

# The Senate of York University

## Year End Review 2017-2018

From February 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 the Senate of York University was presided over by its 43<sup>rd</sup> Chair, Professor Lesley Beagrie of the School of Nursing in the Health. Over this same time period, Professor Franck van Breugel of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science in the Lassonde served as Vice-Chair. Professor Beagrie and Professor van Breugel are the first members of their Faculties to be officers of Senate. Professor Carl Ehrlich, a member of the Executive Committee ably served as an Acting Vice-Chair. Maureen Armstrong continued in her capacity as Secretary of Senate.

Senate met on eleven occasions during the year. Two special meetings were held in March and April to deal with matters arising from a disruption of academic activities caused by a strike of CUPE 3903 beginning March 5. All Senate meetings now begin with a land acknowledgment: "York University acknowledges its presence on the traditional territory of many Indigenous Nations. The area known as Tkaronto has been care taken by the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Huron-Wendat, and the Métis. It is now home to many Indigenous Peoples. We acknowledge the current treaty holders, the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation. This territory is subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement to peaceably share and care for the Great Lakes region."

Senate committees identify priorities for the year in the autumn and provide year-end reports on their progress. They also undertake activities that may not be fully reflected in this summary, such as leading or participating in consultations, providing advice or interpretations, and facilitating reporting by others.

### Committees and Acronyms

- Executive (Executive)
- Academic Policy, Planning and Research (APPRC)
- Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy (ASCP)
- Appeals (SAC)
- Awards (Awards)
- Tenure and Promotions (T&P)
- Tenure and Promotions Appeals (T&P Appeals)

### Sub-Committees

There are 6 standing sub-committees:

- Executive: Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials / Equity (with members from ASCP and APPRC) / APPRC: Sub-Committee on Quality Assurance (with ASCP) / Organized Research Units / Technical / ASCP: Sub-Committee on Quality Assurance (with APPRC), Coordinating and Planning

In addition, three APPRC sub-committees focusing on research and supported by the Office of the Vice-President Research and Innovation, report to Senate via the full Committee.

For more information on Senate and its committees, including agendas for the year, please visit the Website at <http://secretariat.info.yorku.ca/senate/>

## **Matters Arising From the Disruption**

In the event of a disruption of academic activities owing to a strike, the *Senate Policy on the Academic Implications of Disruptions or Cessations of University Business Due to Labour Disputes or Other Causes* is animated. The Policy endows the Executive Committee of Senate with key responsibilities for discharging the Policy. In this regard the Committee:

- issued declarations before the strike began and at prescribed intervals as it lengthened
- developed options for the completion of courses and finalization of grades, and posted iterations as a consolidated document evolved
- sought Senate approval for a temporary broadening of the *Pass / Fail Policy*
- provided Senate with a chronology of actions taken at each regular or special meeting, and provided Senators with opportunities for input
- agreed to changes in sessional dates to extend the Y and W terms, begin SU and S1 courses on May 22, and authorized a limited number of courses with special characteristics to begin on the original Summer term session dates

Senate Executive largely endorsed an approach that all courses that could continue would continue from the outset. This was based on an agreement that it was in the best interests of students and faculty members requesting that classes continue, and an understanding that Senate itself cannot suspend classes except in limited circumstances. There was disagreement about this understanding, which was the subject of a hortative motion, in March, that called for an affirmation of Senate's authority. The Chairs of the Board and Senate corresponded on this matter and agreed to meet to develop advice on mandate and membership of a group that would be subject to the approval of the two governing bodies. A motion was approved at the meeting of April 24 that reinforced the need to have the group's mandate and membership approved.

At a special meeting Senate held on April 12, Senate approved a hortative motion urging the parties to return to the bargaining table and another motion calling on faculty members to take a flexible approach when dealing with students, maintain open lines of communication, and be sensitive to the pressing needs of students.

## **Markham Centre Campus Planning**

A standing agenda item for the Academic Policy, Planning and Research is academic planning for the Markham Centre Campus. The Committee facilitates reports and is guided by Senate in undertaking its monitoring of developments. In September the Committee facilitated discussion of an options paper on Models for Collegial Governance Structures for Markham Centre Campus prepared by the Provost with contributions from the University Secretariat and others. It also transmitted reports at regular intervals as it tracked progress.

## **Strategic Research Plan**

On a recommendation from APPRC, Senate approved *Strategic Research Plan 2018-2023: Toward New Heights*. (May)

## **Academic Planning Forum**

On February 15 APPRC and ASCP sponsored a Forum of Ideas showcasing program innovations.

## Regular Reports

- President Rhonda Lenton (Monthly)
- Interim Provost Lisa Philipps (Markham, Institutional Integrated Resource Plan initiatives in support of the University Academic Plan, enrolments)
- Vice-President Finance & Administration Carol McAulay (Budget context for planning, January, June)
- Vice-President Research and Innovation Robert Haché (November)
- Senate Members on the Board of Governors on meetings of the Board (following Board meetings; Professor David Mutimer and Professor Lauren Sergio)
- Academic Colleague to the Council of Ontario Universities on COU Issues Updates (Professor David Leyton-Brown; September, October, April)

## Major Planning Reports

Joint Sub-Committee on Quality Assurance of APPRC and ASCP (February, June)

## Annual Reports from Senate Committees

- Allocations of Scholarship and Bursaries for 2016 (Awards, May)
- Animal Care, Biological Safety, and Human Participants Review Committee (APPRC, June)
- Appeals and Petitions, University and Faculty (Appeals, September, November, March)
- Distinguished Research Professor (Awards, May)
- New Scholarships and Bursaries for calendar year 2017 (Awards, May)
- Non-Degree Studies (APPRC and ASCP, June, pending)
- President's Research Excellence Award (Awards, May)
- President's Emerging Research Leadership Award (Awards, May)
- President's University-Wide Teaching Awards Recipients (Awards, May)
- Prestigious Awards for Graduating Students (Awards, June, pending)
- Senate Attendance (Executive, June, pending)
- Senate Year in Review (Executive, June, pending)
- Tenure and Promotions (Tenure and Promotions, October)

## Senate Policies

- *Academic Accommodations for Students' Religious Observances* (new; January)
- *Common Grading Scheme for Undergraduate Faculties* (amendments; in principle, November).
- *Granting of Degrees, Certificates and Diplomas* to eligible students at any time following the completion of the degree audit reconciliation (May, ASCP) and In Absentia (February, ASCP)
- *Pan-University Academic Nomenclature* (new, ASCP, May)
- Procedures for Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials revised such that individuals must be re-nominated to remain in the pool for more than ten years (reported via Senate Executive by the Sub-Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials in February)
- *Senate Policy on Sessional Dates and the Scheduling of Examinations* (amendments to provide for a four-day Fall Reading Week; ASCP also shared revised dates for 2018-2019 that reflected this change; October); amendments in conjunction with the approved Senate Policy on Accommodations for Students' Religious Observances (January)
- Temporary broadening of Senate's *Pass/Fail Policy* for students enrolled in Y and W terms (April)

## **Senate Rules and Procedures**

Change in Senate rules and procedures of the title of “College Master” to “College Head” in keeping with the new designation announced in the autumn of 2017 (editorial change, January)

## **Faculty Council Rules and Procedures**

Senate Executive reviews changes in Faculty Council rules and procedures to ensure that they are consistent with principles of collegial governance and practices elsewhere at the University. During the year it reviewed changes submitted by the Faculty Councils of Arts, Media, Performance and Design; Education, Glendon and Health.

## **Name Changes**

- Diploma in Arts and Media Administration *to* the Diploma in Arts, Media and Entertainment Management, Schulich / Graduate Studies (ASCP, September)
- BA Programs in Children’s Studies *to* Children, Childhood and Youth a (January)
- Specialization in History and Theory of Psychology *to* Historical, Theoretical, and Critical Studies of Psychology, Graduate Program in Psychology (October)
- Neural and Biomechanical Control of Movement Field within the Graduate program of Kinesiology and Health Science *to* Neuroscience and Biomechanics, Health (February)
- Certificate in Managing International Trade and Investment *to* Certificate in International Management, Schulich (March)
- Joint York-Sheridan Bachelor of Design Program *to* York University Honours BDES Program, AMPD (April)

## **New Degree Types (ASCP Recommendations with APPRC Concurrence)**

Master of Supply Chain Management (Schulich / Graduate Studies) (December)

Master of Marketing (Schulich / Graduate Studies) (December)

## **Academic Programs (New; (ASCP Recommendations with APPRC Concurrence)**

Master of Supply Chain Management Degree Program, (Schulich / Graduate Studies) (December)

Master of Marketing Degree Program Schulich / Graduate Studies) (December)

## **Academic Programs - New Streams, Options, Fields and Specializations**

- Advocacy & Public Engagement Honours Minor Degree Option, Anthropology, LA&PS (March)
- Computer Science and Computer Security, BSc and BA Programs, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Lassonde: Co-Operative Education Option, BSc and BA Programs in (February)
- Computer Science BSc Program, Computer Science and Electrical Engineering, Lassonde: Industry Partnership Stream (January)
- establish a Specialization in Artificial Intelligence in the MSc Program in Computer Science, Graduate Program in Electrical Engineering & Computer Science, Graduate Studies (February)
- European and International Affairs specialization as added by the Université de Strasbourg to its Master en Administration publique program, and its inclusion as an option for students in the MPIA-IEP dual degree program between York and the Université de Strasbourg (April)
- Kinesiology and Health Science, Graduate Program, Health / Graduate Studies, Field in Socio-Cultural and Policy Studies in Sport and Physical Activity (October)

- Mathematics & Statistics, Graduate Program in Mathematics & Statistics, Graduate Studies: Specialization in Data Science in the MA Program in (February)
- Privacy and Cybersecurity Specialization in the Professional LLM Program, Osgoode/Graduate Studies (March)
- Theatre BFA, Department of Theatre, School of the Arts, Media, Performance and Design: Performance Creation Stream (February)

### **Undergraduate Certificates (New)**

- Advocacy & Public Engagement Disciplinary Certificate, Anthropology, LA&PS (March)
- Black Canadian Studies Disciplinary Certificate, Humanities, LA&PS (February)
- Cross-Disciplinary Certificate in Public History, AMPD (April)
- Culture, Medicine and Health Cross-Disciplinary Certificate, Anthropology, LA&PS (March)
- Spanish for Business and Professional Communication Certificate of Proficiency , Hispanic Studies, Glendon (January)

### **Program, Graduate Diploma and Undergraduate Certificate Discontinuation**

- Canadian Studies BA Program, Humanities, LA&PS (January)
- Geomatics Science Stream, Honours BSc Program in Earth & Atmospheric Science, Earth & space Science & Engineering, Lassonde (February)
- Latin American and Caribbean Studies BA Program, Social Science, LA&PS (January)
- South Asian Studies BA and the Cross-Disciplinary Certificate in South Asian Studies housed within the Department of Social Science, Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (January)
- YSDN rubric coincident with the discontinuation of the joint York-Sheridan program in 2022, AMPD (April)

### **New Rubrics Approved by Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy**

- “CCY” for the re-named Children, Childhood & Youth Program, LA&PS (January)
- “INDG” for BA programs in Indigenous Studies, Equity Studies, LA&PS (February)
- “DESN” for Design, AMPD (April)

### **Changes in Admissions Requirements and Transfer Credit (ASCP)**

- Applied Linguistics, MA Program in, Graduate Program in Linguistics and Applied Linguistics, Graduate Studies (January)
- Business Administration PhD Programs, Schulich / Graduate Studies (September)
- MBA Executive Program in India, Schulich / Graduate Studies (September)
- Education Bachelor of Education Programs, Faculty of Education (October)
- Information Systems and Technology Master of Arts, School of Information Technology, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies / Graduate Studies (October)

### **Changes in Degree Requirements (Programs)<sup>1</sup>**

*During the year the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee sought Senate approval or reported its own approval of revisions to the requirements for the following:*

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<sup>1</sup> ASCP waived of Section 5c of the Senate Policy on Sessional Dates and the Scheduling of Examinations for ENVS 4800 3.0 Advanced Topics in Environment and Health to permit the intensive week-long course to be offered during February Reading Week at York’s co-campus in Costa Rica (October)

- Applied Mathematics BA and BSc programs, Science (January)
- Applied Statistics Specialization, MA Program in Mathematics and Statistics (February)
- Atmospheric Science Stream within the Specialized Honours BSc program in Earth and Atmospheric Science, Lassonde (February)
- Public Administration Bachelors Program, LA&PS (January)
- BCom-ITEC Specialized Honours Program (November)
- Dance BFA Program for Concurrent Education (AMPD, January)
- Business Administration PhD Program in, Schulich / Graduate Studies (September)
- Business Analytics Masters Program, Schulich / Graduate Studies (September)
- Applied Linguistics MA Program, Graduate Program in Linguistics and Applied Linguistics, / Graduate Studies (January)
- English BA and iBA Programs, English, Glendon (February)
- Clinical Neuropsychology within the MA and PhD Programs in Clinical Psychology, Graduate Program in Psychology, Health / Graduate Studies (February)
- Theatre and Performance Studies MA, Graduate Program in Theatre, Graduate Studies / AMPD (February)
- Nursing Master of Science Program, Graduate Program in Nursing, Health / Graduate Studies (February)
- Dance, Choreography / Performance Stream, Specialized Honours BFA, AMPD (January)
- Civil Engineering, Lassonde (February)
- Communications Studies, BA Programs, (November)
- Computer Engineering, Lassonde (February)
- Educational Studies BA Program, Education (May)
- Electrical Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Lassonde (February)
- Commerce (BComm) Finance Stream within the Honours Bachelors Program, LA&PS(January)
- Gender, Feminist & Women's Studies PhD Program Liberal Arts & Professional Studies / Glendon / Graduate Studies (September)
- Business Honours Minor Degree Option in (January)
- LLM Professional Program, International Business Law Specialization, Osgoode / Graduate Studies (February)
- Math for Education, BA and BSc programs in Science (January)
- Mathematical Biology BSc Programs, Science (January)
- Mathematics and Statistics, BSc International Dual Degree Program, Science (January)
- MBA Executive Program in India, Schulich / Graduate Studies (September)
- Mechanical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Lassonde (February)
- Mechanical Engineering PhD, Mechanical Engineering, Lassonde / Graduate Studies (February)
- Development Studies MA Program, Graduate Studies (October)
- Psychology, Clinical Psychology Specialization, Clinical Neuropsychology Sub-Specialization MA and PhD programs, Health / Graduate Studies in (October)
- Biology MSc Program, Science / Graduate Studies (January)
- Dance, National Ballet School Teaching Training, Options A and B Honours BFA, AMPD (January)
- Pure Math Science BA and BSc programs in (January)
- Social and Personality Psychology Specialization, PhD in Psychology (February)
- Software Engineering , Lassonde (February)
- Specialized Honours BFA program in Dance Education, AMPD (January)
- Specialized Honours BFA program in Theatre (Acting), AMPD (January)
- Statistics, BA and BSc programs, Science (January)
- Environmental Studies Masters Program, Environmental Studies/Graduate Studies (March)

- Business Administration, Finance Field in the PhD Program, Graduate Studies (March)
- BEng Program in Geomatics Engineering, Lassonde (March)
- BEng Program in Space Engineering, Lassonde (March)
- Geomatics Science Stream within the Specialized Honours BSc Program in Earth and Atmospheric Science, Lassonde (March)
- BA Program in Sociology, LA&PS (March)
- BA Program in Anthropology, LA&PS (minor changes, March)
- BA Program in English (minor changes, March)
- York University Honours BDES Program, AMPD (April)
- Juris Doctor degree requirement and add an Indigenous and Aboriginal Law requirement, Osgoode (April)
- Interdisciplinary Social Science BA Programs, LA&PS (April)
- Psychology BA, iBA, BSc and iBSc Programs, Glendon (April)
- BA Program in Criminology, LA&PS (April)
- Honours Minor BA in Medical Anthropology, LA&PS (April)
- BA Program in Educational Studies, Education (May)

### **Program, Certificate and Diploma Restructuring**

- Merger of 90-Credit degree programs in Mathematics & Statistics, Department of Mathematics & Statistics, Science (February)
- Restructuring of the Indigenous Studies Stream, BA Program in Multicultural and Indigenous Studies, Department of Equity Studies, Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (February)

### **Changes in Requirements (Certificates and Diplomas)**

- Diploma in Intermediate Accounting, Schulich / Graduate Studies (September)
- Professional Certificate in Investment Management, LA&PS (January)
- Professional Certificate in Financial Planning, LA&PS (January)
- Certificate in International Management, Schulich (March)

### **Sessional Dates**

During the year ASCP advised that it had reviewed proposed sessional dates for Summer 2018 and Fall-Winter 2018-2019 and confirmed that they were consistent with Senate policy. The Committee worked with the Registrar's Office to develop a three-year outlook on sessional dates.

Senate Executive exercised its authority under the Disruptions Policy to approve the shortening of the Y and W terms by one week. It also agreed that Summer terms would begin on May 22 (with some exceptions granted so that courses with special characteristics could begin on the originally planned start date).

### **Recipients of the President's Research and Teaching Awards (Awards, May)**

- Senior Full-time Faculty Member: Dan Palermo, Civil Engineering, Lassonde
- Full-time Faculty Member: Ruth Koleszar-Green, Social Work, LA&PS
- Contract or Adjunct Faculty: Bridget E. Cauthery, Dance, AMPD
- Teaching Assistant: Minha Reokenally Ha, Mechanical Engineering, Lassonde and Reena Shadaan, Environmental Studies / Social Science, LA&PS

### **Awards Committee Reports**

Annual report on undergraduate student awards distribution for 2016-2017 (February)

Annual report on new awards for calendar year 2017 and the disbursement of graduate student awards in 2016 (May)

### **New Distinguished Research Professorships (Awards, May)**

Nantel Bergeron, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Science,  
Bernard Lightman, Department of Humanities, LA&PS  
Anne Russon, Department of Psychology, Glendon

### **President's Research Excellence Award (Awards, May)**

J. Douglas Crawford, Department of Psychology, Health

### **President's Emerging Research Leadership Award (Awards, May)**

Sapna Sharma, Department of Biology, Science

Prestigious Awards for Graduating Students (Awards, June pending)

Governor General's Gold Medal and Silver Medals  
Murray G. Ross Award

### **Additions to the Pool of Prospective Honorary Degree Recipients**

Four new candidates were deemed eligible for honorary degrees and three others approved for a further five-year term.

### **Organized Research Units**

- Global Work Study Centre, chartered (APPRC, June)
- Research Insurance Studies Center, chartered (APPRC, June)
- Sensorium, chartered (APPRC, June)
- York Centre for Field Robotics, closure (reported by APPRC, June)

### **Rescindment of Degrees (Appeals Committee)**

The Appeals Committee reported that it had confirmed decisions by an LA&PS Faculty Council committee to rescind degrees (September and March).

### **Senate Officers and Committee Chairs**

Lesley Beagrie, Chair of Senate / Chair of Senate Executive  
Franck van Breugel, Vice-Chair of Senate  
Maureen Armstrong, Secretary of Senate  
Thomas Loebel, Chair of the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee  
Kim Michasiw, Chair of the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee  
Natalie Coulter, Chair of the Appeals Committee  
Robert Kennedy, Chair of the Awards Committee  
Victor Shea, Co-Chair of the Tenure and Promotions Committee  
Simone Bohn Co-Chair of the Tenure and Promotions Committee  
Shayna Rosenbaum, Chair of the Sub-Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials



## **University Secretariat**

Maureen Armstrong, University Secretary and General Counsel

Robert Everett, Senior Assistant Secretary of the University

Terry Carter, Assistant Secretary of the University

Cheryl Underhill, Assistant Secretary of the University

Elaine MacRae, Governance Coordinator

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