

Synopsis

of the 588th Meeting of Senate
Thursday, October 25, 2012

Remarks

The Chair of Senate, Professor William van Wijngaarden, conveyed regrets from President Mamdouh Shoukri, who was travelling in China on University business, and also commented on the inspiring Fall Convocation ceremonies.

In the absence and at the request of Dr Shoukri, Provost Patrick Monahan facilitated presentations by

- Vice-President Finance and Administration Gary Brewer on safety and security initiatives
- Executive Director Communications and Public Affairs Susan Webb on the “this is my time” campaign

Communications

Professor Paul Wilkinson, Senate nominee on the Board of Governors, presented a synopsis of the Board’s meeting of October 1, 2012.

The Academic Colleague to the Council of Ontario Universities, Professor Paul Axelrod, provided Senate with a report on postsecondary policy initiatives.

Approvals

Senate elected Don Sinclair (Design, Fine Arts) to the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee, and approved:

- an amendment to the University’ Mission Statement previously approved by the Board of Governors to recognized alumni and volunteers such as members of the Board of Governors as valued members of the community (Senate Executive recommendation)
- the establishment of a Bachelor of Engineering Degree (Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee recommendation)
- the renaming of the Faculty of Science and Engineering the Faculty of Science effective May 1, 2013 (Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee recommendation)
- Pan-University Academic Penalties Legislation for Bachelor of Science (BSc) Degrees (ASCP)
- granting of degree credit for pre-University courses, Liberal Arts and Professional Studies (ASCP)
- changes to the non-degree Visiting Students admissions requirements, part-time Professional LLM Program, Faculty of Graduate Studies (ASCP)
- an extension of the Transition-Year Program pilot program for Fall-Winter 2012-2013 (ASCP)
- a change in the name of the MSc Program in Business Analysis to Business Analytics (ASCP)

Notice of Statutory Motions to Establish New Degree Types

Senate received notice of the intention of Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy to recommend the establishment of a Master of Accounting Degree and a Master of Disaster and Emergency Management Degree.

Vice-President's Reports

The Provost, Patrick Monahan, provided Senate with a report on progress on academic priorities, including appointments and complement

The Vice-President Finance and Administration, Gary Brewer, presented a report on the budget context for academic planning.

Both reports are posted on the Senate Website with the October 2012 agenda.

Committee Information Items

Senate Executive reported on the following items:

- its approval of Senate committee members nominated by student Senators
- the priorities for the year established by the key policy committees, Academic Policy, Planning and Research and Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy
- the activities of the Working Group on External Partnerships
- a positive review of Changes to Faculty Council Rules and Regulations submitted by Environmental Studies

Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy informed Senate of:

- Summer 2013 and Fall/Winter 2013-2014 Sessional Dates
- its approval of minor curriculum items for Glendon (Political Science) and Graduate Studies (Business & Sustainability Specialization in the MBA program and MFA program in Dance)

For information on these items please refer to the full Senate agenda posted online.

Senate's 588th meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 22, 2012.

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