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.