

SENATE OF YORK UNIVERSITY

SYNOPSIS OF THE 581ST MEETING OF SENATE HELD ON FEBRUARY 16, 2012

Remarks

The Chair of Senate

- congratulated Senator Stephanie Ling on her appointment as Chancellor of Tyndale University College and Seminary
- reminded proponents of the need to complete curriculum approval processes in a timely manner

President Shoukri commented on

- the public policy context for postsecondary education in Ontario and the likelihood that demand for change will intensify
- the need for the University to embrace change by enhancing processes of all kinds, including collegial governance, and looking closely at programs
- the notable accomplishments by members of the University community

Approvals

- a change in the name of the BA Program in Race, Ethnicity and Indigeneity, Equity Studies, LA&PS
- closure of the 90-credit Bachelor of Public Administration Degree, School of Public Policy and Administration, LA&PS
- closure of the Certificate of Proficiency in Russian Language, Languages, Literatures and Linguistics, LA&PS
- change in requirements, BA Programs in Anthropology, Anthropology, LA&PS
- change in requirements, BA Programs in Communication Studies, Communication Studies, LA&PS Change in requirements, BA Programs in German Studies, Languages, Literatures and Linguistics, LA&PS
- change in requirements, BA Programs in Religious Studies, Humanities, LA&PS
- change in requirements, BA Programs in Race, Ethnicity and Indigeneity, Equity Studies, LA&PS change in requirements, BA and BSc Programs in Applied Mathematics, Mathematics & Statistics, Science & Engineering
- change in requirements, BSc Programs in Computational Mathematics, Mathematics & Statistics, Science & Engineering
- change in requirements, BA and BSc Programs in Mathematics, Mathematics & Statistics, Science & Engineering
- change in requirements for BA Programs in Math for Commerce, Mathematics & Statistics, Science & Engineering
- change in requirements for BA and BSc Programs in Statistics, Mathematics & Statistics, Science & Engineering
- changes to the Certificate in Professional Writing, French Studies, Glendon
- changes to the BA Program in Linguistics and Language Studies, Linguistics and Language Studies, Glendon

Other Actions

Senate referred back to ASCP a proposal to establish a Professional Certificate in Financial Planning, School of Administrative Studies, LA&PS (following which ASCP withdrew a related proposal to establish a New Professional Certificate in Investment Management).

Information Items

The Awards Committee submitted its report on undergraduate student awards distribution for 2010-2011.

The Committee on Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy reported its approval of the following minor items:

- changes to the degree requirements for BSc programs arising from the pan-University Degree Structure for the Bachelor of Science\
- changes to the degree requirements of Linguistics and Language Studies, Glendon, Kinesiology and Health Science, Health and Psychology, Health arising from the creation of a pan-University degree structure for the Bachelor of Arts
- minor changes in degree requirements for the following: BAS program (Accounting and Marketing Streams), International Development Studies, Business & Society, Jewish Studies, Children's Studies, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Culture and Expression, Law & Society, Criminology, Social & Political Thought, European Studies, South Asian Studies, English, Professional Certificate in Accounting, Geography, Professional Certificate in Marketing, Human Rights & Equity Studies, Urban Studies, Work & Labour Studies
- approval of GFWS as a new rubric for Gender, Feminist and Women's Studies
- minor change to Honours and Major/Minor BA and BSc programs in Psychology to add to the list of two advanced research methods course a third research methods course from which students will choose their required 12 credits in this category
- editorial change to degree requirements for Specialized Honours BSc program in Biology, the Biomedical Science Stream to include a new Physics course and clarify an ambiguity in the calendar;
- minor change to degree requirements of the BSc Minor program in Earth and Atmospheric Science to replace deleted applied geophysics courses while the major requirement total remains at 30.

The Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee shared information on the following matters:

- its discussions with the Provost on the expansion of summer programs
- the focus of this year's academic planning forum on enrolment and retention
- a preliminary review of a pan-University research chairs and graduate scholarships in International Law in conjunction with the Centre for International Governance Innovation
- the Committee's schedule and forecast of items from February to June

Reports

Under the auspices of ASCP, the Registrar reported on a dramatic curtailment of interruptions during examinations as a result of measures taken to prevent them.

**Senate's 582st meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 22, 2012
in the Senate Chamber, N940 Ross Bldg.**

Minutes of Senate meetings, when approved, are posted on the University Secretariat Web site.

For further information on any of these items please contact the University Secretariat.