

SENATE OF YORK UNIVERSITY

Synopsis of the 582nd Meeting of Senate March 22, 2012

Remarks

The Chair of Senate, Professor William van Wijngaarden

- confirmed receipt of two motions concerning the York-Centre for International Governance Innovation collaborative initiative; these motions, which were transmitted to the Chair after the meeting agenda had been distributed, were referred to the Executive Committee in order to coordinate their consideration and clarify their meaning and status
- confirmed that documents forwarded by the Osgoode Hall Faculty Council concerning York-CIGI had been posted on the Senate Website, and acknowledged receipt of an open letter from some full-time faculty members on the same matter
- responded to an inquiry about the teaching evaluation audit being conducted by the Auditor General of Ontario

President Shoukri

- confirmed that the Ontario government's current tuition fee framework (of up to 5 per cent increases) would continue for another year, and that the fee rebate program had been unchanged
- commented on the public policy context for postsecondary education in Ontario
- described the University's campaign to encourage enrolments in an expanded summer program
- saluted notable accomplishments by members of the University community, and reminded Senators that the University's fifty-third anniversary would be celebrated on March 26
- referred Senators to a Website listing recipients of honorary degrees at the Spring Convocations

Vice-President Academic and Provost Patrick Monahan

- assured Senate that all faculty workshops and teaching assistant practica scheduled by the Centre for the Support of Teaching for the year had been completed despite its closure
- briefed Senate on the terms of a proposed collaboration between the University and CIGI in the area of international law; responded to concerns about academic freedom, University autonomy and appointments processes; and reported that APPRC had agreed to work with him in the development of an academic governance framework for the collaboration that would be presented to Senate for approval in April

Senate Nominee on the Board of Governors, Professor Paul Wilkinson

- submitted a synopsis of the February meeting of the Board of Governors

The Academic Colleague to the Council of Ontario Universities, Professor Leslie Sanders

- provided Senate with the most recent COU issues summary

Approvals

Senate Policy on Organized Research Units (APPRC recommendation)

Establishment of a Graduate Program in Conference Interpreting (ASCP recommendation)

Establishment of a Graduate Diploma (Type 1) in General Interpreting (ASCP recommendation)

Change in Requirements for the Graduate Diploma in Financial Engineering (ACSP recommendation)

Change in Degree Type, School of Translation, Glendon (ASCP recommendation)

Other Actions

Senate received notice of Statutory Motion to Establish the Degree of Master of Conference Interpreting (ASCP recommendation)

Information Items

The Awards Committee announced that Professor Jan Rehner and Professor Stanley Tweyman were this year's recipients of University Professorships

The Committee on Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy reported on progress toward the completion of priorities set for the year

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

- discussions with the Provost on the expansion of the summer program
- endorsement of a proposal to establish a collaborative arrangement with CIGI in the area of international law that would result in ten faculty appointment (who would also hold CIGI Chairs) and funding for twenty graduate students

Reports

Under the auspices of APPRC, Vice-President Research and Innovation Robert Haché launched consultations leading to a new Strategic Research Plan for York.

**Senate's 583rd meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 26, 2012
in the Senate Chamber, N940 Ross Bldg.**

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