

# York University Senate



## Notice of Meeting

Thursday, December 12, 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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2. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

3. **Inquiries and Communications**

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a. Update on SMA3 and Metrics Strategy (L. Philipps; For discussion)

**Note:** Materials will be provided separately. Senators are encouraged to review SMA3 background materials available at: [https://vpap.info.yorku.ca/ppy\\_protected/strategic-mandate-agreements](https://vpap.info.yorku.ca/ppy_protected/strategic-mandate-agreements)

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*C. Underhill, Interim Secretary*



# PRESIDENT'S KUDOS REPORT

DECEMBER 2019



Lassonde School of Engineering Professor [Satinder K. Brar](#) was recognized as this year's Eddy Principles/Processes Wastewater Medal winner, conferred by the Water Environment Federation. The honour is bestowed for research that makes a vital contribution to the existing knowledge of the fundamental principles or process of wastewater treatment.



[Seven York University alumni](#) have been named to Toronto Life's 50 Most Influential Torontonians of 2019:

- Matt Galloway, CBC Radio Host;
- Allison Gordon, CEO and Director, 48North;
- Marie Henein, lawyer;
- Jagmeet Singh, NDP Leader;
- Lilly Singh, late night host;
- Jesse Thistle, author; and
- John Tory, Mayor of Toronto.



For their exemplary support for emerging researchers at York, Psychology Professor Doug Crawford and Osgoode Hall Law School Professor Sean Rehaag are this year's recipients of the Faculty of Graduate Studies' [Postdoctoral Supervisor of the Year Award](#).



Osgoode alumnus [Ranjan Agarwal](#) received the *President's Award* at the South Asian Bar Association of Toronto's 14th Annual Gala & Awards Night for his significant contribution to the advancement of justice in Ontario and beyond.



[Twelve York University alumni](#) were named recipients of the WXN 2019 *Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Award*. The award was created to recognize the incredible accomplishments of women, develop a community of support, and increase the visibility of strong leaders in order to inspire future generations. The twelve alumni are:



- Dr. Wendy Cukier, Professor, Entrepreneurship and Strategy, Ryerson University;
- Monika Federau, Senior Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer, Intact Financial Corporation;



- Melissa Grelo, Co-host, The Social, Bell Media;
- Reetu Gupta, President and Chief Executive Officer, The Easton's Group of Hotels / The Gupta Group;



- Mina Mawani, President and Chief Executive Officer, Crohn's & Colitis Canada;
- Carolyn McPherson, Associate Vice President, Backyard Living and Seasonal, Canadian Tire Corporation, Ltd.;



- Jagoda Pike, President and Chief Executive Officer, Homewood Health Inc. and Homewood Health Centre;
- Jodi Kovitz, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Move the Dial;



- Susan Ursel, Partner, Ursel Phillips Fellows Hopkinson LLP;
- Susan Uthayakumar, Country President Canada, Schneider Electric Canada Inc.;
- Annesley Wallace, Senior Vice-President, Pension Services and Communications, OMERS; and



- Zoya Zayler, Canada Inclusion & Diversity Lead, Accenture.



Lions football player [Jacob Janke](#) received the U SPORTS Russ Jackson Award. Janke is the first-ever York recipient of the national award, which is given to the football player who best exemplifies the attributes of academic achievement, football skill and citizenship. He also earned second-team all-Canadian honours after a tremendous season on the field.



The Art Gallery of York University (AGYU) took home seven out of the 25 awards presented at the 2019 Ontario Association of Art Galleries (OAAG) Awards of Excellence:

- The Inaugural BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Colour) Changemaker Award: Emelie Chhangur, Interim Director/Curator of the AGYU;
- Curatorial writing award: under 2000 words, awarded to Emelie Chhangur for *Communities of Love: Anthony Gebrehiwot* (2018) Art Gallery of York University with Scotiabank CONTACT Photography Festival Gallery;
- Curatorial writing award, major essay: over 5000 words, awarded to Emelie Chhangur and Philip Monk, curator emeritus of the AGYU, for *Migrating the Margins: Circumlocating the Future of Toronto Art* (2019);
- Public Program Award: Emelie Chhangur and Allyson Adley, AGYU collections and education assistant, for the project *RISE/Truth Be Told* (2017-2018)
- Art Publication of the Year: *Migrating the Margins* to Emelie Chhangur and Philip Monk, writers, and Michael Maranda, publication coordinator;
- Partner Award: R.I.S.E. Edutainment, Scarborough for the AGYU project *RISE/Truth Be Told* (experimental film by Bárbara Wagner and Benjamin de Burca); and
- Exhibition Catalogue Design Award: Graphic designer Sameer Farooq for work on the AGYU publication *Migrating the Margins*. [not pictured]



The Board of Regents of the American College of Trial Lawyers has voted to award the [Samuel E. Gates Litigation Award](#) to Osgoode Visiting Professor [David Lepofsky](#) in recognition of his significant contributions to the Bar and the profession and his work as a pioneer in the field of human rights and disability law.

## APPOINTMENTS



[Professor Amir Asif](#) was appointed York's new Vice President of Research & Innovation for a five-year term beginning on May 1, 2020.



[Pascal Robichaud](#) was appointed York's new University Secretary for a five-year term beginning on January 1, 2020.



[John Clarke](#) was appointed the next Packer Visitor in Social Justice in the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies for a two-year term.

## Executive Committee – Report to Senate

At its meeting of November 28, 2019

### FOR ACTION

#### 1. Senate Rules: Revisions

Having provided *Notice of the Motion* in November, Senate Executive recommends:

**“that Senate approve changes to the following sections of the York University Rules of Senate:**

**a. Membership of the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee, effective 1 January 2020 to incorporate:**

- i. The addition of the Dean and Associate Vice-President Graduate (or delegate) as a voting member;**
- ii. a change to the status of the Vice-Provost Students, and the Dean of Libraries from voting to non-voting members; and**
- iii. a change to the status of the Associate Vice-President Teaching & Learning from non-voting to voting.**

**b. Nomination Guidelines and Criteria, effective immediately:**

- i. re-insertion of “faculty” before “members” in the non-succession rules set out in sub-section 1.6.”**

#### Rationale

*a. Membership of the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee*

The suite of changes were prompted by a request from the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) to include on ASCP a voting member from FGS in recognition of the upcoming changes to the graduate curriculum review process. Currently, the governance pathway of graduate curriculum proposals is from FGS Committee and Council to ASCP. Beginning in 2019-2020, Faculty-level approval authority is shifting from FGS to program anchor Faculties, the latter of which will transmit proposals directly to ASCP.

While the new centralized curriculum management tool will enable FGS to continue to be engaged in curriculum development at the early stages, the addition of a designated voting member on ASCP will ensure the committee has valuable context for graduate program curriculum, and a resource for graduate-level standards and policy matters.

Designating the Dean (or delegate) to the committee also establishes a communications channel back to the Faculty, ensuring FGS remains abreast of graduate curriculum developments.

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While considering the request from FGS, ASCP took the opportunity to reflect upon other adjustments to its membership. The current composition of the Committee includes one Librarian or Archivist elected by Senate and the Dean of Libraries, and the University Registrar and the Vice-Provost Students. Both the Dean and the Vice-Provost have communicated that the active participation of the elected Librarian / Archivist and the Registrar on ASCP provide the necessary perspective and input from these two University divisions, such that neither the Dean nor the Vice-Provost have found the need to attend committee meetings. Accordingly, it is proposed – with the support of both Vice-Provost Fromowitz and Dean Kirchner - to change the status of the Vice-Provost Students and Dean of Libraries to non-voting. This status maintains their ability to attend meetings should they wish to address items of business before the Committee, and provides an avenue to keep abreast of matters considered by ASCP.

ASCP has grappled for some time with strategies to fulfil the pedagogy component of its mandate. The Associate Vice-President Teaching & Learning was included as a non-voting member of the Committee at the time ASCP was established in 2009. In recent years, the various incumbents have regularly attended and participated in meetings. Changing the status of the AVP Teaching & Learning to a voting member could serve to strengthen the Committee's engagement with the area of pedagogy, and would recognize the important role the AVP plays on ASCP.

### *b. Nomination Guidelines and Criteria*

When the collection of revisions to the *Rules of Senate* was approved at the Senate meeting in September, included among them were several non-substantive changes and additions to enhance clarity and improve the flow of the document. As part of these revisions, the *Nomination Guidelines and Criteria* in the Rules were changed; specifically, the word “faculty” was dropped from sub-section 1.6, which inadvertently resulted in a change to the meaning of the section on non-succession on committees.

Under the previous Senate Rules, Procedures and Guidelines, it was understood that faculty members should not succeed themselves on a committee to serve an additional three years. As revised, sub-section 1.6 of the Rules states simply that “members should not succeed themselves on a committee.” As written, it would apply to students (who are appointed for one-year terms) as well as faculty members. Re-inserting “faculty” before “members” in sub-section 1.6 preserves the intended Rule.

## FOR INFORMATION

### **2. Principles Governing a Presidential Search**

At its November meeting, Senate discussed the question of whether there is a need for the *Principles Governing a Presidential Search* to be reviewed at this time. Following that in-person discussion, Senators' feedback was also sought through an e-survey on the same question to furnish ample input on the matter for Executive. At the time of the Executive meeting on 3 December 2019, the survey was still in progress. The quantitative and qualitative results of that exercise, together with a summary of the November Senate discussion, will be reviewed by Executive at its next meeting. The Committee will assess whether the response received provides the basis for reliably

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deducing consensus on the question, and if so, what opinion has been expressed. Executive will report its assessment to Senate in January, including a summary of the quantitative and qualitative results of the survey.

### 3. Approval of Committee Members Nominated by Alumni Association

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

#### Awards Committee

Ali Badruddin (BBA '09)

#### Sub-Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials

Paul Nguyen (BA '04)

### 4. Approval of Members of Senate Committees Nominated by Student Senators

The Executive Committee reported to Senate last month the approval of the student Senators nominated to serve on Senate committees for 2019-2020. At its meeting in December, Executive approved the student nominated by the Student Senator Caucus for the one remaining vacancy on Committees, the Senate Appeals Committee (SAC):

**Alexander Bajic**, Undergraduate, Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, Political Science (Major) / History (Minor).

### 5. Autumn Meeting of the Senate Committee Chairs and Secretaries

The autumn meeting of Senate committee chairs and secretaries was held on 5 December 2019. Progress on committees' 2019-2020 priorities, and initiatives to enhance governance processes were shared. This being the year for the development of the new University Academic Plan, the opportunity was taken to seek the input of the Chairs on the framing of the new Plan. A robust conversation was facilitated by the Chair of APPRC, in which views were expressed about the advantages and disadvantages that come with the two different *grand challenges* and *thematic* approaches. Reflections will be transmitted to APPRC as it continues its consultation exercise on the next UAP.

*Franck van Breugel, Chair*  
*Alison Macpherson Vice-Chair*

*Special thanks are due to Professor Franck van Breugel as he ends his term as Chair. It has been a privilege to support him, his commitment to collegial governance and utter selfless dedication to this University. He has given countless hours to fulfilling - surpassing - the responsibilities of the Chair, all the while maintaining many, many service functions within his home department and graduate program, all with his characteristic thoroughness and good will. Both as Vice-Chair and Chair he has been instrumental in successfully guiding to completion the monthly business of Senate and several of its larger initiatives,*

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*lending his critical intellect, careful eye and judicious counsel. Senate is better from having had him at the helm.*

*We hope he will return to Senate in some capacity in the near future, and convey our utmost appreciation and best wishes in the interim.*

*Cheryl Underhill and the staff of the University Secretariat.*

## Report to Senate

At its meeting of 12 December 2019

### FOR ACTION

#### 1. Establishment of a School of Global Health in the Faculty of Health (Statutory Motion)

APPRC recommends that Senate approve,

1. the establishment of a School of Global Health as a new academic unit within the Faculty of Health, effective 1 July 2020 subject to approval by the Board of Governors; and
2. the transfer of the BA and BSc degree programs in Global Health from the Dean's Office, Faculty of Health, to the School of Global Health, Faculty of Health, effective 1 July 2020.

#### Rationale

The proposal to establish the School of Global Health, the first of its kind in Canada, has been under consideration for some time and was approved by the Faculty Council of Health on 6 November 2019 and the Senate Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee on 21 November 2019. The transdisciplinary field focuses on the global forces, factors and actors which shape health and multi- and trans-national opportunities and interventions from the lens of medicine, public health, health sciences, law, and social sciences. Despite the distinctive nature of the discipline, the majority of global health programs are housed within schools of medicine or public health. Seeking to demonstrate leadership in this space, the Faculty of Health wishes to establish a new School of Global Health to support a stable administrative infrastructure to facilitate the growth and interdisciplinary nature of Canada's contribution to global health.

The establishment of a School in Global Health is a natural evolution of ongoing activities at York to advance its strength in this field, including the establishment of the BSc and BA programs in Global Health launched in 2014, the establishment of the organized research unit the Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health Research, and the addition of leading global health researchers and practitioners to the faculty complement. The BSc and BA programs have experienced significant enrolment growth and plans are underway to develop a PhD program in Global Health. Formalizing the status of Global Health at York will enable the School to build upon its achievements to date.

The Dean of the Faculty of Health confirms that the undergraduate programs provide the financial foundation to support the School's faculty, staff and operations. Letters of support for the new School from the Provost and others are included in the documentation. The proponents make a strong case that the transfer of activities will

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enhance York's global health profile, and they situate their ambitions for the School in the institutional academic planning, national and international context. APPRC is satisfied that the new unit will have the resources, critical mass, and enrolment demand necessary to make it sustainable and successful.

Documentation is attached as Appendix A.

## FOR INFORMATION

### 2. 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 has been drafted, 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.

In terms of the development of UAP 2020-2025, APPRC launched consultations with an Open Forum on 7 November 2019 where the committee gathered input from community members on possible models for framing the new UAP as well as on the content of the plan. Consultations with Faculty Councils, Senate committees, students, faculty and staff are being held over the course of November, December and January.

A consultation with Senate will be facilitated this month. Presentation slides and the draft retrospective on UAP 2020-2025 are attached as Appendix B, to serve as references for Senators. Senators also are encouraged to visit the [University Academic Plan Renewal website](#) for more information about the process.

In addition to participating in in-person consultations, community members are encouraged to provide input through an [online questionnaire](#) or by email to [info.univsec@yorku.ca](mailto:info.univsec@yorku.ca).

Carl S. Ehrlich  
Chair of APPRC

## Senate Committee on Awards

### Report to Senate

At its meeting of 12 December 2019

#### FOR INFORMATION

##### 1. Call for Nominations: President's University-Wide Teaching Awards

The Call for Nominations for the President's University-Wide Teaching Awards was issued at the end of November. The Teaching Awards honour those who, through innovation and commitment, have significantly enhanced the quality of learning by York students. Four awards are offered each year in the following categories:

- Full-Time tenured faculty with 10 or more years of full-time teaching experience
- Full-Time faculty (tenured/tenure-stream/CLA) with less than 10 years of teaching experience
- Contract and adjunct faculty
- Teaching assistants

The purpose of these awards is to provide significant recognition for excellence in teaching, to encourage its pursuit, to publicize such excellence when achieved across the University and in the wider community, and to promote informed discussion of teaching and its improvement.

The Teaching Awards criteria and nomination form are available on the [Awards Committee website](#). The deadline for nominations is Friday, 31 January 2020 at 4:30 pm.

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

Jonathan Obar, Chair



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F. van Breugel (Chair)	S. Grace	R. Ophir
L. Farley (Acting Vice-Chair)	D. Gruspier	S. Paradis
C. Underhill (Secretary)	M. Guzman	P. Park
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L. Amello	A. Hovorka	W. Pietro
A. Badruddin	U. Idemudia	B. Pilkington
A. Bajic	I. Jamaa	A. Pitt
T. Baumgartner	P. Kelly	M. Poon
S. Bay-Cheng	A. Kimakova	S. Premji
K. Bird	R. Koleszar-Green	A. Pyee
D. Cabianca	I. Kwidzinski	M. Reisenleitner
R. Cheung	P. Lakin-Thomas	I. Roberge
J. Clark	R. Lastimoso	L. Sanders
M. Cobblah	F. Latchford	M. Schoonhoven
M. Condon	J. Lazenby	C. Steele
S. Cote-Meek	V. Lehan-Streisel	S. Sudarsan
A. Czekanski	T. Loebel	K. Tasa
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A. Davis	J. Magee	P. Theophanidis
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W. Denton	A. Maxwell	R. Tsushima
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M. Dodman	C. McAulay	N. Waweru
C. Dumont	P. McDonald	R. Wellen
H. Edgell	A. Medovarski	B. White
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J. Etcheverry	T. Moore	D. Wilson
L. Farkas	N. Morales Caceres	S. Winton
D. Fernandez	M. Morrow	L. Wood
P. Fotoohi	R. Myers	R. Zacharias
R. Fournier	J. Obar	G. Zhu
L. Fromowitz	J. O'Hagan	D. Zwick
D. Gelb		

### 1. Chair's Remarks

The Chair, Professor Franck van Breugel of the Lassonde School of Engineering, welcomed Senators to the meeting. Senate Executive member Professor Lisa Farley served as Acting Vice-Chair in the absence of Senator Macpherson. The Chair shared with Senators the news of the appointment of the new Secretary of the University, Pascal Robichaud, joining York in January from the Université de Moncton, and expressed condolences on the passing of Professors Emeritus Randy Scott and Michael Boyer, the latter for whom the woodlot on the Keele Campus was named *The Michael G. Boyer Woodlot*.

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## 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 COU meetings of September, which focused on exploring areas in which universities could demonstrate thought leadership in the public sphere. Drawing on universities' strategic and academic plans, several common priorities on which universities could be thought leaders were identified, including environmental sustainability and reconciliation and indigenization. Senator Davis reported on the other items on the Colleagues' agenda, which included updates on the findings of COU's Affiliate Review and the provincial government's engagement process for SMA3.

## 4. President's Items

President Rhonda Lenton addressed the November 20 protest in Vari Hall that emerged in response to a student organized panel discussion on the topic of anti-Semitism. Significant safety planning ahead of the event enabled it to proceed, consistent with the University's *Statement of Policy on Free Speech*. President Lenton expressed her disappointment at the behaviour displayed at the protest and condemned acts of violence on all York campuses. In response to the events of November 20, the President has tasked the Offices of the Vice-President Equity, People and Culture, and Vice-Provost Students to undertake a comprehensive review of the incident, and to make recommendations to ensure alignment of York's processes with best practices. The results of the investigation will be made available to the York community.

Remarks were also delivered by the President on the following:

- the ongoing Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA3) negotiations with the provincial government, and the plan to gather at the December meeting Senate's input on the strategy for weighting the metrics
- the re-engagement of planning for Markham Centre Campus
- the appointments of Dr. Amir Asif as Vice-President Research and Innovation, and Pascal Robichaud as University Secretary, and expressions of appreciation to Rui Wang and Cheryl Underhill for providing continuity in those roles on an interim basis

Responding to a comment in which a Senator expressed concern about the University's plan to acquire additional debt to fund Markham in the context of financial challenges within some Faculties, President Lenton advised that the current review of the SHARP

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budget model will provide an opportunity to identify improvements that better address Faculty needs and support program interdisciplinarity. The decision to proceed with Markham lies in the long-term strategy of the University to position itself in the heart of one of the province's most rapidly growing areas, and York as the provider of higher education in that region. This pan-university strategy will be to the benefit of the Keele and Glendon campuses as well, as the opportunities presented by the campus for the University outweigh the risks of not establishing a foothold there.

In response to a question, President Lenton noted that a draft SMA3 submission is due to the provincial government on 17 December, which provides for a Senate discussion of the strategy on metrics at its meeting on 12 December; it is anticipated that there will be an opportunity for refinements prior to the Agreement being finalized with the government in March 2020.

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

## Committee Reports

### 5. Executive Committee

#### a. Senate Rules, Procedures and Guidelines: Revisions

The Executive Committee gave notice of its intention to recommend a statutory motion to Senate for the following revisions to the York University Rules of Senate:

#### a) **Membership of the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy**

**Committee**, as outlined in Appendix B of the York University Rules of Senate, effective 1 January 2020, to incorporate:

- i. The addition of the Dean and Associate Vice-President Graduate (or delegate) as a voting member;
- ii. a change to the status of the Vice-Provost Students, and the Dean of Libraries from voting to non-voting members; and
- iii. a change to the status of the Associate Vice-President Teaching & Learning from non-voting to voting.

#### b) **Nomination Guidelines and Criteria** as outlined in Appendix C of Sub-section 1.6 of the York University Rules of Senate, effective immediately:

- i. re-insertion of "faculty" before "members" in the non-succession rules set out in sub-section 1.6.

#### b. Nominees for Election to Senate Committees and Other Positions

The Acting Vice-Chair presented a candidate for election as Vice-Chair of Senate and confirmed that no other nominations had been received. It was moved, seconded and

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*carried* “**that nominations be closed.**” As a result, Professor Mario Roy was acclaimed as Vice-Chair of Senate from 1 January 2020 to 30 June 2021, followed by an 18-month term as Chair of Senate.

### c. Disestablishment of the Faculty Council, Faculty of Environmental Studies

It was moved, seconded and *carried* “**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.**”

### d. Principles Governing a Presidential Search: Discussion

The Acting Vice-Chair drew Senators’ attention to the framing question for the discussion – whether there is a need to review at this time the *Principles Governing a Presidential Search* – and highlighted that, as the governing legislation is a shared responsibility between Senate and the Board of Governors, any interest in pursuing changes would need to be a mutual decision of both bodies.

Senators shared a range of views on the question. Included among them were:

- Senate should have greater engagement in the presidential search process, through an *in camera* meeting with short-listed candidates
- the Principles are *ultra vires* of the York Act; the power that is accorded to Senate in the Act was effectively transferred to the Board of Governors with the approval of the revisions to the Principles in 2005
- electing Senate designates on the search committee does not meet the requirement of consultation with Senate as expressed in the York Act; need a broader assessment of the candidates, and that can only be achieved by a distinct Senate process; there is no evidence that the prior approach did not work in the past
- if pursued, the review of the Principles should focus on the membership of the search committee, including the existing super majority structure of the Committee which has proven difficult to work with
- the membership of the search committee should include a representative from among contract faculty
- Senate currently plays an important role in the search process through the review of the position profile and the nomination of Senators to the search committee
- the importance of placing trust in the search committee to make a sound decision
- only 2 post-secondary institutions in Canada have the requirement for an open search process in their legislative Acts; all other universities have it as a Board generated process, the majority of which have a confidential process

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- broad consultation by the search committee occurs as part of York’s process; Senators must trust in their Senate colleagues and the Board members who serve in this role

In concluding the discussion, the Chair noted that an electronic survey will be conducted following the Senate meeting to allow Senators to reflect on the discussion, and share their opinion and thoughts on the question.

### e. Information Items

The Executive Committee reported on the following items:

- its approval of the Lassonde School of Engineering’s nominee to the Executive Committee
- its approval of students nominated by the Student Senator Caucus for membership on Senate committees for 2019-2020
- its review of Faculty Council rules and procedures of the School of the Arts, Media, Performance & Design
- additions to the pool of prospective honorary degree recipients and the renewal of several candidates currently residing in the pool
- confirmation that a December meeting of Senate will be held on Thursday 12 December at 3:00 pm

## 6. Academic Policy, Planning and Research

### a. Establishment of the School of Global Health in the Faculty of Health

APPRC gave notice of its intention to put forward the following statutory motions to Senate for approval:

- i. the establishment of a School of Global Health as a new academic unit within the Faculty of Health effective 1 July 2020, subject to approval by the Board of Governors; and
  - ii. the transfer of the BA and BSc degree programs in Global Health from the Dean’s Office, Faculty of Health, to the School of Global Health, Faculty of Health, effective 1 July 2020.
- b. Establishment of the Faculty of Urban and Environmental Change (Statutory Motion)

It was moved and seconded “**that Senate approve and recommend that the Board of Governors approve,**

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- 1. the establishment of the Faculty of Urban and Environmental Change comprising the Faculty of Environmental Studies and the Department of Geography, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, to commence operations 1 January 2020, with a full launch on 1 September 2020;**
- 2. the disestablishment of the Faculty of Environmental Studies, effective 31 August 2020;**
- 3. the disestablishment of the Department of Geography, housed in the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, effective 31 August 2020;**

**And that Senate approve:**

- 4. the 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; and**
- 5. the transfer of the constituent academic programs and curricula from the Department of Geography, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies to the new Faculty of Urban and Environmental Change, effective 1 September 2020;**

The Chair noted that the name of the Faculty is provisional, with the final name to be reported to Senate as confirmed prior to the 1 September launch. The motion was *carried*.

### c. Vice-President Research & Innovation Annual Report

Associate Vice-President Haig-Brown presented the Vice-President Research and Innovation Annual Report on behalf of Vice-President Wang. Speaking to presentation slides included in the agenda package, AVP Haig-Brown highlighted successes in York's research leadership, research productivity and funding, research communications, and innovation activities, including reaching the \$100M mark in sponsored research income, and Innovation York's relationship-building through initiatives like the Entrepreneurial Leadership and Learning Alliance supporting women entrepreneurs in York Region.

The report generated a discussion about the increased number of teaching stream appointments, the difficulties of moving into professorial stream positions, and the need to convey the valuable role the teaching stream brings to the University.

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## d. Information items

APPRC reported on the following information items:

- its reflections on the Vice-President Research and Innovation Annual Report
- an update on the University Academic Plan renewal process

## 7. Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy

The items for information reported to the Committee were *noted*.

## 8. Tenure and Promotions

### a. Annual Report on Tenure and Promotion

Referring to the Annual Report for 2018-2019, Senator Baumgartner, Chair of the Tenure and Promotions Committee, spoke briefly to the procedural guidance it shared this past year with Faculty and unit-level tenure and promotion committees.

## 9. Other Business

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

## Consent Agenda Items

### 10. Changes to admission and degree requirements for the MASc and PhD programs in Mechanical Engineering, Graduate Program in Mechanical Engineering, Lassonde School of Engineering / Faculty of Graduate Studies

Senate *approved by consent* changes to the admission and degree requirements for the MASc and PhD programs in Mechanical Engineering, housed within the Graduate Program in Mechanical Engineering, Lassonde School of Engineering / Faculty of Graduate Studies, effective FW2020-2021.

### 11. Changes to degree requirements for the MA and PhD programs in Health, Graduate Program in Health, Faculty of Health / Faculty of Graduate Studies

Senate *approved by consent* to the degree requirements for the MA and PhD programs in Health, housed within the Graduate Program in Health, Faculty of Health / Faculty of Graduate Studies, effective FW2019-2020.

### 12. Minutes of the Meeting of October 24, 2019

The minutes of the meeting of October 24, 2019 were *approved by consent*.

F. van Breugel, Chair \_\_\_\_\_

C. Underhill, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_