### York University Senate

# **Notice of Meeting**

Thursday 24 October 2019, 3:00 pm

Dr. Robert Everett Senate Chamber, N940 Ross Building

#### AGENDA

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- **1. Chair's Remarks** (F. van Breugel)
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- 3. Inquiries and Communications
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- b. Senate Rules Revisions: Follow-up from the Senate Review (For approval)
- c. Establishment of an Interim Faculty Council, Faculty of Urban and Environmental Change (For approval)
- d. Disestablishment of the Faculty Council, Faculty of Environmental Studies (Notice of Motion)

**Note:** Notice of Motion is provided for Statutory Motions to provide Senate an opportunity to review supporting documentation, raise questions, or request additional information prior to the item of business being brought forward for approval at a subsequent meeting.

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- a. Establishing a new Faculty (Notice of Motion):
  - Establishment of the Faculty of Urban and Environmental Change
  - Transfer of the constituent academic programs and curricula from the Faculty of Environmental Studies to the new Faculty
  - Transfer of the constituent academic programs and curricula from the Department of Geography, Liberal Arts & Professional Studies to the new Faculty
  - Closure of the Faculty of Environmental Studies
  - Closure of the Department of Geography, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies

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Consent agenda items are deemed to be approved or received unless, prior to the start of the meeting, one or more Senators ask that they be dealt with as regular business.

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#### Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee:

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C. Underhill, Secretary



# PRESIDENT'S **KUDOS REPORT**







The Bryden Alumni Awards celebrate outstanding York University alumni who have made extraordinary contributions to their fields, communities and the University. The 2019 winners are:

- Outstanding Achievement: Eva Marszewski (OOnt, LSM, BA '70, LLB '73), founder and director, Peacebuilders International (Canada);
- Outstanding Contribution: Robert Krembil (CM, MBA '71, LLD '00), president and CEO, Chiefswood Holdings Ltd. and its subsidiaries;
- Tentanda Via: Suzanne Katsi'tsiarihshion Brant (MES '05), president, First Nations Technical Institute; and
- One to Watch: Kimberly Badal (BSc '12) co-founder, Caribbean Cancer Research Initiative.



*Forbes* magazine has ranked the Schulich School of Business at York University 1st in Canada and 9th in the world among two-year MBA programs outside of the United States. Schulich was also ranked second in the world among all non-U.S. two-year MBA programs in terms of "Years to Payback" - the length of time it takes a business school's graduates to recoup their investment in an MBA degree.



In honour of Helen Carswell and World Alzheimer's Month, York University and the Alzheimer Society of York Region announced a joint \$2.26-million partnership to research Alzheimer's and dementia care programs. Funded by the Carswell Family Foundation, this gift will be used to advance research into the efficacy of dementia day programs, respite services and various models of care as well as the benefits of integrating support for caregivers into programming.



The Faculty of Science welcomed **two new science communicators in residence** this academic year - B.D. Colen, and Patchen Barss. This is the third year of the highly successful program, which aims to help promote excellence in science-related communications.



The York University Football Alumni Association hosted the inaugural Murton-Midea Memorial Tournament, and raised more than \$40,000 for a new scholarship in memory of two former Lions football players, Jesse Murton and Alex Midea, who were both diagnosed with leukemia and lost their lives to the disease.



Two early career researchers in the Faculty of Health, Joey Cheng and Amy Muise, have been recognized for their outstanding achievements with SAGE Young Scholar Awards, presented by SAGE Publications and the Foundation for Personality & Social Psychology.



A memorandum of understanding (MOU) was signed between the City of Vaughan, York University, Mackenzie Health and ventureLAB to identify transformational opportunities to maximize the best use of lands surrounding the site of the Mackenzie Vaughan Hospital through a feasibility study.



**Professor Hélène Mialet** in the Department of Science & Technology Studies, Faculty of Science, is currently in Oslo, Norway, where she received a residential fellowship at the **Centre for Advanced Study** at the Norwegian Academy of Science & Letters.



The School of Arts, Media, Performance & Design (AMPD) eLearning Award was presented to Professor Teresa Przybylski, and the AMPD Teaching Award was given to Sessional Assistant Professor Monique Johnson.



Zheng Hong (George) Zhu, professor and chair in the Department of Mechanical Engineering and the inaugural academic director of the York University Research Commons, has been awarded the 2019 Engineering Medal in Research and Development from Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO). The medal recognizes professional engineers who have improved quality of life through the ingenious application of their engineering skills.



York University and IBM celebrated the opening of a new academic space at the IBM Headquarters in Markham, which will offer a series of courses – and experiential learning opportunities – to students from our School of Administrative Studies in the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies..



Andrei Semenov, an associate professor in the Department of Economics, and Oriana Rahman, an economics PhD student in the Faculty of Graduate Studies, received the **Ben Graham Center for Value Investing Award** from the Ivey Business School at Western University. The award recognizes the best paper published in areas related to asset pricing, market anomalies and behavioral finance and was presented at the 26th Annual Conference of the Multinational Finance Society in Jerusalem.



The Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (LA&PS) held its **annual awards ceremony**, which celebrates excellence in teaching and research in the Faculty. This year's award recipients are:

Dean's Award for Excellence in Teaching

- Teaching Assistant Category Ameera Ali
- Contract Faculty Category Patrick
   Phillips

LA&PS Award for Distinction in Research

- Emerging Research Category Chris Chapman
- Established Researcher Category -Nirupama Agrawal

Ann Shteir Prize

• Andrea Davis

- Contract Faculty Category (Honourable Mention) - Natalie Neill
- Tenured/Tenure Stream Category -Chris Robinson
- Established Researcher Category -Shobna Nijhawan
- Distinction in Social Justice Research Carmela Murdocca

#### APPOINTMENTS



Jenifer Papararo was appointed director/curator of the Art Gallery of York University (AGYU), and will begin her term in January.



Joy Kirchner was reappointed Dean of Libraries at York University for a second five-year term, which begins in January.



**Professor Luann Good Gingrich** of the School of Social Work was named director of York University's Global Labour Research Centre (GLRC), a hub for pan-University research collaboration based in LA&PS. Professor Gingrich began her directorship on July 1.



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### FOR ACTION

#### 1. Election of Members of Non-Designated Senate Committees

The Senate Executive Committee recommends the following candidates for election to Senate committees with non-designated seats.

Nominations are also accepted "from the floor" if the nominee has consented and is available for the published meeting time of the committee. Under Senate rules, nominators must report prospective nominees to the Secretary <u>prior</u> to the start of the meeting in order to determine their eligibility.

Additional nominees may be forwarded prior to the Senate meeting of October 24, 2019.

Final approval for a slate of nominees is given by Senate on a motion "that nominations be closed" as moved by the Vice-Chair of Senate.

Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee (1 vacancy; term beginning 1 July 2019, ending June 30, 2020 (sabbatical replacement). Committee meets every 2 weeks on Wednesdays.)

Tom Wesson, Associate Professor, Schulich School of Business

**Tenure and Promotions Appeals Committee** (1 of 3 vacancies; term beginning 1 July 2019, ending June 30, 2022. Committee meets at the call of the Chair.)

Susan Drummond, Associate Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School

#### Remaining Senate Committee Vacancies

The Executive Committee continues to seek prospective candidates to fill the remaining one (1) vacancy on the Tenure and Promotions Committee and the remaining two (2) vacancies on the Tenure and Promotions Appeals Committee. The Nominations Sub-Committee would be grateful for expressions of interest, which can be conveyed to either the Vice-Chair of Senate, Alison Macpherson (alison3@yorku.ca), or the University Secretariat, through Cheryl Underhill (underhil@yorku.ca).

#### 2. Senate Rules Revisions: Follow-up from the Senate Review

In September, the Executive Committee presented to Senate for approval a collection of revisions to the Senate Rules. Some changes were approved by Senate, some were defeated, and two were referred back to the Executive Committee by Senate. The Rules of Senate as revised in September are posted online.

The two proposed changes that were referred back to the Executive Committee were the expanded description of **decorum** and the definition of Senators on the Board as **full**-

**time faculty members**. The Committee discussed the feedback received at Senate on these two matters at its last meeting, and is bringing forward further revisions.

Senate Executive recommends,

"that Senate approve the following revisions to Subsections 6.6 and 8.61 of the York University Rules for Senate, effective immediately:

Existing Rule	Revised Rule (additional text in red)
VI Conduct of Proceedings Sub-section 5 Decorum	6. Conduct of Proceedings and Decorum Sub-section 6.6
Decorum is to be observed at all Senate meetings.	Decorum is to be observed at all Senate meetings. If, in the judgment of the Chair, decorum is not being exhibited and the proceedings are being adversely affected, the Chair will call for the Senator or visitor to observe decorum.
If a Senator or an observer does not respect the Chair's request to observe decorum, the Chair may require that the Senator(s) or observer(s) leave the meeting.	If a Senator or an observer does not respect the Chair's request to observe decorum, the Chair may require that the Senator(s) or observer(s) leave the meeting.
Section B Membership of Senate	Senate's Nominees to the Board of Governors
Sub-section 9 Senate's Nominees to the Board of Governors	Sub-section 8.61
Senate's nominees to the Board of Governors shall be elected from among the members of Senate.	Senate's nominees to the Board of Governors shall be elected from among the members of Senate who are full-time tenure- stream faculty or full-time tenure-stream librarians and archivists.

#### 3. Establishment of an Interim Faculty Council

Senate Executive recommends:

"That Senate approve the establishment of an Interim Faculty Council for the *Faculty of Urban and Environmental Change*, for the period of 1 January 2020 to 31 August 2020, contingent upon the approval of the new Faculty by Senate and the Board of Governors."

#### Rationale

Senators will note that the Academic Policy, Planning & Research Committee is providing Notice of Motion at this meeting of its intention to put forward the establishment of the *Faculty of Urban and Environmental Change* comprising the Faculty of Environmental Studies and the Department of Geography in the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, coincident with the disestablishment of the Faculty of Environmental Studies and the Department of Geography, all at a time to facilitate the launch of the new Faculty on 1 September 2020.

Given the different structure of governance in the Department of Geography and the Faculty of Environmental Studies, and the need to take curriculum and governance decisions prior to the launch of the new Faculty, an Interim Faculty Council needs to be established for the period January 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020. An Interim Faculty Council will be the direct line to Senate committees as these curriculum proposals and plans are reviewed and approved. This interim Council will streamline processes that now involve the Faculty Councils of the Faculty of Environmental Studies and the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, as well as the Department of Geography. This Interim Faculty Council will allow members of the new Faculty to take full responsibility for developing proposals and implementation plans until it becomes operational on 1 September 2020.

It is important to underline that the membership and structure of the Interim Council committees have been designed to be representative of both Geography and Environmental Studies programs within the two existing Faculties. The membership of the interim Faculty Council and each committee will have proportional representation to ensure that both programs are well represented. The membership, purpose, structure and rules of the Interim Faculty Council are attached as Appendix A.

As required, approval for the establishment of the Interim Council has been recorded by the Department of Geography (October 4), LA&PS Faculty Council (October 10), and FES Faculty Council (September 26).

### Notice of Statutory Motion

#### 4. Disestablishment of Faculty Council, Faculty of Environmental Studies

It is the intention of Senate Executive to put the following statutory motion to Senate:

"that Senate approve the disestablishment of the Faculty Council, Faculty of Environmental Studies, effective 31 December 2019, contingent upon the approval of the new Faculty by Senate and the Board of Governors."

#### Rationale

Following on item 3 above, as well the planned establishment of the *new Faculty of Urban and Environmental Change* and subsequent closures of the Faculty of Environmental Studies and the Department of Geography, the disestablishment of the

existing Faculty Council of the Faculty of Environmental Studies is another governance step on the path towards the implementation of the new Faculty.

### FOR INFORMATION

#### 5. Approval of Committee Members Nominated by Faculty Councils

The Executive Committee has approved the following individuals nominated by Faculty Councils for membership on Senate committees with terms beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2022.

#### **Executive Committee**

Philip Kelly, Professor, Faculty of Graduate Studies

#### 6. Senate Committee Priorities for 2019-2020

The Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee (APPRC), the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee (ASCP), and the Awards Committee have transmitted their respective 2019-2020 priorities. These committees continue to focus on the advancement of priorities set out in the University Academic Plan, 2015-2020.

The committee priorities for APPRC, ASCP, and Awards may be found in Appendix B to the Executive report. The Executive Committee priorities were shared with Senate in September.

#### 7. Committee and Sub-Committee Membership 2019-2020

The Committee is pleased to welcome Professor Philip Kelly, nominee from the Faculty of Graduate Studies. It is awaiting additional information with respect to student members.

Franck van Breugel, Chair Alison Macpherson Vice-Chair

# Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee



### **Report to Senate**

### At its meeting of September 26, 2019

### NOTICE OF STATUTORY MOTION

#### 1. Establishment of the Faculty of Urban and Environmental Change

It is the intention of Academic Policy, Planning and Research to put the following statutory motions to Senate for approval:

- 1. Establishment of the *Faculty of Urban and Environmental Change*<sup>1</sup> comprising the Faculty of Environmental Studies and the Department of Geography, LA&PS to commence operations 1 January 2020, with a full launch on 1 September 2020.
- 2. Disestablishment of the Faculty of Environmental Studies, effective 31 August 2020.
- 3. Transfer of the constituent academic programs and curricula from the Faculty of Environmental Studies to the new Faculty of Urban and Environmental Change, effective 1 September 2020.
- 4. Disestablishment of the Department of Geography, housed in the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, effective 31 August 2020.
- 5. Transfer of the constituent academic programs and curricula from the Department of Geography, Liberal Arts & Professional Studies to the new Faculty of Urban and Environmental Change, effective 1 September 2020.

#### Rationale

In June 2017, Senate approved in principle the establishment of a new Faculty comprising the Faculty of Environmental Studies, the Liberal Arts and Professional Studies Department of Geography, and potentially other departmental units or programs. That proposal was initiated and developed by colleagues in Environmental Studies and Geography. The two academic units have much in common, and colleagues are motivated by the opportunities to build on strengths and to create a vision for a new entity. Enthusiasm for the restructuring project is high and it has been sustained throughout the proposal development phase. The full proposal, complete with several statements of support, is attached as Appendix A.

This Faculty will mark the fourth new one for York in just over a decade, following on the heels of Health (2006), Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (2009), and the Lassonde School of Engineering (2012). The impetus for each one varied, save for one objective common among them: to help the University advance its academic goals through

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Provisional name, to be confirmed by Senate prior to the launch of the new Faculty on 1 September 2020.

research and teaching excellence. That cause is also at the core of the proposal to bring the *Faculty of Urban and Environmental Change* to fruition.

Establishing this new Faculty has been a collegially driven process from the beginning. A shared context of enrolment challenges, overlap in curriculum, untapped research synergies, and an active global focus on environmental sustainability, has made clear the need for FES and Geography to respond with a new plan that turns opportunities into advancements. Many months of discussion, debate, and broad consultation have informed the preparation of the plans for the new Faculty. Senators are encouraged to take note of the chronology showing the stages of proposal development and the comprehensive record of consultation conducted on this initiative that is contained in the supporting documentation.

As the proposal elaborates, a vision has been articulated, core themes of environmental change, urbanization, and sustainability & justice have been defined, and five anchor programs are being designed. Proponents are continuing to finalize the re-visioning of curriculum for the new Faculty, the proposals for which will proceed through Senate approval processes beginning in the new year. The *Senate Academic Standards, Curriculum & Pedagogy Committee* reviewed the proposal to share its feedback. Noting the enrolment challenges currently besetting both Environmental Studies and Geography, the Committee is hopeful that the new collaboration will generate curriculum that is transformative to draw net new students to the new Faculty. ASCP is particularly interested in the prospect of the 3+2 option for the combined BA in Urbanization and MES in Planning. The committee looks forward to receiving the curriculum proposals as they make their way through the collegial governance process.

From the early conversations about creating a new Faculty, the possibility of consolidating "urban" scholars and programming was imagined to make more visible York's strengths in this field, and the various learning opportunities the University can offer students. Planning to realize that collaboration and integrate curriculum is continuing among faculty members currently based in FES, Geography and the Urban Studies program in the Department of Social Science. Like Dean McMurtry, APPRC is hopeful that the ongoing dialogue is productive and common outcomes achieved.

#### Alignment with the University Academic Plan

Consistent with its mandate, the Senate Academic Policy, Planning & Research Committee reviewed the Faculty proposal through an academic planning lens, seeking alignment of the initiative with the University Academic Plan. The goals created for the *Faculty of Urban and Environmental Change* integrate well with, and help advance, the 2015-2020 UAP priorities of academic quality, student success, and engagement and outreach. Specifically, a few examples are:

• Innovative, Quality Programs for Academic Excellence: advanced through the development of innovative new curriculum by engaging interdisciplinary

perspectives and techniques that span the biophysical sciences, social sciences and the arts;

- Advancing Exploration, Innovation and Achievement in Scholarship, Research and Creative Activities: by building on existing synergies and encouraging collaboration in research, and amplifying existing strengths in research, scholarly and creative work by building multi-stakeholder networks for knowledge mobilization, partnerships and collaborations, direct uptake of research by communities, industry, and government; and
- Enhanced Quality in Teaching and Student Learning: building upon 'signature pedagogies' of learning-by-doing, enhancing student placements, internships, and research opportunities with multi-stakeholders (civil society, industry, government, academia) to ensure knowledge application, skills training and clear employability

APPRC also looks to confirm resource sufficiency for major new academic initiatives. In her written statement the Provost confirms her strong support for the creation of the Faculty as a path to enhance the quality and sustainability of the degree programs, citing harmonization, rationalization and streamlining of program offerings as measures to be undertaken as the curriculum is designed. She confirms resource and monitoring plans are in place, while also stating the need for enrolment targets to be met to ensure the Faculty's financial sustainability. APPRC highlighted the importance of tracking progress to the enrolment plan.

In sum, a solid foundation for the new Faculty has been laid to:

- improve disciplinary clarity at the University for students, while building on York's tradition of cross-disciplinarity
- reduce overlap and competitiveness in curriculum and programming
- give undergraduates in both units more choice in degrees as the new unit will house BES, BA and BSc degrees
- bring together scholars in related fields to foster research synergies and collaborations
- create a hub of geographic and environmental activity at York, building visibility and recognition externally
- increase financial sustainability for both units by growing undergraduate enrolment, and achieving curricular harmonization.

#### **Related Implementation Measures**

The disestablishment of the Faculty of Environmental Studies and the Department of Geography in LA&PS, and the transfer of their respective programs are straight-forward implementation matters flowing out of the decision to establish the new Faculty. The process leading to these actions was highly collegial. Members of the two units first voted to pursue a new Faculty in 2016, and, as noted above, Senate approved in principle the establishment of a new Faculty the following year. Since that time, colleagues in FES and Geography have consulted widely within the University as they developed a full-blown proposal for consideration by Senate and the Board.

The Senate Rules define the establishment of academic units as a statutory matter, for which Notice of Motion must be provided to Senate prior to a vote being taken on the recommendation. The disestablishment of academic units is similarly understood to be statutory in nature. Having approved the suite of recommendations above, APPRC is providing Senate Notice of the pending statutory motions at its meeting on 24 October 2019 for discussion. It will bring forward the recommendations for approval at Senate's meeting on 28 November 2019.

Following Senate's approval, the establishment of the new Faculty, together with the disestablishment of the FES and Geography academic units, proceed to the review process of the Board of Governors. Its Academic Resources Committee has responsibility for reviewing the proposals, and recommending approval to the Board of Governors as the final governance stage at the University.

### FOR INFORMATION

#### 2. Provost's Autumn Report on Complement and Enrolment

Provost Philipps will provide Senate with a preliminary report on FW 2019-2020 enrolments and faculty complement at the September meeting of Senate. She previewed the report with APPRC earlier this month and gathered feedback from members. The presentation slides are attached as Appendix B.

The Provost is also sharing with Senate and seeking input on the Faculty Complement Renewal Strategy, which is attached as Appendix C.

#### 3. 2019-2020 Priorities Confirmed

APPRC confirmed its priorities for this academic year and has transmitted them to Senate Executive. The committee is now developing implementation plans for the various initiatives. APPRC will focus much of its attention this year on facilitating the University Academic Plan renewal process, with efforts shepherded by its Technical Sub-Committee.

#### 4. New University Academic Plan 2020-2025

APPRC takes primary responsibility on behalf of Senate for the production, approval, and monitoring of progress of the University Academic Plan. This being the final year of UAP 2015-2020, a retrospective account of the University's progress on the set of current UAP priorities will be produced, to both share with the University the academic goals advanced over the last five years, and to help inform the preparations for the 2020-2025 UAP.

As noted above, a primary focus of APPRC this year will be the production of a new UAP. An *Open Forum* will be held on Thursday, 7 November 2019 to gather input from the community on the shape and themes for the next five-year Academic Plan. More information will be shared on the Forum in the coming weeks.

#### 5. Budget Consultations

As many Senators know, this autumn will see a round of consultations on budget priorities undertaken on behalf of the University Budget Advisory Committee. APPRC met with the Provost and Assistant Vice-President Finance on September 26.

The Provost and Assistant Vice-President Finance & CFO provided a comprehensive briefing on the strategic investments made in response to input received during the 2018-2019 consultations, the context and environment for the University's operating budget, and current capital priorities.

The Committee offered input on the form and substance of the presentation in preparation for the pan-university consultation exercise. Members also shared preliminary reflections on where resources from the University Fund should be directed. Suggestions coalesced around supporting cross-faculty programming, the growth of graduate enrolments, and deferred maintenance and infrastructure to facilitate the advancement of university priorities. Members highlighted that the pursuit of growth and strategic opportunities should be balanced with climate change and health and wellness considerations. The Committee may seek other opportunities to make recommendations as the process continues to unfold.

#### 6. Welcome to New Member

The Committee is pleased to welcome new member Sarah Barrett (Education). We also look forward to welcoming the two student members once they have been confirmed by Senate Executive.

Carl S. Ehrlich Chair of APPRC



# Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee Report to Senate

### At its meeting of 24 October 2019

# **For Action**

1. Closure of the MA program in Mathematics for Teachers • Graduate Program in Mathematics and Statistics • Faculty of Science • Faculty of Graduate Studies

ASCP recommends,

That Senate approve the closure of the MA program in Mathematics for Teachers, housed within the Graduate Program in Mathematics and Statistics, Faculty of Science, Faculty of Graduate Studies, effective FW2020-2021.

#### Rationale

The proposal for the closure of the part-time MA program in Mathematics for Teachers is provided as ASCP Appendix A. The program has experienced declining enrolment over the last ten years; previously, more than 10 students were admitted each year, but this has dropped to only one or two in 2014-15 and none since 2016. As the Graduate Program in Mathematics and Statistics views the decline as a long-term trend, attributable to changes in the job market and career advancement paths for high school teachers and competition from a similar program offered online at another Ontario university, it wishes to close the program.

Only two students remain in the program and they will be able to complete the remaining degree requirements through reading courses.

While a number of Math courses at the 5000 level will no longer be offered following the closure, some of which currently are cross-listed with the Faculty of Education, the closure is anticipated to have a negligible impact on other units. The number of Faculty of Education students and students from other programs who took those courses has consistently been quite small, and students will continue to be able to access similar content in the undergraduate courses offered by the Mathematics and Statistics program. While not addressed in the proposal, ASCP was made aware of the fact that the Graduate Program in Mathematics & Statistics consulted with the Faculty of Education about the closure.

It is not anticipated that the closure will have negative implications on the quality of academic programming within the Graduate Program in Mathematics and Statistics,

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which will continue to offer MA, MSc and PhD programs. In terms of mathematics education offerings more broadly within the University, ASCP wishes to note that other programs address this topic, including the Master of Education and the Graduate Diploma in Mathematics Education, both housed within the Faculty of Education.

**Approvals:** FGS Academic Planning & Policy Committee on behalf of FGS Council 11 September 2019 (summer authority) • ASCP 25 September 2019

# **For Information**

#### a. Minor Modifications to Curriculum

The following proposals have been approved by ASCP:

- Changes to English language proficiency requirements for the Master of Financial Accountability program, Graduate Program in Financial Accountability, School of Administrative Studies, Liberal Arts & Professional Studies / Graduate Studies
- Minor change to degree requirements for the BA program in Mathematics, Department of Mathematics, Glendon

# b. Commentary on the proposal for the establishment of the Faculty of Urban and Environmental Change

Although ASCP does not have an approval role in the establishment of the Faculty of Urban and Environmental Change, in view of the centrality of the curricular vision to the identity of the Faculty, the Committee had the opportunity to review and discuss the proposal (included as APPRC Appendix A).

ASCP's reflections coalesced around concern about the merger of a Department and a Faculty that currently are facing enrolment challenges and a simultaneous hopefulness that the Faculty will generate curriculum that is genuinely innovative. ASCP looks forward to seeing the curriculum proposals as they make their way through the collegial governance process.

#### c. Sessional Dates: SU2020 to FW2022-2023

Attached are the sessional dates for three academic years, from SU2020 to FW2022-2023. They are based on the <u>Senate Policy on Sessional Dates and the Scheduling of</u> <u>Examinations</u>, revised in October 2017 as approved by Senate, to provide for a four-day Fall Reading Week during the week of Thanksgiving.

As Labour Day falls late in September 2020, there will not be a University-wide study day between the end of the Fall 2020 term and the first day of exams to allow for a 14-

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day exam period. Instead, efforts will be made to ensure that every student will have a minimum of one day between their final class and their first final examination.

ASCP has confirmed that the dates and the approach to the Fall 2020 study day are in alignment with the requirements of the Senate Policy and it will therefore transmit the dates to Senate as ASCP Appendix B prior to the meeting.

Kim Michasiw, Chair



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### FOR INFORMATION

#### 1. Revisions to the Senate Appeals Committee (SAC) Procedures

#### <u>Rationale</u>

In 2016 the committee significantly revised the *SAC Procedures* which had been in place for 30 years. Implemented on July 1, 2016, the new procedures have streamlined the processing of student appeals. However, reviewing our three years' experience, the committee noted areas which needed clarification and areas where the language required revision to reflect actual application of the procedures.

#### Summary of changes

- 1. Re-ordering of the grounds for appeal to put the most common ones up front. This assists students in identifying the grounds on which to base their appeal.
- 2. Specific instructions to students about explaining grounds of appeal.
- 3. Clarification of procedures around reconsideration of a committee decision, and provision of discretion to the committee in the consideration of those files to allow for more expeditious decisions.
- 4. Move to gender-neutral language by changing "his/her" to "their" and "he or she" to "they" throughout the document, to align with recent changes to the tenure and promotions policy documents.

The revised Procedures are attached as Appendix A.

#### 2. Rescission of Degree

The Senate Appeals Committee (SAC) has approved the recommendation of the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professionals Studies Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Success that York University rescind the degree of Bachelor of Arts (Honours) conferred on a York student in 2017, and that the official transcript record the reason for which it was rescinded.

The student submitted a falsified transcript which secured admission to the University as well as transfer credit. The Senate Appeals Committee found that not only did the serious nature of the offence warrant the rescission of the degree, without the transfer credits granted based on the falsified transcript, the student has not earned the degree.

Suprakash Datta, Chair



**Senate Committee on Awards** 

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### FOR INFORMATION

#### 1. President's Research Awards: Call for Nominations

The Call for Nominations for the President's Research Awards was issued at the beginning of October. Descriptions of the three Research Awards are provided below and additional details are available on the <u>Awards Committee website</u>.

Senators are encouraged to submit nominations for the Research Awards and promote the submission of nominations among their colleagues.

The **President's Emerging Research Leadership Award** recognizes two full-time faculty members within five to 10 years of their first academic appointment, who have had a notable impact on their field(s) and made a significant contribution to advancing the University's international reputation for research excellence while significantly and positively contributing to one or more aspects of the York community's intellectual life.

Each year, one award is made to a researcher in the disciplines or fields related to Engineering, Science, Technology, Health and Biomedicine (Cluster 1), and a second award is made to a researcher in the disciplines or fields related to Social Sciences, Arts & Design, Humanities, Business, Law and Education (Cluster 2).

The **President's Research Impact Award** recognizes full-time, active faculty members whose body of research or scholarship has translated into a notable impact on communities, individuals, public policies or practice beyond academe, or translated successfully into impactful commercial or other applications, while significantly and positively contributing to the University's research culture and reputation.

The inaugural competition for the Impact Award was in 2018-2019. This year, for the second competition, the Committee has updated the criteria to highlight research with an impact beyond academe, to more closely reflect the intent and spirit of the Award.

The **President's Research Excellence Award** recognizes senior established, full-time, active faculty members at the rank of Professor, with distinguished scholarly achievements, who have had a notable impact on their field(s) and made a significant contribution to advancing the University's international reputation for research excellence while significantly and positively contributing to one or more aspects of the York community's intellectual life.

### Senate Committee on Awards Report to Senate (cont'd)

This Award is conferred annually, on an alternating basis, between the two disciplinary clusters: Engineering, Science, Technology, Health and Biomedicine (Cluster 1), and Social Sciences, Arts & Design, Humanities, Business, Law and Education (Cluster 2). This year, the competition is open to researchers in Cluster 1.

Jonathan Obar Chair



**Meeting:** Thursday, September 26, 2019, 3:00 pm Dr Robert Everett Senate Chamber, N940 Ross Building

- F. van Breugel (Chair) R. Grinspun A. Macpherson (Vice-Chair) D. Gruspier C. Underhill (Secretary) S. Gururani T. Abdullah M. Hamadeh N. Agrawal M. Herbert J. Amanatides A. Hovorka G. Audette U. Idemudia F. Babiker R. Irving A. Karim T. Baumgartner S. Bay-Cheng M. Kazubowski-Houston A. Belcastro P. Kellv K. Bird R. Koleszar-Green O. Birot I. Kwidzinski D. Cabianca P. Lakin-Thomas R. Cheung R. Lastimosa J. Clark F. Latchford J. Connolloy B. Lawrence S. Datta R. Lenton A. Davis S. Liaskos S. Dav K. Lo W. Denton J. MacDonnell R. Desi-Trilokekar W. Mackwood Y. Dina A. MacLennan M. Dodman J. Magee C. Dumont J. Marra H. Edgell L. Martin C. Ehrlich J. Mayberry P. McDonald J. Etcheverry L. Farkas J. McMurty A. Medovarski L. Farley D. Fernandez K. Michasiw P. Fotoohi N. Morales Caceres L. Fromowitz D. Mutimer A. Garisto R. Myers D. Gelb N. Neill R. Noormohammadi J. Goodyer S. Grace
- 1. Chair's Remarks

The Chair of Senate, Professor Franck van Breugel of the Lassonde School of Engineering, greeted continuing and new Senators, and gave a special welcome to Alison Macpherson, returning to the Vice-Chair role following a sabbatical.

J. Obar J. O' Hagan R. Ophir S. Paradis M. Peav E. Pentland L. Philipps W. Pietro B. Pilkington M. Poon A. Redding M. Reisenleitner R. Rozinskis B. Ryder L. Sanders D. Scheffel-Dunand M. Schoonhoven M. Schweitzer T. Shanahan P. Singh M. Soliman S. Sudarsan P. Szeptycki K. Tasa G. Tourlakis R. Tsushima E. van Rensburg G. Vanstone R. Wellen D. Wilson S. Winton L. Wood J. Wu R. Zacharias G. Zhu D. Zwick

On behalf of Senate condolences were expressed on the recent passing of Professor Margaret Beare, a longtime faculty member of Osgoode and Liberal Arts & Professional Studies; Professor Emeritus Martin Muldoon of the Department of Mathematics & Statistics; and Huw Owen Pritchard, Distinguished Research Professor in the Faculty of Science and a long-serving member of the Department of Chemistry.

Senators were urged to join in celebrating graduating students at the Fall Convocation ceremonies in October.

#### 2. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

#### 3. Inquiries and Communications

a. Report of the 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' August meeting which focused on SMA3 metrics, the measuring and reporting of faculty outputs, and research and innovation in Canada. Senator Davis also briefed Senators on a subsequent COU meeting where Colleagues received an update on the provincial government's definition of experiential education for the purpose of measuring universities' success on the experiential learning SMA3 metric.

Responding to the concerns expressed by a Senator about the metrics selected by the provincial government, President Lenton advised that Ontario university Executive Heads share those concerns and that efforts are underway at the Council of Ontario Universities to broaden the advocacy strategy with a view to mitigating the government's policy approach to the university sector.

#### 4. President's Items

Noting that 2019-2020 is the final year of the current University Academic Plan (UAP), President Rhonda Lenton highlighted the progress made to date on priorities articulated in the Plan and the importance of consolidating progress this year as we look ahead to the next UAP. The University has achieved a great deal of progress on its UAP priorities and it is starting to be recognized for its distinctiveness, as illustrated by York's ranking as 26th in the world and 5th in Canada in the Times Higher Education Impact Ranking.

Referring to the presentation slides circulated in advance of the meeting, President Lenton gave Senators an overview of the new business plan for Markham Centre Campus, to be brought forward to the Board of Governors for approval on 8 October. If Board approval is obtained, the next steps for Markham include engaging in planning discussions with the provincial government, resuming academic planning for the campus, and building partnerships with organizations in the region.

President Lenton also reported on the following items:

- the senior administration's review of resource plans across the University to facilitate enhanced investment in areas identified as priorities during the budget consultation held in 2018-2019
- the individuals who will be honoured with honorary degrees at Fall Convocation: Steven Campbell, Margot Franssen, Dionne Brand and Trina McQueen

The Provost and Vice-President Academic, Lisa Philipps, delivered a presentation and solicited Senate's input on the principles for the establishment and implementation of the Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA3) at York, highlighting the importance of aligning the weighting of the metrics and the University's academic priorities in SMA3.

Senators shared a range of views and asked questions about the President's and Provost's remarks. Included among them were:

- concern about the ability of the University to maintain financial investments at the Glendon and Keele campuses in view of the additional debt to be taken out to fund Markham
- in terms of the approach to program planning at Markham, whether consideration will be given to avoiding duplication with programs currently offered at Glendon and Keele
- concern about the SMA3 metrics on graduate employment rate in a related field and graduate employment earnings

Responding to questions about Markham, President Lenton indicated that the business plan took into consideration the various needs of the Glendon, Keele and Markham campuses. Planned capital expenditures for campus projects on Keele and Glendon campuses will continue. It is anticipated that Markham will generate revenue for the whole University, as Markham students will not only register in courses on that campus, but also on the Glendon and Keele campuses. In view of space constraints at Keele, Markham will enable the University to develop new programming and accommodate the growing faculty complement. Duplication will be avoided in programming at Markham, except in cases where an existing program has high demand and wishes to grow.

Regarding the SMA3 metrics, President Lenton and Provost Philipps indicated that efforts to support students' success and raise awareness about the skills students obtained from their university studies, should be intensified to mitigate possible challenges surrounding the graduation employment metrics.

The monthly "Kudos" report on the achievements of members of the York community was noted.

### **Committee Reports**

#### 5. Executive Committee

a. Election of Members of Non-Designated Senate Committees

The Vice-Chair presented candidates for election to the Appeals, Awards and Tenure & Promotions committees, and confirmed that no other nominations had been received. It was moved, seconded and *carried* "**that nominations be closed**." As a result, Professors Brian Huss (Liberal Arts & Professional Studies) and Saskia Van Viegen (Liberal Arts & Professional Studies) were acclaimed as members of Senate Appeals Committee, Professor Michael Rotondi (Health) was acclaimed as a member of the Senate Committee on Awards, and Professor Benjamin Geva (Osgoode) was acclaimed as a member of the Tenure & Promotions Committee.

b. Senate Rules, Procedures and Guidelines: Revisions

At the meeting of 23 May 2019, Senate received notice of revisions to the Senate Rules and engaged in discussion about the proposed changes. At that time, a request was made to defer the formal review of the Rules from the June 2019 to the September 2019 meeting, which Senate Executive agreed to. To accommodate a request to include input on the revisions from Senators completing their term as of June 2019, the Committee conducted a short electronic survey to gather views on select changes to the Rules. The questions raised and observations offered during the May meeting and through the survey were subsequently considered by the Executive Committee, leading to the finalization of the Rules and their transmission to Senate for a formal review.

It was moved and seconded "that Senate approve the following revisions to the Senate Rules and Procedures, effective October 1 2019, with separate votes to be taken on each of the four separate amendments:

- a. Debating a Motion: proposing a reduction of the time allotted for a Senator to speak to a motion and the introduction of a new time limit for putting a question to a speaker
- b. Speaking to Non-Motion Items on the Floor: proposing an introduction of a new time limit for speaking to a non-motion item of business
- c. Substitutes, Proxies and Designated Alternates: bringing consistency in the document to the rule that there are no substitutes, proxies or designated alternates
- d. Non-substantive changes and additions to enhance clarity on certain matters, including the duties of the Chair, conduct of proceedings and decorum, committee meeting quorum, Senate's nominees to the Board of Governors, and meeting agenda and order of business; a re-ordering of the document to improve the flow and linkages among its many sections; and replacement of the verbatim reproduction of Senate policies and / or

# legislation within the text of the Rules with links to the online posting of the policy."

Speakers commented on various aspects of the proposed changes, and others posed questions. Specifically:

- differing views were expressed on whether the reduction in the allotted speaking time to motions will discourage or foster collegial discussion of academic matters in meetings
- several suggested that the expanded language on *Conduct of Proceedings and Decorum* left room for different interpretations of its meaning
- arguments were voiced in favour of maintaining designated alternates for the CUPE, YUFA and YUSA representatives to Senate, finding the rationale for the change not persuasive
- it was queried whether librarian and archivist members of Senate are included in the revised definition of Senate's nominees to the Board of Governors to "full-time faculty members of Senate"

On the matter of substitutes, proxies and designated alternates, the Chair advised that Senate Executive sought to enhance continuity in the attendance of Senate members at meetings, and to bring consistency to the Rules on this subject as it has been receiving requests to approve alternates for other individual membership positions.

Noting the questions raised on the sections pertaining to Senate's nominees to the Board (sub-section 8.61) and the language on the Conduct of Proceedings and Decorum (section 6), the Chair withdrew those items from motion D for reconsideration by Senate Executive.

On a vote, motions A and D as revised *carried*, and motions B and C were *defeated*.

It was moved, seconded and *carried by the necessary two-thirds majority* "that the meeting be extended to 5:20 pm."

#### c. Information Items

The Executive Committee reported on the following items:

- a request that, time-permitting, the chairs of Senate committees take a few moments to describe the role played by their committees on behalf of Senate, how they conduct business, and what major items to expect in the coming year
- its approval of Senate Committee members nominated by Faculty Councils
- its priorities for 2019-2020

- the results of the Senator and Senate committee member surveys conducted in June, and the Committee's planned follow-up activities
- the University Secretariat's initiatives in support of governance and Senate in 2019-2020
- Senate meeting dates for 2019-2020 with changes approved for December
- actions taken under Summer Authority
- the new Senate agenda package layout, with appendices arranged as a separate document
- Senate attendance in 2018-2019 and a consolidated report on actions taken by Senate in 2018-2019, available for review on the Senate website
- its membership to date for 2019-2020

#### 6. Academic Policy, Planning and Research

a. Information Items

The Chair briefed Senate on the following matters:

- the planned approach to the University Academic Plan renewal process
- the committee's participation in a budget consultation led by the Provost and AVP Finance
- the confirmation of APPRC's priorities for 2019-2020

#### 7. Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy

a. Changes to the Senate Pass / Fail Grades Policy

In introducing the item, Senator Michasiw advised Senators that the revisions to the Pass/Fail Grades Policy approved in June had erroneously exempted two categories of courses from eligibility for the Pass/Fail option: bilingual requirements for Glendon students and "in and out" requirements for Arts, Media, Performance & Design students. As these proscriptions may cause hardship for students, contradicting the spirit and intent of the original revisions, a correction to the Policy is recommended. It was moved, seconded and *carried* "that Senate approve revisions to the Pass/Fail Grades Policy, as set out in ASCP Appendix A, effective 1 September 2019."

b. Changes to degree and admission requirements and deletion and creation of Graduate Fields within the MASc program in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Following brief remarks from Senator Michasiw on the rationale for the changes proposed, it was moved, seconded and *carried* "that Senate approve changes to degree and admission requirements and the deletion and creation of Graduate Fields within the MASc in Electrical and Computer Engineering, housed within the Graduate Program in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Lassonde School of Engineering, Faculty of Graduate Studies, effective FW2019-2020."

#### c. Information Items

ASCP reported on its membership and sub-committee membership for 2019-2020, and its approval of an editorial correction to the calendar copy for the Specialized Honours BSc program in Neuroscience, Department of Biology, Science / Departments of Psychology and Kinesiology & Health Science, Health.

#### 8. Appeals Committee

Time did not permit a report from the Appeals Committee.

#### 9. Awards Committee

Time did not permit a report from the Awards Committee.

#### **10. Tenure & Promotions**

Time did not permit a report from the Tenure & Promotion Committee.

#### **11. Other Business**

a. Motion re: Climate Day of Action

It was moved by Senator Philipps and seconded:

"That Senate declare September 27, 2019 to be a day of academic accommodation for which no student shall receive an academic penalty for not attending classes; and

That faculty members be asked through the Deans / Principal to establish reasonable extensions of deadlines for graded work due on that date, and to provide reasonable academic accommodations to students who choose to attend the Global Climate Strike activities, including reasonable alternative access to materials covered during their absence that does not alter the academic standards associated with the missed activity."

Senators shared the following comments in the discussion of this item:

- a request that the community be advised of events of this nature further in advance going forward
- the view that the Senate and the University as a whole should focus efforts on actions that contribute to resolving the climate crisis
- an update on the York University Faculty Association's recent establishment of a Climate Emergency Committee

On a vote, the motion was carried.

There being no further business, it was moved, seconded and *carried* "that Senate adjourn."

### **Consent Agenda Items**

#### 12. Minutes of the Meeting of June 27, 2019

The minutes of the meeting of June 27, 2019 were approved by consent.

#### 13. Deletion of Graduate Fields and changes to qualifying program for the MA in Translation Studies, Graduate Program in Translation Studies, Glendon / Graduate Studies

Senate *approved by consent* the deletion of Graduate Fields and changes to the qualifying program for the MA in Translation Studies, housed within the Graduate Program in Translation Studies, Glendon / Faculty of Graduate Studies, effective FW2019-2020.

#### 14. Changes to requirements for the Graduate Diploma in Health Industry Management, Schulich School of Business / Graduate Studies

Senate *approved by consent* changes to diploma requirements for the Graduate Diploma in Health Industry Management, housed within the Schulich School of Business, Faculty of Graduate Studies, effective FW2019-2020.

#### 15. Granting of Degrees, Certificates and Diplomas (Fall 2019 to Spring 2020)

By approving an ASCP recommendation, Senate authorized:

- the granting of degrees at the University's convocations held in Fall 2019, February 2020 (Convocation In Absentia) and Spring 2020, and individually to students at any point during the year who have fulfilled the degree program requirements for receipt of degrees;
- the granting of diplomas and certificates at the University's Convocations held in Fall 2019, February 2020 (Convocation In Absentia) and Spring 2020, and individually to students at any point during the year who have fulfilled the requirements for receipt of diplomas and certificates; and
- the forwarding of recommendations for certification by the Faculty of Education to the Ontario College of Teachers for those students who have been deemed "recommended for certification" by the Council of the Faculty of Education.

#### 16. Senators on the Board of Governors re: June 2019 Meeting of the Board

A synopsis of the Board meeting of June 25, 2019 as conveyed by Senators Etcheverry and Tourlakis was noted.

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F. van Breugel, Chair

C. Underhill, Secretary



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#### 461st Meeting held on 8 October 2019

### **Appointments**

Joy Kirchner for an additional five-year term as Dean of Libraries, commencing 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2025.

Robert Wai as the Osgoode Hall Faculty Association (OHFA) nominee on the Pension Fund Board of Trustees for a third three-year term, commencing 1 October 2019.

### Approvals

The President's October 2019 report on appointments, tenure and promotion.

A new business plan for the York University Markham Centre Campus.

An \$8M capital project for the construction of a new, standalone art gallery building on campus.

The naming of the new Art Gallery of York University building. A public announcement of the new name is scheduled for October 25, 2019.

An increase of \$1.3M to the \$6.4M Ross-Central Square Podium deferred maintenance project.

A \$2.35M deferred maintenance project for the renewal of electrical systems which service the Computer Methods International Building (CMiC), the Physical Resources Building (PRB), Kinsmen Building, and the Central Utilities Building (CUB).

The appointment of Ernst and Young as external auditors for the University for 2019-2020.

Amendments to the Policy on Sexual Violence.

The endowment distribution accrual rate for 2019-2020.

### **Presentations**

From the President on 2018-2019 year-end accomplishments and key initiatives for 2019-20, and planning for the Markham Centre Campus.

From the Provost & Vice-President Academic on preparations of the next Strategic Mandate Agreement with the province (SMA3).

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### Reports

President's Year-End Report and the supplement report on Accountability

2018 Annual Report on the York University Pension Plan and Pension Fund

Board Evaluation Survey Results 2018-2019

Brief reports from each of the Executive, Academic Resources, External Relatons, Finance and Audit, Governance and Human Resources, Investment, and Land and Property committees on matters discussed in their meetings this Board cycle.

The agenda for the meeting is posted on the Board of Governors website: <u>http://secretariat.info.yorku.ca/board-of-governors/meeting-agendas-and-synopses/</u>.

Cheryl Underhill, Interim Secretary