

The Senate of York University

Synopsis

of the 589th Meeting of Senate
Thursday, November 22, 2012

Remarks

The Chair of Senate, Professor William van Wijngaarden, announced that it would not be necessary for Senate to meet in December unless unforeseen business required prompt action.

President Mamdouh Shoukri commented on

- a successful trip to China, one highlight of which was a meeting with York alumni in Hong Kong his speech to the Empire Club on the topic of internationalization
- preparing the site for construction of the Pan-American and Parapan American Games stadium the public policy context for postsecondary education
- recent accomplishments of faculty, students, and alumni

Tributes

Congratulations, thanks and best wishes were conveyed to Vice-President Academic and Provost Patrick Monahan on the occasion of his final Senate meeting before taking up his appointment as the Deputy Attorney General of the Province of Ontario.

Communications

The Academic Colleague to the Council of Ontario Universities, Professor Paul Axelrod, provided Senate with the latest COU issues update.

Approvals

Senate elected Dorothy de Val, Fine Arts, the Tenure and Promotions Appeals Committee, and also approved:

- the establishment of an interim Faculty Council for the Lassonde School of Engineering (Senate Executive recommendation)
- a resolution confirming the membership of the Tenure and Promotions Committee (Senate Executive recommendation)
- the establishment of a Master of Accounting Degree and Program (Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee recommendation)
- the establishment of a Master of Disaster and Emergency Management Degree and Renaming of the Master of Disaster and Emergency Management Program (Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee recommendation)
- an expansion of the Master of Conference Interpreting (MCI) program and Type 1 Diploma in General Interpreting to include interpretation training in Mandarin, Spanish and Portuguese languages together with supplemental admission requirements for the three new languages.

Vice-President's Reports

Vice-Provost Academic and Provost-designate Rhonda Lenton reported on the November 1 graduate and undergraduate enrolments.

Vice-President Robert Haché briefed Senate on major research initiatives and indicators. The full report is posted online with the meeting agenda at <http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/senate/agenda/2012-2013/20121122.pdf>

Committee Information Items

Senate Executive's report included information on

- activities and timelines of the Working Group on External Partnerships
- Senate Executive and Board of Governors Gathering

Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy informed Senate of the sessional dates for Summer 2014 academic terms, and approval of the new rubrics COOP (for Faculty cooperative course) and RYER (for courses at Ryerson taken under a proposed co-registration option under consideration). ASCP also reported that it had approved minor changes in degree requirements for the following:

- Canadian Studies, Drama Studies and History)(Glendon)
- the PhD program in Administration (Graduate Studies)
- Gender and Women's Studies, Sexuality Studies, Certificate in Health Services Financial Management, and Specialized Honours BA in Global Political Issues (Liberal Arts and Professional Studies)
- BA and BSC programs in Mathematics and in Computer Science (Science and Engineering)

Academic Policy, Planning and Research advised Senate that it had concurred with the Provost's recommendation to establish the Powerstream Chair (Environmental Studies) and Bergeron Chair in Engineering Entrepreneurship (Lassonde School of Engineering), and transmitted a report from its Sub-Committee on Organized Research Units.

Tenure and Promotions submitted its annual report.

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

Senate's 590th meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 24, 2013.

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