



The Senate of York University

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The 620th Meeting of Senate held on Thursday, November 26, 2015

Remarks

The Chair of Senate, Professor George Comninel, advised that the December meeting would not be held unless there was pressing business, and wished Senators well as the Fall Term came to a close.

The President, Dr Mamdouh Shoukri, celebrated recent notable accomplishments by members of the York community, commented on a transformative donation in support of Global Health from Victor Dahdaleh, and pointed to another encouraging rise in reputational indicators in the Maclean's annual university rankings while identifying areas in which strides must be made. Dr Shoukri also provided Senators with a copy of correspondence from the Executive Heads of Ontario Universities to the Executive Director of the provincial government's University Funding Model Reform initiative. Finally, efforts are underway to ensure that York responds swiftly and appropriately to provisions in the provincial government's *Sexual Violence and Harassment Action Plan Act*.

The President's monthly "Kudos Report" can be accessed from the agenda package.

Reports

Under the auspices of the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee Provost Rhonda Lenton and Vice-President Finance and Administration presented a joint report covering a wide range of topics, including:

- the overall context for academic planning
- enrolments and complements (current data and planning assumptions)
- the budget context for academic planning
- Markham Campus planning
- working groups established to make recommendations flowing out of the Institutional Integrated Resource Plan (endorsed by Senate in September 2015)
- implementation of the SHARP budget model

The report can be accessed from the Senate meeting Website with other material for the meeting.

Approvals

Senate approved the chartering of a Global Health Research Institute for a term beginning January 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2021 as recommended by the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee.

Senate approved recommendations made by the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee to:

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- establish a PhD Program in Nursing, Faculty of Graduate Studies
- amend the requirements for the MA Program in Cinema and Media Studies, Graduate Program in Cinema & Media Studies, Faculty of Graduate Studies
- add a Delayed-Entry Option for the International Bachelor of Business Administration Program (iBBA), Schulich School of Business

Notice of Motion to Establish a New Degree Type

ASCP gave notice of its intention to recommend at a future meeting the establishment of a Degree of Master of Real Estate and Infrastructure, Schulich School of Business / Faculty of Graduate Studies (at the same meeting it will recommend approval of an MREI degree program).

University Academic Plan 2015-2020

Academic Policy, Planning and Research advised that it had received submissions from most Faculty Councils and was poised to review the results of a community survey in which there were more than 600 respondents. The survey and other input received during the recent consultation phase of the UAP renewal process will inform a discussion paper which will help animate discussion at a special forum on the next University Academic Plan at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 10 in Founders Assembly Hall. An invitation will be forwarded in the near future.

Committee Information Reports

Senate Executive informed Senators of the following:

- the advancement by two weeks of the June meeting of Senate to avoid a conflict with convocation ceremonies
- its approval of members of Senate Committees nominated by Faculty Councils
- a high participation rate by Senators in balloting to determine Senate's nominees to the Presidential Search Committees and the timelines for announcing the membership of the committee
- vacancies on Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy, Awards, Tenure and Promotions and Tenure and Promotions Appeals
- its approval of the 2015-2016 membership lists for the Councils of Arts, Media, Performance and Design, Health, Lassonde, Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, Osgoode and Schulich
- the presentation, likely in January, of proposed amendments to Senate's Rules and Procedures

Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy reported that minor revisions had been made to the sessional dates for Summer 2016 terms (posted online with the agenda package).

Please refer to the full Senate agenda posted online for additional information.