



The Senate of York University

Synopsis

of the 611th Meeting of Senate held on Thursday, February 26, 2015

Remarks

The Chair, Professor Roxanne Mykitiuk, expressed appreciation to Senators for their sympathy and support, and offered special thanks to the Vice-Chair, Professor George Comninel, for ably chairing in her absence. She confirmed that, in anticipation of a possible disruption of academic activities, the Executive Committee has taken the preparatory steps outlined in the Senate Policy on the Academic Implications of Disruptions or Cessations of University Business Due to Labour Disputes or Other Causes.

In his remarks, President Mamdouh Shoukri hailed the Board's approval of a Policy on Sexual Assault Awareness, Prevention, and Response. Developed by stakeholders throughout the University, the Policy is a significant milestone that reinforces the University's commitments and recognized leadership in this domain. A well-attended and successful YU Research Leaders celebration held on February 25 showcased the University's top-flight research and honoured Professor Sergey Krylov, Faculty of Science, as the recipient of the President's Research Excellence Award and Professor Shayna Rosenbaum, Faculty of Health, who received the President's Emerging Research Leadership Award. Dr Shoukri also commented on the Council of Ontario University's Community Transformation Report and the development of the Institutional Strategic Directions Document (ISDD).

At the request of the President, Vice-Provost Academic Alice Pitt updated Senate on preparations for the Pan Am and Parapan Am Games events on the Keele campus this summer.

In a follow up to discussion at the January meeting, Vice-President Finance and Administration Gary Brewer transmitted a progress report on safety initiatives and investments.

Reports

The Academic Colleague to the Council of Ontario Universities, Professor George Turlakis, presented COU's February Issues Update.

A synopsis of the Board of Governor's meeting of February 23, 2015 was presented by Senators on the Board, Professor Angelo Belcastro and Professor David Leyton-Brown.

Approvals

Senate approved recommendations made by the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee to:

- establish MAsc and PhD Programs in Mechanical Engineering, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Lassonde School of Engineering / Faculty of Graduate Studies
- establish an Honours BA and Honours Minor Program in Educational Studies, Faculty of Education
- establish a Diploma in Advanced Accounting (Type 1), Schulich School of Business / Faculty of Graduate Studies

- establish a Diploma in Professional Accounting, School of Administrative Studies, Faculty of Graduate Studies
- establish a Bilingual BSc Program in Biology, Department of Multidisciplinary Studies, Glendon
- change the structure, degree and admission requirements of the Master of Accounting Program, Schulich School of Business / Faculty of Graduate Studies
- establish a 90-credit Degree and Honours Minor Options for the BA Program in Professional Writing, Writing Department, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
- establish a 90-credit Degree Option for the BA Program in Jewish Studies, Humanities Department, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
- change degree and admission requirements for the Masters of Financial Accountability Program, School of Administrative Studies / Faculty of Graduate Studies
- establish an Honours Minor Option for the BA and BSc Programs in Global Health, Faculty of Health
- change requirements for the Master of Education Program, Graduate Studies
- change admission requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing 2nd Degree Entry Program, School of Nursing, Faculty of Health
- change degree requirements and adjust options for Certificates of Proficiency Requirements, Department of Languages, Literatures & Linguistics, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
- change degree requirements and adjust options for the BA and BSc Programs in Computer Science, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Lassonde School of Engineering
- change bilingual requirements for the BA Program in Linguistics & Language Studies, Department of Linguistics & Language Studies, Glendon
- amend the Mature Student Admission Category

Senate Committee Information Items

The Executive Committee advised that it had concurred with recent recommendations made by its Sub-Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials with the result that four new candidates have been deemed eligible for honorary degrees. Senate Executive also reported that it had completed its annual review of Faculty Council membership lists for 2014-2015, and was scheduled to meet with members of the Board Executive Committee at an informal dinner gathering on March 3. A communication on safety and other matters from Senator Prakash Amarasooriya was appended to the report.

The Awards Committee reported on the distribution of undergraduate student awards for 2013-2014 and profiled recipients of the President's Research Awards.

Academic Policy, Planning and Research provided Senate with an updated chronology of its engagement with Academic and Administrative Program Review (AAPR), confirmed that it had begun meetings with the Deans, Principal and University Librarian, and advised that amendments to the Senate – Board of Governors Policy on Endowed Chairs and Professorships would be forthcoming.

Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy reported that it had approved minor degree requirement changes for the following:

Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies

Honours and Specialized Honours Bachelor of Public Administration Programs
 BA Programs in Italian Studies
 Honours and Specialized Honours BA Programs in Professional Writing
 BA Programs in Business & Society
 BA Programs in Health & Society
 BA Programs in International Development Studies
 BA Programs in Interdisciplinary Social Science
 BA Programs in Law & Society
 BA Programs in Urban Studies
 BA Programs in Work & Labour Studies

School of Arts, Media, Performance and Design

BA and Specialized Honours BA and Honours Minor Programs in Music
BFA Program in Music
Honours BFA Program in Visual Arts
90-credit BA Program in Visual Arts

Faculty of Health

BScN Post-RN Program for Internationally Education Nurses
Specialized Honours Bachelor of Health Studies, Health Management

Glendon

BA Programs in Canadian Studies

Lassonde School of Engineering

Honours Minor BA and BSc Programs in Computer Science
Specialized Honours BA and BSc Programs in Computer Security
BEng Program in Electrical Engineering

In a joint report, APPRC and ASCP conveyed an annual report on Non-Degree Studies furnished by the Vice-Provost Academic.

For information on these items please refer to the full Senate agenda posted online.

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**Senate's 612th meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m.
on Thursday, March 26, 2015
in the Senate Chamber, Ross Building, Keele Campus.**