

## The Senate of York University

### Synopsis

of the 606th Meeting of Senate held on  
Thursday, September 25, 2014

#### Remarks

The Chair, Professor Roxanne Mykitiuk, greeted new and continuing Senators and introduced those with special responsibilities on behalf of Senate, including the new Secretary, Maureen Armstrong. She encouraged Senators to attend October Convocation ceremonies and to urge their colleagues or fellow students to join in the celebrations.

#### Reports

In the absence of President Shoukri, Provost Rhonda Lenton provided a preliminary report on 2014-2015 enrolments and described efforts to mitigate the impact of shortfalls (which will, in any event, have significant ramifications for academic budgets). She also updated Senate on the following:

- the York in York Region campus bid
- building projects identified for possible funding under the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities' Capital Expansion Framework and other new or expanded facilities currently in development or under consideration
- consultations and implementation plans following the release of Academic and Administrative Program Review Task Force reports
- timelines for the rollout of the Shared Accountability & Resource Planning (SHARP) budget model
- honorary degree recipients at Autumn Convocation ceremonies
- the conference on "A Habitable Place for Indigenous Scholars? Opportunities and Responsibilities for Improving Recruitment and Retention in the University" to be held on October 30 and 31
- recipients of major funding through the SSHRC Partnership Grants program

The Academic Colleague to the Council of Ontario Universities, Professor George Turlakis, highlighted major COU initiatives and matters of special interest to the Ontario postsecondary system.

#### Elections

Senate extended the term of Professor Mykitiuk as Chair of Senate to June 30, 2015 and acclaimed Professor George Comninel (Political Science, Liberal Arts and Professional Studies) as the Vice-Chair and Chair-Elect. New members were elected to the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee, Appeals Committee, and Tenure and Promotions Appeals Committee.

#### Approvals

Senate approved a motion granting degrees, diplomas and certificates to students at convocations held from October 2014 to June 2015, and approved other recommendations of the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee to

- establish a *Policy on Social Media* for the School of Nursing, Health

- revise Honours standing progression requirements, Bachelor of Engineering, Lassonde

## **Notice of Motions**

Academic Policy, Planning and Research notified Senate of its intention to recommend the transfer of the Division of Continuing Education from the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies to the Division of the Vice-President Academic and Provost and its renaming as the School of Continuing Studies, and facilitated a discussion of the proposal.

## **Committee Information Items**

Senate Executive confirmed that it had not been necessary to exercise summer authority and reported on the following matters:

- its approval of Senate committee members nominated by Faculty Councils
- the results of surveys of Senators and committee members
- a retrospective on Senate actions in 2013-2014
- Senate attendance between September 2013 and May 2014

The Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee informed Senate of items contained in reports received from the Provost and Vice-President Research and Innovation, the development of priorities for the year, sub-committee membership, the planning cycle for 2014-2015 (including the possibility of two open forums on academic priorities and timelines for *University Academic Plan* renewal), and its advice to the Provost on the desirability of facilitating consultations on the AAPR process.

Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy reported that it was not necessary for the Coordinating & Planning Sub-Committee to act under its summer authority.

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

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**Senate's 607th meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 23, 2014.**