

The Senate of York University Synopsis

The 664th Meeting of Senate held on Thursday, February 27, 2020

Remarks

The Chair, Professor Alison Macpherson of the Faculty of Health, welcomed Senators to the meeting and expressed sorrow at the recent passing of Dean Emeritus and Professor Emeritus Peter Hogg, one of Canada's leading constitutional law scholars and a beloved member of the Osgoode Hall Law School community. The Chair also reminded Senators of the deadline for The Robert Everett Exceptional Leadership in Student Governance Award – Friday, March 13, 2020 – noting that information and the nomination form can be found on the [University Secretariat website](#).

The President's items included the following announcements and updates:

- the decision by the provincial government that colleges and universities will be permitted to offer standalone Nursing degrees, a departure from the current collaborative model for the BScN program York offers in partnership with Seneca and Georgian Colleges.
- the agreement between the federal and provincial governments to establish and fund for eight years a French-language university in Toronto (*Université de l'Ontario français*), and the opportunity to position Glendon with a clear vision offering bilingual options in collaboration with Ottawa, Laurentian and Université de l'Ontario français.
- the release of the results from the "[Student Voices on Sexual Violence Survey](#)" conducted in early 2018 under the auspices of the Provincial Ministry of Training, Colleges & Universities. The survey data is being carefully reviewed to address any concerns and enhance practices for the York community.
- the plans to establish a UN Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) Centre at York on Disaster and Emergency Management, the first such training unit in Canada.
- the finalization and submission of York's SMA3 draft to the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, available on the Provost's website.
- the ongoing planning discussions with all levels of government on the Markham Centre Campus.

The monthly "Kudos" report on the achievements of members of the York community can be accessed with other documentation for the meeting.

Reports

Academic Colleague to the Council of Ontario Universities

The Academic Colleague to the Council of Ontario Universities (COU), Professor Andrea Davis, reported on the discussions at the Colleagues' December and February

The Senate of York University

Synopsis

meetings which focused on the evolving role of universities in the current environment, the results of a 2019 survey of Indigenous Faculty members, the role of Academic Colleagues within COU, and updates on SMA3 and other policy developments in the postsecondary sector.

Approvals

Senate approved the recommendation of its Executive Committee to make editorial changes to the York University Rules of Senate.

On the recommendation of its Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee, Senate approved:

- the extension of the Academic Forgiveness Policies pilot for one year to FW2020-2021
- revisions to Letter of Permission Legislation, henceforth to be referred to as the Senate Policy on Letters of Permission, effective 1 May 2020
- changes to the degree requirements for the Specialized Honours BA and iBA and Accelerated Honours BA programs in Translation, housed within the School of Translation, Glendon, effective FW2020-2021
- changes to program name for the BA Specialized Honours and BA (Honours) Minor programs in Theatre Studies and to degree requirements for the BA Specialized Honours program, housed within the Department of Theatre, School of the Arts, Media, Performance & Design, effective FW2020-2021
- changes to core courses for the MA and PhD programs in Social Anthropology, housed within the Graduate Program in Social Anthropology, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, Faculty of Graduate Studies, effective FW2020-2021

Committee Information Reports

Executive (Professor Mario Roy, Vice-Chair)

The Executive Committee's information items included the following:

- an update on the Call for Nominations for expressions of interest in membership on Senate committees and other positions elected by Senate and encouragement for Senators to assist in the process of identifying prospective candidates, with more information available on the [Senate Elections webpage](#)
- its discussion with the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies on the development of graduate committees within resource Faculty Councils and its consideration of articulating guiding principles and criteria to support Faculties in this task
- its consideration of a request to add a motion for debate to the agenda and determination that the motion was not in order
- its review of progress on 2019-2020 priorities

The Senate of York University

Synopsis

- its concurrence with the addition of eleven new candidates to the pool of prospective honorary degree candidates and the Sub-Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials' intention to take up two process matters on the recommendation of the Executive Committee

Academic Policy, Planning and Research (Professor Carl Ehrlich, Chair)

APPRC updated Senators on the status and planned next steps in the University Academic Plan (UAP) renewal process. Community members are invited to provide input on the draft document at an Open Forum scheduled for the morning of Thursday, March 5 at 9:30 am in the New/Second Student Centre. Details and an RSVP form are available on the [UAP Renewal website](#).

APPRC's other information items included:

- its receipt of a comprehensive update from the Provost and Vice-Provost Academic on academic plans for Markham Centre Campus, which will be reported to Senate in March
- a briefing from the Provost on the FW2019-2020 enrolments and FW2020-2021 preliminary applications results.

Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy (Professor Kim Michasiw, Chair)

The following minor changes to calendar copy and degree requirements were approved by ASCP.

School of the Arts, Media, Performance and Design

Minor changes to degree requirements for the following BA and BFA programs in Dance:

- Specialized Honours BFA program in Choreography/Performance
- Specialized Honours BFA program in Dance Education
- BFA (Hons) program - Canada's National Ballet School, Teacher Training Program Option A
- BA (Hons) Minor program in Dance
- BA program in Dance

Minor changes to the Specialized Honours BFA program in Performance Creation

Glendon

Minor changes to degree requirements within the BA and iBA programs in Canadian Studies

The Senate of York University

Synopsis

Faculty of Graduate Studies

Addition of World Literature as an option for the Major Field examination in the PhD program in English, Graduate Program in English

Faculty of Health

Minor changes to basic science requirements for the BSc programs in Global Health, Kinesiology and Health Science, and Psychology

Minor changes to streams within the Specialized Honours BA and BSc programs in Global Health

Minor changes to the requirements for the Interdisciplinary Certificate in Aging

Lassonde School of Engineering

Correction to degree requirements for the BEng program in Electrical Engineering

Faculty of Science

Minor changes to degree requirements for the BSc programs in Physics and Astronomy and the Specialized Honours BSc in Biophysics

Minor changes to general education requirements for the BSc programs in Chemistry and Biochemistry, Environmental Biology, and Science and Technology Studies

Minor change to degree requirements for the Pharmaceutical and Biological Chemistry stream within the Specialized Honours BSc program in Chemistry

Appeals (Professor Suprakash Datta, Chair)

The Appeals Committee responded to a question arising at the January meeting regarding its annual report on Faculty- and Senate-level petitions and appeals decisions.

Additional Information about this Meeting

Please refer to the full Senate agenda and supplementary material posted online with the Thursday, February 27, 2020 meeting for details about these items.

<http://secretariat.info.yorku.ca/senate/meeting-agendas-and-synopses/>

March Meeting of Senate

Senate's next meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2020.