

SENATE OF YORK UNIVERSITY

Synopsis of the 583rd Meeting of Senate April 26, 2012

Remarks

The Chair of Senate, Professor William van Wijngaarden

- reported that University researchers had fared well in the most recent round of Tri-Council funding competitions
- conveyed regrets from Dr Shoukri, travelling to Brazil in a delegation with the Governor General and other university presidents in pursuit of opportunities in keeping with University Academic Plan objectives
- congratulated Senator member Stephanie Ling on her installation as Chancellor of Tyndale University College and Seminary

Senate Nominee on the Board of Governors Professor George Turlakis

- reported that a synopsis of the April meeting of the Board of Governors had been distributed via Y-File, and provided highlights of which included the approval of Julia Foster as the next Chair of the Board

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

- provided Senate with the most recent COU issues summary

Approvals

- *Policy on the Awarding of Degrees, Certificates and Diplomas in Extraordinary Circumstances (Executive recommendation)*
- change of name of the Department of Visual Arts to the Department of Visual Art and Art History (APPRC recommendation)
- establishment of a Master of Conference Interpreting (MCI) Degree (ASCP recommendation)]
- establishment of a Master of Conference Interpreting (MCI) Degree Program (ASCP recommendation)
- establishment of Graduate Diplomas (Type 2 & Type 3) in Language & Literacy Education (ASCP recommendation)
- establishment of a Bachelor of Applied Science (BASc) Degree Program in Electrical Engineering in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering (ASCP recommendation)
- establishment of a Professional Certificate in Financial Planning (ASCP recommendation) establishment of a Professional Certificate in Investment Management (ASCP recommendation)
- change to Requirements for the MA Program in Humanities (ASCP recommendation)
- changes to the requirements for the MA and PhD Programs in Theatre (ASCP recommendation)
- an additional advanced standing option for the MBA Program (ASCP recommendation)
- change to the admission requirements for the PhD Program in Environmental Studies (ASCP recommendation)

Notice of Statutory Motion

The Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee gave notice of its intention to recommend Senate approval in May of a Faculty of Engineering to be called the Lassonde School of Engineering and reported on

Information Reports

Senate Executive reported on

- progress in the development of a slate of candidates for membership on Senate committee and other Senate-elected position membership
- preparations it made given the possibility that academic activities might be disrupted by a labour dispute (now resolved)

Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy reported that it had approved a change in the Visual Arts course rubric from VISA to ARTH for courses with Art History to be consistent with the re-naming of the Department of Visual Arts

The Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee reported on

- the conclusion of academic planning discussions with the Deans, Principal and University Librarian
- its willingness to reviews external partnerships in the context of the University Academic Plan's emphasis on external outreach and engagement

Senate's 584th meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 24, 2012 in the Senate Chamber, N940 Ross Bldg.

For further information on any of these items please consult the Senate agendas posted on the University Secretariat Website or contact Secretariat staff.