

The Senate of York University

Synopsis

of the 594th Meeting of Senate held on
Thursday, May 23, 2013

Remarks

The Chair, Professor William van Wijngaarden, encouraged Senators to attend upcoming convocation ceremonies and help celebrate the accomplishments of graduating students. He commented on the most recent meeting of Senate committee chairs, invited Senators to participate in the nomination of meritorious individuals for honorary degrees that will reflect the University's diversity (by, for example, identifying more women candidates and prospective nominees from the Sciences and Engineering) and reminded those working with Senate committees to ensure that documents are submitted in a timely, full, and properly formatted fashion.

President Mamdouh Shoukri commented on the following matters:

- roundtable discussions on academic priorities involving the Presidents of Ontario universities and the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities
- the status of Strategic Mandate Agreement reports submitted by Ontario universities in 2012
- a very successful year for fund-raising
- on-line learning initiatives at the provincial level

Approvals

Senate acclaimed nominees for membership on certain Senate committees and authorized e-vote balloting for other positions.

On recommendations from the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee Senate approved the following:

- a new Senate Policy and Guidelines on Co-Registration Options with Ontario Post-Secondary Institutions
- a co-registration option with Ryerson University
- changes to Undergraduate and Graduate Admission Requirements (Language Proficiency)
- a Change in the Name of the Graduate Program in Theatre Studies to Theatre and Performance Studies
- changes to Degree Requirements for the MSc Program in Business Analytics
- a new field in Regulatory Affairs for Financial Institutions within the Master of Finance Program, Faculty of Graduate Studies

Notice of Statutory Motions

Senate Executive gave notice of its intention to recommend approval in June of a Lassonde School of Engineering Faculty Council and consolidated Senate membership rules.

Reports

Under the auspices of the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee Vice-President Academic and Provost Rhonda Lenton and Vice-President Finance and Administration Gary Brewer provided an update on progress in achieving academic priorities and the current budget context planning.

Committee Information Items

Senate Executive advised Senate that it had reviewed amendments to the rules and procedures of Glendon's Faculty Council and agreed that they be used on an interim basis subject to a number of additional steps, including changes to certain rules to make them consistent with principles of collegial governance and recognized practices.

Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy informed Senate that it had approved the following minor curriculum proposals:

Glendon

- Minor change to the requirements for the Bilingual iBA degree option

Faculty of Graduate Studies

- Changes to the Master of Environmental Studies program (adding *Major Portfolio* as a fourth category under Major Activity options; minor changes to the Thesis Option under Major Activity).
- Minor change to degree requirements for PhD program in Philosophy (replacement of two core courses with core courses; reduction in credits outside the program from 1 course to a half- course)
- Minor change to degree requirements for MFA program in Film (Production) (deletion of one required half-course deemed to be redundant; total number of required credits unchanged.)
- A series of minor updates to policies governing examinations, grading, promotion and graduation for the graduate programs in Business Administration, Executive MBA, International MBA, Finance, and Public Administration (aligns policies with Senate legislation).

Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies

- Minor changes to requirements for the BA programs in Children's Studies (edits to the list of courses from which students are required to take a defined number of credits)

The Senate Committee on Awards announced recipients of prestigious awards for graduating students, and Senators applauded these individuals:

Murray G. Ross Award: Julia Salzmann, Bachelor of Health Studies (Specialized Honours) Health Policy, Faculty of Health.

Governor General's Gold Medal: Kevin McKague, PhD in Administration and Bhargavi Duvvuri, PhD in Kinesiology and Health Science.

Governor General's Silver Medal: Michaela Daniella Gasner, BSc (Honours) in Biology and minor in Psychology, Faculty of Science and Engineering; Naomi Greenwald, BSc (Honours) Psychology, Faculty of Health, Farenech Markian, BA (Specialized Honours) Kinesiology & Health Science, Faculty of Health

The Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee provided Senate with an overview of Faculty and University Library planning and advised that it had concurred with a recommendation to establish the McLaughlin Chair in 21st Century Science.

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

University Secretariat extension 55310.

Senate's 595th meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 27, 2013.