

The Senate of York University

Synopsis

of the 592nd Meeting of Senate held on
Thursday, March 28 2013

Remarks

The Chair of Senate, William van Wijngaarden, wished students well on examinations and assignments as the Winter Term draws to a close.

President Mamdouh Shoukri commented on the following matters:

- a new four-year tuition fee framework announced by the Ontario government in which increases would average three percent
- the public policy and political contexts for postsecondary education, together with ongoing efforts to promote greater direct support from the province for postsecondary education
- the establishment of a COU consortium to develop an provincial online education recommendation
- opportunities for York arising from the province's interest in expanding bilingual university education in southern and western Ontario
- research provisions in the federal government's budget
- major accomplishments of faculty and students, recipients of the President's Staff awards, and the important work done by student organizations in supporting post-secondary funding

Approvals

Senate endorsed a Statement of Principles for External Partnerships prepared by a Senate Executive working group

Senate also elected Tom Scott as the Librarian member of Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy, and approved ASCP recommendations to

- change the degree requirements for MA & PhD Theatre Programs, Graduate Studies
- changes the nomenclature for Engineering degree types and program names effective Summer 2014, Lassonde School of Engineering
- revise to the list of approved courses for the Certificate in Law and Social Thought, Glendon
- changes requirements for the Certificate in the Discipline of Teaching English as an International Language (D-TEIL) and Update Course Listing, Glendon
- establish a new Concentration in Private Wealth Management within the MBA Program, Schulich School of Business / Faculty of Graduate Studies
- extend of the pilot phase of the Transition-Year Program

Referrals

A proposal to adjust the membership of Senate to allow for the creation of the Lassonde School of Engineering was referred back to Senate Executive for further study.

Reports

The Academic Colleague to the Council of Ontario Universities, Professor Paul Axelrod, briefed Senate on key issues under consideration at the provincial level.

Committee Information Items

Senate Executive confirmed that it had issued its annual call for nominations and expressions of interest in committee membership and other positions elected by Senate.

Academic Policy, Planning and Research provided a response to inquiries about the October 2012 report on the budget context for academic planning and also advised Senate on

- its participation in consultations about strategic enrolment management
- advice it gave to the Provost on how to position York in discussions about online instruction
- major items on the agenda for May and June
- the election of Professor Axelrod as the Committee's chair for 2013-2014

Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy informed Senate that it had approved minor changes in degree requirements for the following graduate programs:

- MFA program in Visual Arts
- MA program in Gender, Feminist and Women's Studies
- PhD program in Gender, Feminist and Women's Studies

The Awards Committee provided Senate with an annual report on awards disbursements and scholarship renewals (about which the Committee and Provost agreed to provide further analysis at a future meeting).

**For information on these items please refer to the full Senate agenda posted online.
University Secretariat extension 55310.**

**Senate's 593rd meeting will be held
at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 25, 2013.**