

## SENATE OF YORK UNIVERSITY

### Synopsis of the 584<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Senate held on May 24, 2012

#### New Faculty Approval

On the recommendation of Academic Policy, Planning and Research, Senate voted unanimously to establish a new Faculty to be called the Lassonde School of Engineering, and will recommend that the Board of Governors formally establish the new Faculty.

#### Remarks

The Chair of Senate, Professor William van Wijngaarden encouraged Senators to join in the celebration of York's graduating students at the June convocation ceremonies.

President Shoukri commented on

- his visit to Brazil in the company of the Governor General and other university presidents, during which he was heartened to learn of York's strong reputation in the country's postsecondary circles, entered into agreements with counterparts, and discussed the government's plans to facilitate international exchanges (with Canada the possible destination for 12,000 students)
- generous donations from Douglas and Sandra Bergeron (\$2 million) and Seymour Schulich (\$1 million) in support of Engineering students at York
- efforts to better profile the University's distinctiveness and consultations on a new identity
- the naming of Julia Foster as the next Chair of the University's Board of Governors and Janet Morrison as the Vice-Provost Students
- notable accomplishment by members of the University community, increased enrolments for the summer following a campaign to attract students from York and other universities, and a positive success rate in NSERC funding competitions
- the selection of William Boyle for an honorary degree at the Fine Arts convocation ceremonies

#### Approvals

Senate nominated Professor Martin Lockshin for membership on the Board of Governors, acclaimed others to serve on Senate committees, and approved an election for the position of Academic Colleague to the Council of Ontario University.

Senate approved the following recommendations made by Academic Standards, Curriculum & Pedagogy:

- a concurrent BEd (Primary-Junior) / BA (Early Childhood Education) Dual Credential Program with Ryerson University
- a new program option for Executive MBA in India (Graduate Studies)
- restructuring of the Master of Finance Program into two fields (Graduate Studies)
- changes to degree requirements, Master of Education Degree Program (Graduate Studies)
- changes to fields in the Graduate Programs in Theatre Studies (Graduate Studies)

#### Committee Information Items

Senate Executive transmitted a report containing recommendations for the Faculty on Graduate Studies by the Sub-Committee on Equity. The Committee also advised Senate on

- the membership of its Working Group on External Partnerships
- remaining vacancies on Senate committees

- the Equity Sub-Committee's focus on academic support for students with disabilities as a major agenda item for 2012-2013

Academic Policy, Planning and Research provided Senate with information on the following items:

- early stages of organization and consultation on the development of a new Strategic Research Plan for the University
- the aims, timing, and focus of an external review of the ORU landscape the development of templates for the annual reporting done by ORUs the timing of applications for ORU Charters
- a discussion paper on defining ORU membership issued by the VPRI
- the addition of the VPRI as a members of APPRC's Sub-Committee's on ORUs
- a new name of the for Advisory Committee on Biological Safety (dropping the term "advisory")

Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy

- a progress report on the pursuit of its priorities for the year, with an emphasis on Faculty Grades Distribution Profiles and Review Processes and consideration of a core set of questions for use in the student evaluation of teaching
- the Committee's approval of a rubric (INTE) for courses offered by the Master of Conference Interpreting program

The Awards Committee reported on the selection of the recipients of prestigious awards, and Senators joined in congratulating

- Professor Jan Rehner, Writing Department, LA&PS, and Stanley Tweyman, Philosophy, LA&PS, chosen as University Professors
- President's University-Wide Teaching Awards recipients: Robert Muller, Psychology, Health (Senior Full-Time Faculty Member category); Patricia Bradley, Nursing, Health (Full-Time Faculty Member); Jon Sufrin, Humanities, LA&PS (Contract and Adjunct Faculty Member); and Jeremy Burman, Psychology, Health (Teaching Assistant)

The Awards Committee also reported on

- new student awards approved in calendar year 2011
- the disbursal of awards for graduate students in 2010-2011

## Reports

Under the auspices of Academic Policy, Planning and Research, Senate received reports from

- Provost Patrick Monahan on progress toward academic planning priorities
- Vice-Provost Academic Rhonda Lenton on the Report of the Working Group on Budget Modeling and the first stage of consultations on its recommendation
- Associate Vice-President Lisa Philipps on a review of the Organized Research Unit landscape

**Senate's 585<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 28, 2012 in the Senate Chamber, N940 Ross. For further information on these items please consult the Senate agendas posted on the University Secretariat Website or contact Secretariat staff.**