

The Senate of York University

Meeting Synopsis

The 642nd Meeting of Senate
held on Thursday, March 8, 2018

Remarks

At the outset of a special meeting called in response to a petition received from Senators, the Chair of Senate, Professor Lesley Beagrie, commented on the importance of International Women's Day.

Committee Information Items

Executive

The Executive Committee's information items included the following:

- the purpose of the special meeting was to discuss "the role of Senate and Senate policy in relation to the...strike."
- actions taken by the Committee prior to and since the outset of the disruption of academic activities that began on March 5 as a result of a strike by CUPE 3903
- a commentary on the legislative context for the cancellation of classes prepared by the Secretary of Senate
- the status of motions received by the Committee concerning the cancellation of classes that were withheld pending the discussion requested by petitioners

Although there were efforts to challenge the Executive Committee's decision to withhold motions calling for suspension of all classes, the meeting focused on the role of Senate and Senate policy in the context of a strike. Senate Executive will reflect on points made during the discussion as it fulfills its responsibilities under the *Senate Policy on the Academic Implications or Cessations of University Business Due to Labour Disputes or Other Causes* and revisits motions drafted for Senate consideration.

March Meeting of Senate

Senate's next meeting is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on **Thursday, March 22, 2018**