

## The Senate of York University

### Synopsis

of the 595th Meeting of Senate held on Thursday, June 27, 2013

#### Remarks

In his final meeting as Chair of Senate, Professor William van Wijngaarden, thanked Vice-Chair Roxanne Mykitiuk, Senators and the staff of the University Secretariat for their support during his term. The Spring Convocation ceremonies had been uplifting and inspirational. Although York faces many challenges, the Chair remained confident that the University will continue to thrive and reach even greater heights.

President Mamdouh Shoukri profiled recent major award winners and recipients of major research grants, and commented on the following matters:

- public policy contexts and initiatives
- the safeguarding of UAP priorities and core academic activities by means of a sustainable financial model that will be the focus of collegial discussions in the months ahead
- groundbreaking for the Lassonde School of Engineering building due to open in 2015
- a generous donation in support of York students studying on exchange in Greece
- the launch of the YULink intranet

#### Reports

Senate received a report on the Council of Ontario Universities issues update from the Academic Colleague, Professor Paul Axelrod.

Senate's members on the Board of Governors, Professor Martin Lockshin and Professor Paul Wilkinson, conveyed a synopsis of the Board's meeting of June 24, 2013.

#### Summer Authority

From June 27 to September Senate Executive has the powers, authorities, and discretions vested in or exercisable by the Senate.

#### Senate and Faculty Council Rules Approval

Consolidation of Senate Membership Rules (Senate Executive)

Establishment of the Lassonde School of Engineering Faculty Council (Senate Executive)

#### Policy Approval

Senate Policy on Honorific Professorships (Amendments; Awards)

Senate Policy on Responsible Conduct of Research (Amendments; Academic Policy, Planning and Research)

Senate Policy on Research Involving Human Participants (Amendments; APPRC)

#### Chartering of Organized Research Units (Academic Policy, Planning and Research Recommendations)

Centre for Feminist Research

Centre for Field Robotics

Global Labour Research Centre

Sensorium - Centre for Digital Arts and Technology

#### Curriculum and Degree Requirements Approval

Establishment of a BEng Program in Mechanical Engineering, Lassonde

Establishment of an Honours Minor Program in Japanese Studies, LA&PS  
Amendments to Faculty General Education Requirements for LA&PS  
Continuance of the Direct-Entry BEd Program (Post-Pilot), Education  
Changes to York-Seneca Program in Urban Sustainability

### **Committee Information Items**

Senate approved a slate of nominees recommend by the Executive Committee, which also announced the results of recent election and provided information on

- remaining vacancies on Senate committees
- a consolidated report on Senate in 2012-2013
- attendance for the past year
- its review of revised rules and procedures for the Faculty of Science Council

### **Academic Policy, Planning and Research**

- conveyed a report from its Sub-Committee on Organized Research Units
- facilitated discussion of matters arising from the May 30 event on Academic Planning: Strategic Community Consultation / Follow-Up
- described progress on priorities Identified in the Autumn of 2012
- transmitted recent research results in a report originating with the Vice-President Research and Innovation

In a joint report, Academic Policy, Planning and Research and Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy transmitted a report from the Joint Sub-Committee on Quality Assurance

Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy reported a change in Fall 2013-2014 sessional dates by which Tuesday, December 3 will be designated an official study day when classes will not be held. The Committee also reported on the submission of degree level expectations and student learning outcomes by programs and the approval of the following minor items:

#### **Liberal Arts & Professional Studies**

- minor change to the requirements for the Bachelor of Disaster & Emergency Management program
- minor change to the requirements for the Professional Certificate in Emergency Management

#### **Schulich School of Business**

- updates to policies and procedures for examinations, grading, promotion, graduation and academic honesty for undergraduate programs

The Awards Committee provided a list of new students awards approved in calendar 2012 and report on the disbursement of awards for graduate students in 2011-2012. The Committee also profiled recipients of prestigious awards for graduating students announced in May.

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

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**Senate's 596th meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2013.**