

The Senate of York University

Synopsis

of the 604th Meeting of Senate held on
Thursday, May 22, 2014

Remarks

The Acting Chair, Professor Amir Asif, congratulated the new Chancellor, Gregory Sorbara and thanked those who served on the search committee or submitted nominations. He also saluted faculty members and students and encouraged Senators to participate in upcoming Convocation ceremonies.

Dr Shoukri commented on the postsecondary education platforms of major parties contesting the provincial election and the York Region Campus initiative. The President responded in his remarks to questions about the role and responsibilities of Deans following on publicized events at the University of Saskatchewan.

Reports

The Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee provided an overview of planning by Faculties and the York University Libraries, and Provost Lenton presented a year-end report on major initiatives, accomplishments, challenges and priorities which is posted online at

<http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/senate/agenda/2013-2014/documents/2014May/ProvostYearEndReport2013-2014.pdf>

Elections

Senate acclaimed nominees for the position of Academic Colleague to the Council of Ontario Universities and membership on Senate committees. An e-ballot will be conducted from May 27 to June 3 to designate Senate's nominee on the Board of Governors.

Approvals

Senate approved recommendations of the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee to

- add a Full-Time Option for the Tax Law Specialization within the Professional LLM Program , Graduate Studies
- change admission and program requirements for the MSc and PhD Programs in Chemistry, Graduate Studies
- add a new test to satisfy language proficiency admission requirements, Glendon
- change requirements of the JD Program, Osgoode Hall Law School
- change requirements for the PhD Program in Social & Political Thought, Faculty of Graduate Studies

Committee Information Items

Senate Executive advised that thirteen individuals previously approved for inclusion in the pool of prospective honorary degree recipients have been renewed for a further term and six have been added to the pool. It also reported on forthcoming consultations on the recognition of Aboriginal students and heritage at Convocation ceremonies.

The Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee reported that it had reviewed the AAPR Academic Scoring Rubric before it was posted for use and that it had recorded its satisfaction that the transfer of academic responsibility for three programs from Graduate Studies to Liberal Arts and Professional Studies -- Communication and Culture, Interdisciplinary Studies and Social and Political Thought -- was consistent with the strategic and organizational plans of FGS.

Academic Standards Curriculum and Pedagogy reported that it had approved minor changes to degree requirements for BA programs in Translation and the Certificate in Spanish-English / English-Spanish Translation (Glendon) as well as requirements for Bachelor of Administrative Studies programs (90 credit and Specialized Honours, Human Resources Management Stream) in Liberal Arts and Professional Studies

Senators joined in congratulating the following recipients of prestigious awards for faculty members announced by the Awards Committee:

Distinguished Research Professors: Professor Isabella Bakker, Political Science, LA&PS and Professor Russell Belk, Schulich

University Professors: Professor Susan Dimock, Philosophy, LA&PS and Professor Martin Lockshin, Humanities, LA&PS

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

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Senate's 605th meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 26, 2014.