



## **The Senate of York University**

### **Synopsis**

**Meeting of Senate held on  
Thursday, March 26, 2015**

### **The 614<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Senate of York University**

#### **Remarks**

The Chair of Senate, Professor Roxanne Mykitiuk, stressed the need for continued decorum and collegiality as Senators conducted their important work.

Acknowledging the difficulties caused by the strike, President Shoukri expressed full confidence that the community will come together quickly and positively when it ends. He and Vice-President Finance and Administration Gary Brewer described the steps taken to enhance the safety of picket lines.

#### **Approvals**

Senate approved recommendations of the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee to

- amend the Senate- Board of Governors Policy Endowed Chairs and Professorships (re-named the Policy on the Establishment and Designation of Research and Teaching Chairs and Professorships and Distinguished Fellowships)
- establish a Policy on Externally Funded Regular Named Chairs

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

- the establishment of MASc and PhD Programs in Civil Engineering, Department of Civil Engineering, Lassonde School of Engineering / Faculty of Graduate Studies
- changes to the degree requirements of the International Bachelor of Business Administration Program (iBBA), Schulich School of Business
- changes to the degree requirements of the BA and iBA Specialized Honours Programs in Economics, Economics Department, Glendon

#### **Committee Information Reports**

Senate Executive provided Senate with a record of its meetings and decisions prior to and during the disruption of academic activities that began on March 3. The Vice-Chair, Professor George Comninel, highlighted options set out in the Committee's March 26 document on "Completion of Courses: Principles for Remediation and Accommodation." One provision of the document – on assessed grades -- drew special attention, and the Committee agreed to review the text of this and other elements to ensure clarity. The Committee also reported that it had approved the membership of Professor Michael Longford, School of the Arts, Media, Performance and Design on Senate Executive, and had postponed an informal gathering with members of the Board of Governors' Executive Committee earlier in March.

Academic Policy, Planning and Research announced that a planning forum scheduled for April 23 has been postponed to the autumn. Documents related to recent planning discussions with the Deans, Principal and University Librarian will be transmitted to Senate in April.

Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy advised that it had approved minor modifications to degree requirements for the following:

Glendon

- BA programs in Business Economics
- BA programs in International Studies

- BA and BSc programs in Psychology

Faculty of Science

- 90-credit BSc program in Physics and Astronomy, Physics Stream
- Specialized Honours BSc program in Physics & Astronomy (each of the Applied Physics, Astronomy and Physics Streams)

Schulich School of Business

- BBA / iBBA program (degree requirements and an academic regulation)

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

**University Secretariat: extension 55310**

**Senate's 615th meeting is scheduled for 3:00 p.m.  
on Thursday, April 23, 2015  
in the Senate Chamber, Ross Building, Keele Campus.**