

The Senate of York University

## Synopsis

of the 591st Meeting of Senate held on  
Thursday, February 28 2013

### Remarks

The Chair of Senate, William van Wijngaarden, commented on the need for the community to act on *University Academic Plan* objectives associated with enhancing student advising, and extended an invitation to attend a Tyndale University panel discussion he will moderate on March 19 on “Possibilities for Academic Reform.”

President Mamdouh Shoukri commented on the following matters:

- the public policy and political contexts for postsecondary education
- the provincial government's cuts to postsecondary budgets over the next two years which will be allocated on a proportional basis and result in a reduction of BIUs
- the University's participation in discussions about online instruction
- liaison with the provincial and federal governments, and with Ontario political parties
- the safety awareness campaign and launch of a dedicated app

### Establishment of New Departments in the Lassonde School of Engineering

On a recommendation from its Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee Senate approved a statutory motion to establish the departments of Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Chemical Engineering in the Lassonde School of Engineering as of May 1, 2013 (or thereafter in the case of Chemical Engineering). Senate will recommend that the Board of Governors formally establish the departments.

### Approvals

Senate approved recommendations of the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee to

- establish BA and BSc Programs in Global Health, Faculty of Health
- establish a Certificate in Public Policy Analysis, LA&PS
- establish a Certificate in Public Administration & Law, LA&PS
- close the Certificate in Public Sector Management, School of Public Policy and Administration, LA&PS
- establish a Pilot CAAT-University Accounting Bridge Program, LA&PS
- establish a Professional Certificate in Human Resources Management for Internationally Educated Professionals, Human Resources Management, LA&PS
- establish a Specialization in Canadian Common Law, Professional LLM Degree Program, Osgoode
- establish Streams, BA and BFA Programs in Dance, Fine Arts
- change the name of programs in the Department of Visual Arts and Art History, Fine Arts
- changes requirements for the Professional Certificate in Logistics, Administrative Studies, LA&PS
- change admission requirements, Honours Minor Public Administration (BPA) Program, LA&PS
- add major GPA requirement for Transfer into BA Program in Law & Society, LA&PS
- change elements of the York–Fleming College Joint Program in Ecosystem Management, Environmental Studies
- establish streams in the BA Program in French Studies, French Studies, Glendon

### Reports

A synopsis of the December meeting of the Board of Governors was included with the agenda.

## Committee Information Items

Senate Executive facilitated a discussion of a report from its Working Group on External Partnerships which contains a Statement of Principles that will be presented for approval in March. The Committee's report also included information on

- the addition of five individuals recommended by the Sub-Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials to the pool of prospective Honorary Degree Recipients
- the timing of an annual call for nominations and expressions of interest in serving on Senate committees and other Senate-elected positions
- the Equity Sub-Committee's focus on possible amendments to the Senate Policy Regarding Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities

Academic Policy, Planning and Research provided Senate with an update on the development of a proposal to establish York Research Chairs which Vice-President Research and Innovation Robert Haché addressed in a presentation. APPRC also informed Senate about

- its participation in a meeting with consultants who will advise the University on strategic enrolment management
- the themes that have emerged in the first encounters with the Deans, Principal and University Librarian
- progress toward the development and approval of a Strategic Research Plan

Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy reported on arrangements to accommodate instruction for Summer 2013 terms and its approval of minor changes in degree requirements for the following:

### *Liberal Arts & Professional Studies*

- BAS Program (Finance Stream and Management Stream)
- BAS Programs in Information Technology
- BA Programs in Anthropology
- BA Programs in Classical Studies and Classics\*
- BA Programs in English
- BA Programs in German Studies
- BA Programs in Hellenic Studies\*
- BA Programs in Health & Society
- BA Programs in Human Rights & Equity Studies\*
- BA Programs in International Development Studies
- BA Programs in Jewish Studies
- BA Programs in Latin American and Caribbean Studies
- BA Programs in Law and Society
- BA Programs in Multicultural and Indigenous Studies
- BA Programs in Political Science\*
- BA Programs in Science & Technology Studies
- BA Programs in Spanish
- BA Programs in Social and Political Thought
- BA Programs in Sociology
- BA Programs in Urban Studies
- Interdisciplinary Linked BA Programs in South Asian Studies
- Certificate in Financial Planning
- Certificate in Investment Management
- Certificate of Advanced French Language Proficiency
- Certificate of Advanced French Language Proficiency for Business
- Certificate of Intermediate French Language Proficiency
- Professional Certificate in Marketing
- New rubric ADMB for the proposed College-University Accounting Bridge Program

*\*Includes changes made to align program to the pan-university BA degree requirements*

*Faculty of Fine Arts*

- 90-credit BA Program in Dance
- Honours Minor Program in Dance
- BFA Program in Dance - Concurrent BEd Program
- BFA Program in Dance -National Ballet School Option
- BFA Program in Dance – School of Toronto Dance Theatre Option
- 90-credit BA Program in Visual Arts
- Honours Minor in Art History
- Honours Minor (Studio) in Visual Arts
- Honours BFA Program in Art History
- Bachelor of Design (BDes) Program

*Glendon\**

- BA Programs in Environmental & Health Science
- BA Programs in Economics
- BA Programs in English
- BA Programs in French Studies
- BA Programs in Mathematics
- BA Programs in Multidisciplinary Studies
- BA Programs in Sexuality Studies
- BA Programs in Sociology
- BA Programs in Translation

*\*All changes made were to align the program to the pan-university BA degree requirements.*

*Faculty of Health*

- Specialized Honours BHS programs in Health Policy
- Specialized Honours BHS programs Health Management
- Specialized Honours BHS programs Health Informatics
- New rubric IHST for the proposed new undergraduate BA and BSc programs in Global Health

*Science & Engineering*

- BSc programs in Biology, Biotechnology Stream
- BSc programs in Science & Technology Studies
- BSc programs in Physics & Astronomy
- BSc Specialized Honours Stream in Space Science, Physics & Astronomy
- BSc Specialized Honours Interdisciplinary Program in Biophysics, Physics & Astronomy

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

**Senate's 592nd meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2013.**

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