



The Senate of York University

Synopsis

**Special Meeting of Senate held on
Thursday, March 19, 2015**

The 613th Meeting of the Senate of York University

Remarks

The special meeting of Senate was called by the Chair pursuant to a petition submitted by Senators under rule IV 8 b. The Chair, Professor Roxanne Mykitiuk, welcomed Senators and announced that proceedings would be streamed for viewing by members of the community in Vari Hall B. She emphasized the need for Senators to help maintain an open, respectful and collegial space for deliberations.

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. Aided by a presentation, the Chair drew special attention to

- the core principles of Senate's **Policy on the Academic Implications of Disruptions or Cessations of University Business Due to Labour Disputes or Other Causes** – academic integrity, fairness to students, and timely information
- principles articulated in an Institutional Remediation Guidelines document prepared by the Provost to which Faculty remediation frameworks align
- Senate Executive decision-making criteria and the contextual factors that have informed the Committee's decisions as the disruption has evolved
- a request from Senate Executive that the Faculty of Environment Studies and Liberal Arts and Professional Studies provide lists of courses that can proceed on March 23 with academic integrity (which are due by 4:00 pm on March 20, with a posting on the University Website of the courses shortly thereafter)
- Senate Executive's ongoing monitoring role and commitments

Motion Concerning the Cancellation of Classes

Senate debated a motion "that Senate call upon Senate Executive Committee to continue the suspension of all classes that have not yet resumed until the end of the labour disruption." The motion was **defeated** with 33 voting in favour and 84 opposed.

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

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**Senate's 614th meeting is scheduled for 3:00 p.m.
on Thursday, March 26, 2015
in the Senate Chamber, Ross Building, Keele Campus.**