

The Senate of York University

Meeting Synopsis

The 630th Meeting of Senate
held on Thursday, November 24, 2016

Remarks

The Chair of Senate, Professor George Comninel, advised that it was unlikely a meeting of Senate in December would be necessary, but asked that Senators reserve time on December 15 in case pressing business emerged.

York's President, Dr Mamdouh Shoukri, spoke of a disturbing trend that has given rise to the recent spate of racist rhetoric and actions in North America. The University must stand with those who are subject to marginalization, inequities, silencing and other forms of intolerance. This can be done by continuing to promote and facilitate dialogue, collaboration and understanding. In as enters his final months as President, Dr Shoukri pledged to defend York's hallmark values and to be a catalyst for positive change.

Reports

Under the auspices of the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee (APPRC) Senate received and discussed the following reports:

- Provost Rhonda Lenton's autumn report on enrolments and complement
- Vice-President Finance and Administration Gary Brewer's update on the budget context for academic planning
- Vice-President Research and Innovation Robert Haché's annual report

Approvals

Senate approved recommendations of the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy (ASCP) to

- change degree requirements for the BA and BSc Programs in Psychology, Department of Psychology, Faculty of Health
- change degree requirements for the Bilingual BA Program in Communications, School of Translation, Glendon
- change admission requirements for the MA Program in Translation, School of Translation, Glendon / Faculty of Graduate Studies
- close the Honours Double-Major Interdisciplinary BA Program in Psychology, Department of Psychology, Faculty of Health
- close the Diploma in Real Estate and Infrastructure, Schulich School of Business / Faculty of Graduate Studies

Committee Information Reports

Senate Executive reported on

- its approval of members of Senate committees nominated by student Senators
- its concurrence with recommendations of the Sub-Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials with the result that four individuals have been added

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to the pool of prospective honorary degree recipients and nine others have been extended for a further five years; Senate Executive also expressed its support for the Sub-Committee's efforts to expand and diversify the pool while enhancing the process by which individuals are nominated

- the work plan developed by the Sub-Committee on Equity
- a productive autumn meeting of Senate committee chairs and secretaries where it was learned that committees are seeking to institute governance enhancements, address Senate survey issues and explicitly tie initiatives to the University Academic Plan (UAP)
- the annual call for expressions of interest in membership on committees and other positions elected by Senate

APPRC reported that it had concurred with the Provost's recommendations to rename the existing Chair in Business History as the Richard E. Waugh Chair in Business History, and to establish the Timothy R. Price Chair in Real Estate and Infrastructure. The Committee also provided commentary on forums held in October devoted to discussion of Institutional Integrated Resource Plan working group reports. A planned discussion of the UAP's Priority 2 -- Advancing Exploration, Innovation and Achievement in Scholarship, Research and Related Creative Activities -- was deferred to the next meeting of Senate.

ASCP updated Senate on the progress of major initiatives (proposed amendments to the *Senate Grading Scheme and Feedback Policy*, implementation of new academic forgiveness policies, the Committee's priorities for the year). It also advised that it had approved minor change to the requirements for the BA, iBA and Accelerated BA programs in Translation offered by Glendon's School of Translation.

The Tenure and Promotions Committee filed its annual report for 2015-2016 and it doing so highlighted its plan to expedite the gathering and consideration of unit standards and communications with the parties to the YUFA collective agreement about the criteria applied to alternate stream candidate tenure and promotion.

Additional Information about this Meeting

Please refer to the full Senate agenda and supplementary material posted online with the November 24, 2016 meeting for details about these items.

<http://secretariat.info.yorku.ca/senate/meeting-agendas-and-synopses/>

Next Meeting of Senate

Subject to confirmation by the Executive Committee, Senate's next meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on **Thursday, December 15, 2016 OR Thursday, January 26, 2017.**