

**SENATE OF YORK
UNIVERSITY**

**Synopsis of the 585th Meeting of
Senate held on June 28, 2012**

Remarks

The Chair of Senate, Professor William van Wijngaarden:

- saluted those who had made the Spring Convocation ceremonies so memorable and inspiring
- thanked all Senators, especially those whose terms were ending, outgoing Chairs of Senate Committees, and Senators who were retiring from the University
- expressed condolences on the passing of Professor Varpu Lindstrom
- advised Senators that they would be invited to participate in a year-end governance survey

President Shoukri commented on:

- his gratitude to the leadership of Senate at the conclusion of a positive and productive year
- successful Convocation ceremonies which saw the introduction of the “name card” captioning for the 6,300 students who attended in person
- the launch of consultations by the Premier on the future of postsecondary education in Ontario coinciding with the release of a discussion paper entitled “Strengthening Ontario's Centres of Innovation, Creativity and Knowledge”
- the University's financial outlook and efforts to foster greater transparency and sustainability through PRASE initiatives and the budget modeling exercise
- an increase of 7.5 per cent in summer enrolments following a campaign aimed at York students and those studying elsewhere who have enrolled on letters of permission
- recent accomplishments by members of the University community, including the country-leading success rate for first-time applicants for NSERC grants
- the re-appointment of Dean Alice Pitt and Dean Deszo Horvath, the appointment of Janusz Koziński as the first Dean of the Lassonde School of Engineering, and the appointment of Don Hastie as the Acting Dean of the Faculty of Science and Engineering

Approvals

Senate elected Professor May Jane Mossman (Osgoode) to a three-year term on the Senate Tenure and Promotions Appeals Committee, and extended for two months the terms as members of the Senate Appeals Committee of Professor Logan Donaldson and Professor Anestis Toptsis.

Senate approved a Senate Executive recommendation to that the membership of Senate and the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee include the Vice-Provost Students effective July 1, 2012.

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

- establishment of a Consecutive BEd (Technological Education) degree option, Faculty of Education
- establishment of a Certificate of Completion in Educational Studies, Faculty of Education
- changes to Masters and Doctoral Requirements, Physics & Astronomy Program, Graduate Studies
- changes to Doctoral Requirements, Psychology Program, Graduate Studies

- changes to Masters and Doctoral Requirements, Clinical Developmental Specialization, Psychology, Graduate Studies
- changes to Transfer Credit Limit, International Baccalaureate Curriculum

Committee Information Items

Senate Executive informed Senate of

- the election of Professor Paul Axelrod of the Faculty of Education as the Academic Colleague to the Council of Ontario Universities for a two-year term
- remaining vacancies on Senate Committees
- confirmation that summer authority has been invested in the Committee
- approval of members nominated by Faculty Councils to serve on Faculty-designated committees
- changes that will be incorporated into the 2012 edition of the Senate Handbook
- approval of minor editorial changes to policies, procedures, guidelines and regulations
- consolidated actions taken by Senate in 2011-2012
- a progress report on Senate committee priorities for the year
- Senate attendance in 2011-2012
- the inaugural meeting and action plan of the Working Group on External Partnerships

The Awards Committee reported on the selection of the recipients of prestigious awards for students, and Senators joined in congratulating the following individuals:

- *Governor General's Gold Medals:* Ms Jacinta Reddigan, Graduate Program in Kinesiology and Health Science (MSc) and Dr, Mandeep Pinky Gaidhu, Graduate Program in in Kinesiology and Health Science (Doctoral)
- *Governor-General's Silver Medals:* Michael Chrobok, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, Double Major Bachelor of Arts with Honours (Geography & Political Science); Hiam Kogiashvili-Amir, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, Bachelor of Arts with Honours, (Law and Society); and Nima Moghaddam, Faculty of Science and Engineering, Bachelor of Science with Honours, (Biology)
- *The Murray G. Ross Award:* Maryam El Bably, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, Bachelor of Arts with Specialized Honours (Sociology).

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

- the designation of Professor David Mutimer as Chair of the Committee for 2012-2013
- the discussion at a June 21 event devoted to the University's identity and reputation, and efforts to address matters raised by surveys of York students and those attending other universities
- annual reports for 2010-2011 from the Committee on Biological Safety, Animal Care Sub-Committee and Human Participants Review Committee.

In a joint report, Academic Policy, Planning and Research / Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy

- transmitted the 2010-2011 annual report on non-degree studies prepared by the Vice-Provost Academic provided a year-end progress report from the Joint Sub-Committee on Quality Assurance

Items reported by Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy included the following:

- approval of a new course rubric (MINE) for Global Mining Management courses offered for the MBA program
- approval of a change to the course rubric for Gender and Women's Studies to GWST, consistent with the recently approved change in name of the program and School (LA&PS & Glendon)
- approval of a change to the course rubric for Multicultural and Indigenous Studies to MIST, consistent with the recently approved change in name of the program.
- approval of the replacement of SOWK 1010 6.0 with SOWK 1011 6.0 as a core course required for the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) program
- minor and editorial changes to the degree requirements for the programs in Administrative Studies; Business & Society, Criminology, Gender & Women's Studies, Multicultural & Indigenous Studies and South Asian Studies.
- minor and editorial changes to the requirements for the *General Certificate in Practical Ethics* and the *Certificate in Professional Ethics*
- degree level expectations and student learning outcomes
- a report on the April 2012 examination period

Reports

Under the auspices of Academic Policy, Planning and Research, Senate received a report from the Vice-President Finance and Administration on the Budget Context for Academic Planning, which covered the four-year budget plan approved by the Board of Governors (Vice-President Brewer's presentation is posted online)

**Senate's 586th meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on
Thursday, September 27, 2012 in the Senate Chamber, N940 Ross.**

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