

# The Senate of York University

## Synopsis

The 624th Meeting of Senate held on Thursday, March 31, 2016

### Remarks

The Chair of Senate, Professor George Comninel, wished students and faculty members well as the Winter Term was ending and welcomed the Chair of the Board of Governors, Rick Waugh, who spoke of the importance of the search for the next President and Senate's vital contributions to the process.

The President, Dr Mamdouh Shoukri, reported on postsecondary education elements of the March 23 federal budget. Members have been named to the President's Advisory Committee on Inclusion which will take a lead in further redeeming the University's commitment to diverse and inclusive campuses. The University's formal partial designation as a provider of French language services is a positive recognition of the role played by the University and Glendon. The University is assisting Professor Felipe Montoya and his family in their efforts to obtain permanent residency, and President Shoukri urged Senators to lend their support.

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

### **Senate Advisory Statement to the Presidential Search Committee**

Senators offered their thoughts on the contents of an advisory statement to the Presidential Search Committee which will be brought to Senate for approval in April after input from Faculty Councils and Senate committees.

### Approvals

Senate approved the establishment of a Department of Computational Arts in the School of the Arts, Media, Performance and Design. Academic units are formally approved by the Board of Governors with the concurrence of Senate.

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

- the Degree of Master of Management, Schulich School of Business / Faculty of Graduate Studies
- a Master of Management Program, Schulich School of Business / Faculty of Graduate Studies
- a Dual Credential Program: Master of Public and International Affairs at York University and the Maîtrise en Affaires publiques at Laval University, Glendon / Faculty of Graduate Studies
- a Minor Degree Option in Human Resource Management, School of Human Resource Management, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
- a 90-Credit Degree Option within the BA Program in Digital Media, School of the Arts, Media, Performance and Design / Lassonde School of Engineering
- a Game Arts Stream within the BA Program in Digital Media, School of the Arts, Media, Performance and Design / Lassonde School of Engineering

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### Committee Information Reports

Senate Executive advised that it had issued the annual call for expressions of interest in Senate committee membership and other positions elected by Senate. It also confirmed that a motion first considered under other business at the February meeting had been withdrawn.

APPRC urged Senators to participate in the next stage of consultations on the Plan for the Intensification and Enhancement of Research (PIER). The draft report can be accessed from this link

<http://pier.info.yorku.ca/files/2016/03/DRAFT-PIER-REPORT-March-2016.pdf>

ASCP advised Senate on implementation plans for the three “academic forgiveness” policies approved in February 2016 and reported that it had approved minor modifications for the following:

*School of the Arts, Media, Performance and Design*

- BA programs in Human Rights and Equity Studies (change to requirements)

*Lassonde / Graduate Studies*

- Graduate Program in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (revised rubric)

APPRC and ASCP jointly conveyed a report from the Joint Sub-Committee on Quality Assurance and the Annual Report on Non-Degree Studies prepared by the Vice-Provost Academic, Alice Pitt.

**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, April 28, 2016.