

The Senate of York University

Meeting Synopsis

The 647th Meeting of Senate
held on Thursday, June 14, 2018

Remarks

In her final meeting as the Chair of Senate, Professor Lesley Beagrie, paid tribute to all those responsible for another productive year in collegial governance: Senators, Senate committee and Faculty Council chairs, members and secretaries, and the staff of the University Secretariat. She expressed heartfelt gratitude for having the opportunity to serve as Chair and pride at having met and worked with faculty members, student and staff throughout the University. She wished all Senators well, and encouraged them to attend Convocation ceremonies to join with families and friends to celebrate graduating students.

In addition to her monthly Kudos Report, President Rhonda Lenton, highlighted the following:

- Board appointment of new Deans for the Faculty of Environmental Studies and the Lassonde School of Engineering (along with her appreciation that Interim Deans had agreed to stay on until their arrival), and the expectation that recommendations will be made soon for the positions of Provost, Deputy Provost Markham and Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies
- opportunities for York to partner with the organizers of the winning 2026 FIFA World Cup United North American bid in ways that showcase the University, Keele campus athletic facilities and student athletes
- the acknowledgement of National Indigenous Peoples Day in Spring Convocation ceremonies, which will also feature another banner crop of honorary degree recipients and those who have been earned prestigious awards for faculty members and students
- changes to the President's Research Awards program, including expansion and refinements to the Emerging Research Leadership Award and the addition of a new Research Impact category
- sobering preliminary enrolment data and efforts to mitigate the impact of the strike on acceptances and retention
- efforts to position York in a positive light as a new government takes office at Queen's Park, where 18 MPPs sitting in the Provincial Legislature have a York affiliation

The President's monthly "Kudos" report was posted with the meeting agenda.

Approvals

Senate approved a recommendation of the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee to revise degree requirements for the IMBA Program by adding the option for students to pursue the program on a part-time basis in the second year

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(terms 4 and 5), broaden the standard for the second language proficiency exit requirement, increase in the number of elective credits from 21 to 24 and effect minor changes to the set of required courses.

On a recommendation of the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee Senate, approved a temporary adjustment of the *Senate Policy on Organized Research Units* reviews such that, for the next two review cycles, clause 5 (Nature and Duration of Charters) will be applied to permit a re-sequencing of charter reviews with the consequence that certain charters will be extended. The list of ORUs for which extensions have been authorized can be found in the Committee's report.

Status of Other Items

Due to an early adjournment of the meeting, recommendations from three committees were not brought to the floor for a vote and many information items were not formally received or discussed. The Executive Committee will determine how best to proceed with the remaining agenda items.

For more information, see the documents posted on the Senate meeting site at <http://secretariat.info.yorku.ca/senate/meeting-agendas-and-synopses/>

September Meeting of Senate

The next regular meeting of Senate is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on
Thursday, September 27, 2018