

The Senate of York University

Synopsis

The 623rd Meeting of Senate held on Thursday, February 25, 2016

University Academic Plan 2015-2020

Senate approved **University Academic Plan 2015-2020** as recommended by the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee. The new UAP was developed by APPRC and its Technical Sub-Committee during an intensive community consultation process culminating in Senate's approval.

Remarks

The Chair of Senate, Professor George Connell, invited Senators to attend a memorial following the meeting for Professor Ellen Meiksins Wood, a long-time member of the Political Science Department and Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

The President, Dr Mamdouh Shoukri, reported on a successful trip to India as a delegate with Premier Wynne's recent trade mission. His itinerary included visits to Schulich's Hyderabad campus and other institutions with close ties to York. A decision on funding for the Markham Centre Campus is expected in the near future. Canadian universities remain optimistic that the federal government will enrich support for research and infrastructure. Seventeen York graduates serving as Members of Parliament (including Navdeep Bains, the Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development) attended a dinner hosted by the University in Ottawa.

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

President's Research Awards for 2016

The Awards Committee profiled recipients of the 2016 President's Research Awards, Professor Bridget Stuchbury (Department of Biology, Faculty of Science) and Professor Rebecca Pillai-Riddell (Department of Psychology, Faculty of Health).

Reports

Under the auspices of the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee, Provost Rhonda Lenton and Vice-President Finance and Administration Gary Brewer provided an update on planning for the Markham Centre campus.

A presentation on planning for the Markham Centre campus can be accessed with other material posted on the Senate Website.

Approvals

Senate approved changes to its Rules and Procedures as recommended by the Executive Committee.

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

- establish a *Policy and Guidelines on Withdrawn from Course Option* and a *Policy on Course Relief*
- amend the Senate Policy *on Repeating Passed or Failed Courses for Academic Credit*
- establish new degree options for BA and BSc Programs in Global Health (Faculty of Health)
- close the BA Programs in Italian Culture (Department of Languages, Literatures & Linguistics, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies)
- change requirements for the Specialized Honours BA and iBA Programs in Translation (School of Translation, Glendon)
- convert the admission pathway to the Specialized Honours BA and iBA programs in Translation (School of Translation, Glendon) from delayed- to direct-entry, revise admission requirements, and rename its Francophone and Anglophone Streams
- change program and admission requirements for the Certificate in Urban Ecologies, Faculty of Environmental Studies
- amend the Community Arts Practice Certificate, Faculty of Environmental Studies and School of the Arts, Music, Performance & Design by changing its name to *Cultural and Artistic Practices (CAP) for Environmental and Social Justice*; de-link the School of the Arts, Music, Performance & Design as a co-host; revise requirements; and increase the GPA necessary for conferral of the Certificate
- change requirements for the BFA Program in Dance (Department of Dance, School of the Arts, Music, Performance & Design)
- change requirements for the General Education Requirements for BA Programs in the Lassonde School of Engineering
- close the Athletic Therapy Certificate, Consecutive Option (School of Kinesiology & Health Science, Faculty of Health)

Notice of Statutory Motion

APPRC gave notice of its intention to recommend approval of a Department of Computational Arts in the School of the Arts, Media, Performance and Design.

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 Acting Vice-Chair of Senate, Professor Ian Roberge, announced that the Executive would soon issue its annual call for expressions of interest in Senate committee membership and other positions in anticipation of spring elections.

The Awards Committee submitted a report on the disbursement of undergraduate awards.

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The Appeals Committee filed its 2014-2015 annual report on Faculty and Senate petitions and appeals.

In addition to other matters described in this synopsis, APPRC advised Senate of the topic of discussion for its annual meetings with the Deans, Principal and University Librarian.

ASCP reported that it had approved minor modifications for the following:

Arts, Media, Performance and Design

- Specialized Honours BFA, Dance, Choreograph/Performance Stream Minor Degree Option
- Honours BFA Joint Diploma-Degree Program with Canada's National Ballet School (Option A)
- Honours BFA Joint Diploma-Degree Program with Canada's National Ballet School (Option B)

Graduate Studies

- Master of Design Program
- Graduate Diploma in Professional Accounting
- PhD program in Physics & Astronomy

Glendon

- Accelerated BA program in Translation

Health

- Specialized Honours BA and BSc programs in Global Health

LA&PS

- Classical Studies program (new rubric of CLST)

Science

- Specialized Honours BSc Program, Physics & Astronomy, Space Sciences Stream
- Specialized Honours BSc Program in Biophysics
- BSc Program in Environmental Biology

Please refer to the full Senate agenda posted online for details about these items.

<http://secretariat.info.yorku.ca/files/senate-agenda-20160216.pdf>

Senate's next meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, 2016.