



The Senate of York University

Synopsis

**Special Meeting of Senate held on
Thursday, March 16, 2015**

The 612th Meeting of the Senate of York University

Remarks by the Chair of Senate

The Chair of Senate welcomed Senators to a special meeting called, in accordance with **Senate's Policy on the Academic Implications of Disruptions or Cessations of University Business Due to Labour Disputes or Other Causes**, on the fourteenth day of the academic disruption that began on March 3 with a strike by CUPE 3903. She confirmed that Senate Executive has received numerous communications from members of the community expressing a wide range of views about the disruption.

Senate Executive Report

Senate Executive provided Senate with a record of its meetings and decisions prior to and during the disruption of academic activities that began on March 3. The report generated a discussion encompassing perspectives on matters including the following:

- the Executive Committee's mandate, role and means of deliberation
- the meaning and application of the Disruptions Policy's principles of academic integrity and fairness to students
- changes authorized by Senate Executive regarding the last day to withdraw from a course without receiving a grade, reduction in the length of term for certain programs and adjustments to class and examination schedules
- the rationale for, and impact of, decisions to resume classes in additional Faculties
- remediation planning at the University and Faculty level, the accommodations and options available to faculty members and students to complete courses
- the status and contents of the Provost's Institutional Remediation Guidelines Framework and the Faculty-specific plans that are aligned with it
- concerns about, and efforts made to enhance, community safety

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

**University Secretariat: extension 55310
Senate's 613th meeting is scheduled for 3:00 p.m.
on Thursday, March 26, 2015
in the Senate Chamber, Ross Building, Keele Campus.**