

The Senate of York University

Synopsis

of the 602nd Meeting of Senate held on Thursday, March 27, 2014

Remarks

In the absence of the Chair, Professor Amir Asif wished student Senators and all York students the best of luck on their assignments and examinations as the Winter Term ended.

President Shoukri joined in the well wishes to students and commented on the following matters:

- a successful and sprit-filled Red and White Day, and his pleasure at participating in student activities when he traded places with Emanuel Ebrahim as President for a Day
- the principles, parameters and processes guiding consideration of an additional campus in York region (about which Senate will be provided with frequent updates)
- the University's accelerated application for second stage pension relief as a result of improvements in funding owing to agreements with employee groups and positive return on investments in 2013
- efforts to ensure that participation rates in the NSSE survey reach the University's targets

Strategic Mandate Agreement Consultations

Senators commented on a draft Strategic Mandate Agreement at the final stage of consultations following a presentation by Provost Lenton facilitated by the Academic Sub-Committee of the Academic and Administrative Program Review Committee.

Approvals

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

- establishment of a New Stream in the Accelerated Honours BA Program in Translation, School of Translation, Glendon
- changes to Structure, Requirements and Admission Criteria, International MBA (IMBA), Schulich School of Business, Faculty of Graduate Studies
- changes to the requirements of BA Programs in Information Technology, School of Administrative Studies, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies [the document will be edited for clarity; discussion of the proposal reinforced the desirability of pursuing changes that will make degree requirements, and the Calendar itself, less complex, and ASCP confirmed that this would be a priority]

Committee Information Items

Senate Executive reported on the following matters:

- nominations and expressions of interest in service on Senate committees and other positions elected by Senate

- an informal meeting of members of the Senate and Board Executive Committees scheduled for April 22
- review of Glendon Faculty Council rules and procedures
- progress made by the Chancellor Search Committee
- the Secretary's correspondence with Senators who have missed three consecutive meetings.

ASCP reported that a standard process for occurrences when classes are postponed multiple times on the same day of week is being developed and noted its approval of the following minor changes in degree requirements originating with Faculties:

- Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (BA programs in Criminology)
- Faculty of Graduate Studies (Master of Environmental Studies and MSc and PhD programs in Chemistry)
- Faculty of Health (BScN programs)

Senators joined the Awards Committee in congratulating recipients of the 2014 President's University-Wide Teaching Awards:

- Full-Time Senior Faculty: Norma Sue Fisher-Stitt, Dance, Fine Arts
- Full-Time Faculty: Tamara Kelly, Biology, Science
- Contract & Adjunct Faculty: Isha DeCoito, Education
- Teaching Assistants: Yael C.B. Machtinger, Social Science, Liberal Arts and Professional Studies and Rehanna Siew-Sarju, Sociology, Liberal Arts and Professional Studies

Academic Policy, Planning and Research advised that its annual discussions with the Deans, Principal and University Librarian are wrapping up and will result in a report to Senate in April or May.

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

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Senate's 603rd meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 24, 2014.