

## SENATE OF YORK UNIVERSITY

### SYNOPSIS OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 27, 2011

**At its 578<sup>th</sup> meeting held on October 27, 2011  
the Senate of York University:**

*Heard* remarks from the Chair of Senate, Professor Susan Dimock, on

- the Autumn Convocation, expressing her appreciation to those who attended and supported the ceremonies
- a meeting of the Board and Senate Executive Committees to take place on November 1

*Received* a synopsis of the October 3 meeting of the Board of Governors from Senator Turlakakis

*Received* a report from the COU Colleague, Senator Sanders on major issues under discussion at the Council of Ontario Universities, noting that the provincial government is considering significant policy matters such as the creation of teaching-only university campuses

*Received* a report from Senate Executive conveying information about the following:

- Senate committee priorities for 2011-2012
- vacancies on non-designated Senate committees
- approval of individuals nominated by Faculty Councils to serve on Senate committees
- the membership and agenda of the Equity Sub-Committee

*Approved, on consent*, as recommended by the Committee on Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy, a new Field in East Asian History in the Graduate Program in History, Faculty of Graduate Studies

*Received* an information report from the Committee on Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy on

- sessional dates for the Summer 2012 and Fall/Winter 2012-2013 terms
- its priorities for the year
- sub-committee memberships
- approval of calendar copy changes to the MBA/MFA/MA combined program
- the addition of Fine Arts and Environmental Studies to the list of Faculties that permit students to pursue a Business minor as a combination option (for non-Business Honours programs that have a major/minor option)
- minor changes to the degree requirements for the BA in Cognitive Science
- restructuring of the major requirements for the BA programs in Human Rights and Equity Studies

*Received* reports under the auspices of the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee, from

- Provost Patrick Monahan on Progress Toward Academic Priorities and
- Vice-President Finance and Administration Gary Brewer on the Budget Context for Academic Planning

*Approved, on consent*, as recommended by the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee, a change in the mandate of the Canadian Centre for German and European Studies

*Received* an information report from the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee on:

- new members and sub-committee memberships
- priorities for 2011-2012 and a preliminary schedule for the year
- the format and focus of this year's discussions with academic planners
- the framing of APPRC agenda items in the context of the University Academic Plan
- annual recent reports of the following research-related Sub-Committees: the Animal Care Sub- Committee, the Advisory Committee on Biological Safety, and the Human Participants Review Committee

*Received* an annual information report from the Senate Appeals Committee on student appeals and academic honesty statistics for 2010-2011

*Received* an annual information report from the Tenure and Promotions Committee on tenure and promotion decisions for 2010-2011.

**Senate's 579<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on November 24, 2011  
in the Senate Chamber, N940 Ross Bldg.**

*The complete text of the minutes, when approved, is posted on the University Secretariat Web site.  
For further information on any of these items please contact the University Secretariat.*