

The Senate of York University

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The 622nd Meeting of Senate held on Thursday, January 28, 2016

Remarks

The President, Dr Mamdouh Shoukri, commented on a successful Inclusion Day Conference held on January 27, and called on the University community to uphold core values in a respectful, inclusive manner without intimidation or marginalization. An advisory committee will be struck to review the University's policies to ensure that they promote and sustain free and open exchanges in a positive atmosphere. President Shoukri expressed confidence that the new federal government is sensitive to the special role of universities, and he continues to work with others in championing postsecondary causes. A funding recommendation has not yet been submitted to the Treasury Board for the new campus, but the University is enhancing its presence in Markham under the leadership of Professor Angelo Belcastro, Advisor and Executive Director for the project. On the eve of a trip to India as a member of an Ontario government delegation, Dr Shoukri looked forward to visiting York's campus in Hyderabad and further solidifying ties with partners in that country.

The President's monthly "Kudos Report" can be accessed from the agenda package.

Reports

Under the auspices of the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee (APPRC), Vice-President Research and Innovation Robert Haché presented his annual report on research. The main topics covered were:

- recognition accorded to York faculty members and graduate student researchers
- York's publications and citations record in comparative perspective
- individual and aggregated sponsored income (which has grown over a five-year period)
- notable achievements in collaborative research
- the University's standing in national indicators of research intensity
- growth in the number, kind and value of research interactions facilitated by Innovation York and the Knowledge Mobilization unit
- major initiatives for the year, included the VPRI's active participation in the UAP renewal exercise, action arising from a forthcoming report of the Task Force on Sustainability Research, and the developing consensus around priorities and strategies to be identified in the Plan for the Intensification and Enhancement of Research (PIER)

The report can be accessed from the Senate meeting Website with other material for the meeting.

Approvals

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

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- establish an Honours Minor Degree Option in Cognitive Science, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
- change degree and admission requirements for the Honours Minor in Business, School of Administrative Studies, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
- close the Specialized Honours BA and Honours Double Major Interdisciplinary (Linked) BA degree options, Italian Studies, Department of Languages, Literatures & Linguistics, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies and revise degree requirements for the Honours BA program
- merge the *General Certificate in Gender & Women's Studies* and the *Advanced Certificate in Gender & Women's Studies* under the name of *Certificate in Gender and Women's Studies* and requirements, School of Women's Studies , Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies and Glendon
- change the name of the MAsC program in Computer Engineering to *Electrical & Computer Engineering* while adding Electrical Engineering as a field of specialization to the program and revising certain other degree and admission requirements, Lassonde School of Engineering
- close three streams within the BA and BSc Programs in Computer Science, Department of Electrical Engineering & Computer Science, Lassonde School of Engineering
- change requirements for the Dispute Resolution Specialization of the Professional LLM Program, Osgoode Hall Law School / Faculty of Graduate Studies
- change the name of the Earth Science Stream within the BSc Program in Earth & Atmospheric Science to *Geomatics Science*, Earth & Space Science Engineering, Lassonde School of Engineering

Notices of Motions

ASCP gave notice of its intention to recommend at a future meeting the establishment of a new degree type of Master of Management, Schulich School of Business / Faculty of Graduate Studies (at the same meeting it will recommend approval of a related degree program).

APPRC gave notice of its intention to recommend approval of University Academic Plan 2015-2020.

The Executive Committee gave notice of its intention to recommend approval of amendments to Senate's rules and procedures.

Facilitated Discussion

Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy facilitated a discussion of a series of related initiatives in progress which together comprised an "academic forgiveness" framework:

- establishment of a *Senate Policy and Guidelines on Withdrawn from Course (W) Option*

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- amendments to the *Senate Policy on Repeating Passed or Failed Courses for Credit*
- establishment of a *Senate Policy on Course Relief*

Committee Information Reports

Senate Executive informed Senators that it had approved the addition of four individuals to the pool of prospective honorary degree candidates as recommended for approval by the Sub-Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonial. The Committee also called on the community to nominate worthy candidates that will make the pool as diverse as possible.

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

Arts, Media, Performance and Design

- Specialized Honours Bachelor of Design program

Graduate Studies

- PhD program in Social Work

Lassonde School of Engineering

- BEng program in Computer Engineering
- BEng program in Geomatics Engineering
- BEng degree programs in Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Software Engineering
- BEng degree program in Electrical Engineering
- BSc programs in Earth and Atmospheric Science

Liberal Arts & Professional Studies

- BA program in Health & Society
- Professional Certificate in Accounting (SAS)
- Specialized Honours BAS Program, Accounting Stream
- Sexuality Studies Certificate

In a memorandum addressed to the Executive Committee, APPRC described its role on behalf of Senate concerning the Markham Centre campus as academic planning unfolds.

Please refer to the full Senate agenda posted online for additional information.

<http://secretariat.info.yorku.ca/files/senate-agenda-20160128.pdf>

Senate next meets at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 25, 2016.