

# The Senate of York University

## Synopsis

of the 603rd Meeting of Senate held on  
Thursday, April 24, 2014

### Remarks and Reports

The Chair, Professor Roxanne Mykitiuk, congratulated members of the University community as the Winter Term came to a close.

The Academic Colleague, Professor Paul Axelrod, presented the March 2014 Council of Ontario Universities Issues Update, and highlighted Strategic Mandate Agreements, online education, and the adoption of the Ontario Education Number for university students.

President Shoukri joined in extending congratulations to faculty members and students, and addressed a number of provincial policy initiatives, including online learning, French language curriculum expansion and the important role for Glendon, and the Major Capacity Expansion Policy Framework under which the University has embarked on a process leading to a bid for a York Region campus.

### Endorsement of Engagement in York Region Campus Initiative

On a recommendation from the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee, Senate unanimously endorsed the University's engagement in a process leading to a bid for a new campus in York Region under the Major Capacity Expansion Policy Framework.

### School of the Arts, Media, Performance and Design – New Name for the Faculty of Fine Arts

Senate approved a new name for the Faculty of Fine Arts, which will be known as the School of the Arts, Media, Performance and Design (recommendation of the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee).

### Restructuring of Bachelor of Education Degrees

On a recommendation from the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee, Senate approved revisions to the structure and requirements of Bachelor of Education programs in the Faculty of Education.

### Elections

Professor Livi Visano (Equity Studies, LA&PS) and Professor Marcela Porporato, (Administrative Studies, LA&PS) were acclaimed to the Tenure and Promotions Appeals Committee.

### Information Items

Senate Executive advised that a candidate had been added to the pool of prospective recipients of honorary degrees and confirmed that members of the Board and Senate Executive committees had held their annual gathering.

Academic Policy, Planning and Research reported on its review of the latest version of the Strategic Mandate Agreement and described the next stage in the finalization of an agreement with the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities. It also

- transmitted an updated summary of its involvement in the APPR process
- described next steps following meetings with the Deans, Principal and University Librarian on academic planning issues
- provided a York Research Chairs implementation rollout
- forecast the timing of recommendations for the chartering of Organized Research Units
- introduced the Committee's Chair-elect, Professor Rebecca Pillai Riddell of the Faculty of Health.

Academic Standards Curriculum and Pedagogy advised that its reflections on the discussion at a recent Secretariat-sponsored event on "*Degree Requirement Complexities and Their Implications*" had resulted in agreement that concrete initiatives associated with the issues raised would be included in its priorities for 2014-15.

The Awards Committee reported on the following:

- changes to undergraduate entrance scholarships
- graduate awards disbursement for 2012-2013
- new awards for in 2013

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

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**Senate's 604th meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 22, 2014.**