

The Senate of York University

Synopsis

of the 601st Meeting of Senate held on
Thursday, February 27, 2014

Remarks

The Chair, Professor Roxanne Mykitiuk, thanked Professors Sarah Parsons and Leslie Sanders, the individuals elected by Senate to serve on the AAPR Academic Sub-Committee, confirmed that the Board of Governors had joined Senate in approving the establishment of a Department of Science and Technology Studies in the Faculty of Science, and reported that the Chancellor Search Committee had begun its deliberations.

In the absence of President Shoukri, Provost Lenton commented on the following matters:

- 2013-2014 enrolments together with preliminary application data and efforts to capitalize on growth in overall and 1st choice applications
- online learning and the creation of a provincial Centre of Excellence
- a review of Glendon in the light of funding opportunities for bilingual and French-language instruction
- the process and principal factors taken into account in considering an additional campus in the context of the Capacity Expansion framework issued by Queens Park in December
- honorary degree recipients at the Spring 2014 Convocation ceremonies
- the status of the University's Strategic Mandate Agreement and future consultations

Vice-President Research and Innovation Robert Haché commented on research funding in the federal government's budget.

AAPR Program Information Form Consultations

Senators commented on the Program Information Form drafted by the Academic Sub-Committee of the Academic and Administrative Program Review Committee.

Reports

Senators on the Board of Governors transmitted a synopsis of the Board's meeting of February 24, 2014.

The Academic Colleague to the Council of Ontario Universities shared the most recent COU Update, and highlighted initiatives related to COU advocacy initiatives, online education, expanded eligibility for tuition grants, international student initiatives, research matters, and the restructuring of BEd programs given changes in funding and duration mandated by the government.

Approvals

Senate approved the following recommendations made by the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee:

- establishment of a Master of Business Analytics Degree, Graduate Studies
- a change to the degree type of the graduate program in Business Analytics from Master of Science (MSc) to Master of Business Analytics (MBAN), effective FW 2014-2015
- establishment of an Honours Minor Program in Marketing for Non-Business Students, housed in the School of Administrative Studies, Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
- establishment of an Honours Minor BA option in in Medical Anthropology within the Department of Anthropology, Liberal Arts & Professional Studies

- establishment a Certificate of Proficiency in Modern Hebrew Language housed in the Department of Language, Literature & Linguistics, Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
- the addition of a specialty stream in Neuropsychology within the PhD program in Psychology, Graduate Studies
- changes to the name, structure and requirements of BA Programs in Social Science, Department of Social Science, Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
- a change in the name of the LA&PS undergraduate program from Social Science to Interdisciplinary Social Science together with revised program requirements
- revised structure and requirements of the BA programs in Business & Society as follows entailing a reduction in the number of major credits for an Honours BA from 72 to 60, and for a 90-credit BA from 54 to 42 and a reduction in the number of streams within the program from 12 to 6, with a minimum requirement of 12 credits in each stream for a 90-credit BA and 18 credits for an Honours BA
- closure of the BA Programs in Social & Political Thought, Social Science, Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
- a change in the General Education legislation in Health, applicable to the BA, BSc and BHS programs housed in that Faculty
- changes in requirements to reflect implementation of the revised Liberal Arts & Professional Studies general education legislation; and to permit Faculty of Health to offer general education courses for students within the BA, BSc and Bachelor of Health Studies degree programs housed within Health
- changes to degree requirements in the MFA and PhD programs in Visual Arts, within Graduate Studies
- changes to the degree requirements of the Cross-Disciplinary Certificate in Anti-Racist Research & Practice
- changes to the first-year requirements of the BEng degree and applicable to all BEng programs
- the addition of Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores as an admissions criterion for the Master of Business Analytics Program

Committee Information Items

Senate Executive advised that it had issued its annual call for expressions of interest in service on Senate committees and other positions elected by Senate, reported on progress made by the Chancellor Search Committee, and confirmed that the Secretary has corresponded with Senators who have missed three consecutive meetings.

ASCP reported of its approval of minor changes originating with Faculties as follows:

a) Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies:

Administrative Studies
 African Studies
 Anthropology
 Creative Writing
 Creative Writing (Minor)
 English
 English and Professional Writing
 Gender and Women's Studies
 Health and Society
 Law and Society
 Professional Writing
 Sexuality Studies
 Urban Studies
 Work and Labour Studies
 Bachelor of Human Resource Management
 Bachelor of Public Administration
 Bachelor of Public Administration - Law, Justice and Public Policy Stream
 Bachelor of Social Work
 General Certificate in Law and Society

General Certificate in Urban Studies
Professional Certificate in Human Resource Management
Professional Certificate in Marketing
Professional Certificate in Public Administration and Law
Professional Certificate in Public Policy Analysis
New rubric for Language, Literature & Linguistics general education courses (DLLL)

b) Faculty of Graduate Studies

New rubric for the Master of Business Analytics degree (MBAN)

c) Faculty of Health

BA and BSc programs in Global Health

d) Glendon

BA programs in French Studies
Honours Minor in Drama Studies

e) Lassonde School of Engineering

BEng program in Space Engineering
BEng program in Geomatics Engineering
BEng program in Civil Engineering
BEng program in Mechanical Engineering
BEng program in Computer Engineering
BEng program in Software Engineering
BEng program in Electrical Engineering
BSc program in Earth & Atmospheric Science (*90-credit and Specialized Honours Atmospheric Science stream*)
Certificate in GIS and Remote Sensing (offered by Lassonde)
Change in rubric for Computer Science and Engineering
Change in rubric for Earth and Space Science and Engineering

Academic Policy, Planning and Research reported that it had approved a York Research Chairs program and the Inmet Chair in Global Mining Management under the Senate-Board Policy on Endowed Chairs and Professorships, been briefed on the internal process for nominating members of the Royal Society of Canada's College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists, and remained engaged in the development of the University's Strategic Mandate Agreement.

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

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Senate's 602nd meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 27, 2014.