

York University
Board of Governors
Synopsis of the 435th Meeting held on 6 October 2014

Remarks

Chair, Julia Foster, welcomed all on the Board to the new academic year, specifically the new governors who were in attendance David Leyton-Brown, Shadiya Aidid and Dragan Spasojevic. It was announced that Randy Williamson will be succeeding Tim Price as Chair of the Investment Committee going forward, and that he will also be Chair of the Pension Fund Board of Trustees effective the first of October.

The President spoke to the following matters:

- the highly successful student orientation this Fall
- the Bryden Alumni Award recipients for 2014
- the Honorary Doctorate recipients for the 2014 Fall Convocation ceremonies
- recent SSHRC research funding successes for faculty members at York
- the Times of London's 2014-2015 *Higher Education World University Ranking* of York among the top 250 universities in the world, and among the top 100 universities in the Arts and Humanities category
- the opening of the new Schulich School of Business campus in Hyderabad, India
- the naming of the new engineering building the *Bergeron Centre for Engineering Excellence* in recognition of Doug and Sandra Bergeron's generous donation to the University

Appointments / Re-Appointments

Governors

- Henry Wu re-appointed for a four-year term of 6 December 2014 - 30 June 2018

Pension Fund Board of Trustees

- Randy Williamson (Board nominee) for a three-year term commencing 1 October 2014
- Ed Furman (YUFA nominee) for a three-year term commencing 1 October 2014
- Christine Silversides (President's nominee) re-appointed for a three-year term commencing 1 October 2014

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

- Authorization for the President to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Region of York and the City of Markham for the construction of a new York University campus in Markham Centre
- The re-appointment of Lorne Sossin as Dean of Osgoode Hall Law School for the five-year term of 1 July 2014 – 30 June 2019
- The re-appointment of Janusz Kozinski as Dean of the Lassonde School of Engineering for the five-year term of 1 July 2014 – 30 June 2019

Approvals

- Re-appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the external auditors for the University for the 2014-15 fiscal year
- Revisions to the York University Pension Plan text to implement changes agreed upon by the University and the York University All-Union Pension Group

- Pursuant to approval by referendum, an increase in the levy for MES students for the Graduate Environmental Studies Students Association from \$75 to \$118.50 for full-time students, and from \$37.50 to \$59.25 for part-time students
- Pursuant to approval by referendum, an increase to the levy for undergraduate students at Glendon for the World University Service of Canada from \$0.10 per credit to \$0.15 per credit

Reports / Presentations

- President Shoukri on the *York in York Region Campus* submission to MTCU
- An enrolment update by President Shoukri
- Susan Webb, Chief Communications & Marketing Officer, presented the updated “This is My Time” marketing campaign launched for 2014-2015.
- Each of the Academic Resources, Executive, Finance & Audit, Governance & Human Resources, Investment, Land & Property 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.

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