promote York's research capabilities, expertise and focus on issues that matter to Canadians
- The 2014 National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) exercise at the University
- The candidates for honorary degrees at the Spring 2014 convocation

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

- Authorizing the University's issue and sale of debentures to secure borrowing up to but not exceeding \$100 million in order to meet the requirements of the University's capital financing plan
- Concurrence with the President's recommendation to appoint Professor Ray Jayawardhana as Dean, Faculty of Science for a five-year term, commencing 1 July 2014.

**Approvals**

- Establishment of a York Research Chairs program
- Establishment of a Department of Science & Technology Studies, Faculty of Science
- Establishment of the Inmet Chair in Global Mining Management, Schulich School of Business
- Tuition fees for the Bachelor of Engineering programs in Civil Engineering and Mechanical Engineering
- Authorization of the Vice-President Finance & Administration to finalize a 10-year contract (with a 10 year option to York to renew) with Aramark Canada Ltd to provide hospitality services in the Executive Learning Centre, Schulich School of Business
- Authorization of the Board Executive Committee to approve on behalf of the Board the members of the Selection Advisory Committee being struck to propose the next Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect of the Board of Governors

**Reports / Presentations**

- Provost Rhonda Lenton provided a presentation on the University's eLearning strategy, and Professor Jennifer Steele demonstrated a model of online instruction

- Vice-President Brewer presented the site plans and design images of the new engineering building under construction on the Keele campus
- Each of the Academic Resources, Executive, Finance & Audit, Governance & Human Resources, Investment and Marketing, Communications and Community Affairs 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*