

**SENATE OF YORK  
UNIVERSITY**

**SYNOPSIS OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 24,  
2011**

**At its 579<sup>th</sup> meeting held on November 24,  
2011 the Senate of York University:**

*Heard* remarks from the Chair of Senate, Professor Susan Dimock, on the occasion of her final meeting as Chair, concerning

- her gratitude to Senators and the University Secretariat for their support major accomplishments during her tenure
- a meeting of the Board and Senate Executive Committees which took place on November 1

*Heard* remarks from President Shoukri on

- highlights of his recent trip to Asia
- the provincial government's investment plans for postsecondary education and the appointment of York graduate Glen Murray as the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities
- the possibility of establishing three new campuses, and possible implications for York
- tuition rebates for students
- items under consideration at the Council of Ontario Universities a transformative donation from Pierre Lassonde for Engineering
- the ongoing work under the PRASE framework and the establishment of a budget committee with the objective of maximizing resources for academic activities
- recent accomplishments by members of the York community

*Received* a written report from the COU Colleague, Senator Sanders on major issues under discussion at the Council of Ontario Universities

*Approved*, as recommended by the Senate Executive Committee, the election of:

- Roxanne Mykitiuk, Associate Professor as the Vice-Chair of Senate effective January 1, 2012
- Niru Nirupama, Associate Professor, Administrative Studies, Liberal Arts and Professional Studies to the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee
- Eileen Fischer, Professor, Schulich and Norma Sue Fisher-Stitt, Professor, Dance, Fine Arts to the Awards Committee
- Jack McConnell, Professor, Earth and Space Science and Engineering, Faculty of Science and Engineering to the Tenure & Promotions Committee

*Received* an information report from the Senate Executive Committee on:

- approval of individuals nominated by Faculty Councils to serve on the following Senate committees: Academic Policy, Planning and Research: Tom Loebel, Associate Professor, English (Graduate Studies) and Anna Agathangelou, Associate Professor, Political Science (Liberal Arts and Professional Studies; Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials: Juliano Pichini, undergraduate Student Senator, Liberal Arts and Professional Studies
- vacancies on Senate committees
- an update on the work of the Equity sub-committee

Approved, on a recommendation from the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee

- the transfer of Professional Writing from the Department of English to the Department of Writing, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies
- the transfer of Degree Program in Social Science from the Department of Equity Studies to the Department of Social Science, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies

*Approved*, as recommended by the Committee on Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy

- establishment of a Certificate in Sustainable Energy in the Faculty of Environmental Studies, effective Fall-Winter 2012-2013
- a Length of Completion Policy for the 2nd Entry and Post RN Internationally Educated Nurses BScN Programs in the School of Nursing, Faculty of Health.
- a Leave of Absence Policy for BScN Programs in the School of Nursing, Faculty of Health.

*Approved, on consent*, as recommended by the Committee on Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy:

- revisions to the BAsc Language Proficiency Score Requirements
- revisions to the degree requirements, MA and PhD, Psychology, Graduate Studies
- revisions to the degree requirements, MSW, Graduate Studies
- revisions to the degree requirements, Biology, Science and Engineering
- revisions to the degree requirements, Italian Studies, Liberal Art and Professional Studies
- revisions to the degree requirements, Space Engineering, Science and Engineering
- revisions to the degree requirements, Environmental Biology, Science and Engineering

*Received* an information report from the Committee on Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy on the following minor curriculum items:

- a change to the admission requirements for the two-year Master in Social Work (MSW) degree, Faculty of Graduate Studies
- a change to the degree requirements for the Honours Minor and 90-credit BA programs in Italian Studies, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
- a change to the degree requirements for the BSc program in Environmental Science, Faculty of Science & Engineering

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

- Dean Koziński on planning for Engineering
- Vice-President Research and Innovation Haché on York's research performance and strategic research priorities

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

- the Academic Innovation Fund emerging planning issues
- changes to the Travel Grants application form

*Approved* a resolution calling for academic accommodations on the February 1, 2012 Day of Action

**Senate's 580<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on January 26, 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.*