

# The Senate of York University

## Synopsis

of the 598th Meeting of Senate held on  
Thursday, November 28, 2013

### Remarks

The Chair of Senate, Professor Mykitiuk, welcomed to Senate the new University Registrar, Don Hunt, and expressed Senate's condolences on the passing of Professor Michael Mandel, Professor Emeritus Clara Thomas, and Professor Emeritus Peter Rosen-Runge. The Chair also confirmed that Senate would meet on Thursday, December 12.

President Shoukri commented on the following:

- a spirit-filled Red and White Day, the success of which owed much to student leaders and athletes
- important public policy initiatives including the Differentiation Framework and Strategic Mandate Agreements (about which Senate will have an opportunity for input as York's submission is finalized)
- the University's share of funding under the Productivity and Innovation envelope, details of which will be announced when the current embargo is lifted
- funding for French and bi-lingual education by the province, the University's interest in serving as a hub through Glendon for French language education in southern Ontario, and a donation from the Bank of Montreal that will help expand Public Affairs programs and establish Visiting Professorships at Glendon
- the University Day event at Queens' Park and the importance of advocacy by the Council of Ontario Universities
- a recent trip to solidify York's budding relationship with universities in India, and the successful recruitment of students from that country, greatly assisted by the personal involvement of Faculty Deans

### Notice of Statutory Motion to Establish a New Department

The Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee gave notice of its intention to put a statutory motion to establish a Department of Science and Technology Studies in the Faculty of Science.

### Reports

Under the auspices of the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee, Provost Lenton presented her autumn update on planning progress (with an emphasis on enrolments and complemented) and facilitated a discussion of recent developments concerning the Academic and Administrative Program Review.

The Provost's Report on Progress toward Academic Priorities was posted on the Senate Website at

<http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/senate/agenda/2013-2014/documents/2013November/VPAcademic&ProvostReport.pdf>

## Approvals

Senate approved a recommendation by the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee to amend requirements of the MA in Anthropology, Faculty of Graduate Studies.

## Committee Information Items

Senate Executive informed Senate of the following members:

- membership of the Chancellor Search Committee
- additions to the pool of prospective honorary degree recipients and a call for nominations of women and scientists
- the priorities established by APPRC, ASCP and the Committee itself for 2013-014
- the postponement of an informal meeting with members of the Board Of Governors Executive Committee
- the status of a motion concerning AAPR submitted for consideration

Academic Policy, Planning and Research transmitted a report from its Sub-Committee on Organized Research Units and shared a detailed summary of its involvement in AAPR.

Academic Standards Curriculum and Pedagogy provided Senate with sessional dates for Summer 2015 and confirmed that they are consistent with Senate policy, and reported its approval of the following proposals effective Fall-Winter 2014-2-15:

### Faculty of Graduate Studies

- Minor changes to the requirements for the MA program in Psychology (Clinical area)
- Minor changes to the requirements for the MFA program in Dance
- Minor changes to the requirements for the MA program in Public and International Affairs
- Minor change to the admission requirements for the PhD program in Theatre and Performance Studies

### Lassonde School of Engineering

- Minor changes to the requirements for the Software Engineering program

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

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**Senate's 599th meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 12, 2013.**