

The Senate of York University

Synopsis

of the 597th Meeting of Senate held on
Thursday, October 24, 2013

Remarks

The Chair of Senate, Professor Mykitiuk, spoke of the inspiring and successful ceremonies at Fall Convocation.

In the absence and at the request of President Shoukri, Provost Lenton commented on the status of a number of initiatives developing at the Council of Ontario Universities and the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, and of an announcement on the funding of French and bilingual postsecondary education being made at Glendon.

Reports

Senate received a report from Professor Belcastro and Professor Lockshin, Senators on the Board of Governors, on the Board meeting of September 30, 2013.

The Academic Colleague to the Council of Ontario Universities, Professor Axelrod, provided Senate with the most recent COU Issues Update and highlighted a number of matters of special importance.

The Tenure and Promotions Committee filed its annual report for 2012-2013.

Approvals

Senate acclaimed a nominee for membership on Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee and also approved the recommendations of that Committee to

- establish a Bachelor of Engineering (BEng) Degree Program in Civil Engineering , Department of Civil Engineering, Lassonde School of Engineering
- change the requirements of the Communication & Culture Graduate Program Requirements, Faculty of Graduate Studies
- change admission standards for Bachelor, Masters & Doctoral Programs, Faculty of Environmental Studies / Faculty of Graduate Studies
- Change in Name of an MBA Specialization • Faculty of Graduate Studies
- change the name of the Non-profit Management and Leadership Specialization within the MBA program to Social Sector Management
- change the name of the Insolvency Law Specialization within the Professional LLM program to Bankruptcy and Insolvency Law.

Committee Information Items

Senate Executive reported that two of its three members on the Chancellor Search Committee had been named, listed student Senators that it had approved for membership on Senate committees, and advised that information about Senate committee priorities for 2013-2014 would be shared at the November meeting of Senate.

Academic Policy, Planning and Research's report included information about the following:

- the Committee's review of documents related to Academic and Administrative Prioritization (the Provost furnished additional about the initiative details in the course of a subsequent discussion)
- recent Items of the Vice-President Research and Innovation and the annual report to Senate by Vice-President Haché in November
- priorities for 2013-2014
- its input into York's response to the MTCU University Differentiation Framework paper, and its view that the submission's recommended metrics were refined, inclusive, and better representative of the University

Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy advised Senate that it had reviewed proposed Sessional Dates for Fall/Winter 2014-2015 and found them to be consistent with Senate policy, and reported its approval of the following minor items:

a) Faculty of Fine Arts

- new rubric for the Digital Media program (DATT)

b) Faculty of Graduate Studies

- minor changes to the requirements for the MA program in Psychology (Brain, Behaviour & Cognitive Sciences; and Developmental Science areas)
- minor changes to the requirements for the PhD program in Psychology (Clinical; Psychology Clinical Developmental; History and Theory of Psychology; Quantitative Methods; and Social and Personality Psychology areas)
- minor changes to the requirements for the MA program in International Development Studies
- minor changes to the requirements for the Master of Finance program
- minor changes to the requirements for the MA program in Art History and the PhD program in Art History and Visual Culture
- minor changes to the English Language Proficiency admission requirements for graduate programs
updates to the policy and procedures for Academic Honesty for graduate programs offered through the Schulich School of Business
- new rubric for the Social Sector Management specialization within the MBA program

c) Lassonde School of Engineering

- new rubrics for the Mechanical (MECH) and Civil (CIVL) Engineering programs

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

and for Sessional Dates 2014-2015

<http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/senate/agenda/2013-2014/documents/2013October/ASCPSupplementalReport.pdf>

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Senate's 598th meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 28, 2013.