

# The Senate of York University

## Meeting Synopsis

The 640th Meeting of Senate  
held on Thursday, January 25, 2018

### Remarks

The Chair of Senate, Professor Lesley Beagrie of the Faculty of Health, praised the organizers of Inclusion Day and expressed gratitude for the stimulating discussions involving participants at the event. She reminded Senators that January 31 is Let's Talk Day and encouraged them to help ensure the well-being of all members of the community.

The President of York University, Rhonda Lenton, devoted her remarks to a wide range of subjects including the following:

- the sad passing of Barry and Honey Sherman, true friends of York who funded the research centre bearing their family name
- the auspicious opening of York's two subway stations with its attendant opportunities to further expand connections to the Greater Toronto Area
- the success of a pilot program housed in the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies' School of Sociology providing a bridge to university study for youth who have precarious immigration status (for which long-term funding is being sought)
- York's submission of a Canada Research Chair Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity action plan
- the value of collegial participation in consultations leading to approval of the next iteration of York's Strategic Research Plan
- contributions of \$175,000 to the United Way – placing York in the top flight of GTA workplaces -- thanks to a campaign led by Provost Philipps and Dean Sossin and the generosity
- a series of changes to the University Procedures for Decanal Searches responding to collegial input including the possibility of an open (but still confidential) phase in which Faculty Councils will have an opportunity to meet short-listed candidates if they agree to such a forum.

She addressed questions and comments about negotiations between the University and CUPE 3903, and responded to concerns about the connections between the Chamber of Commerce and the Council of Ontario Universities.

The monthly "Kudos" report on the achievements of members of the York community can be accessed with other documentation for the meeting.

### Senate Committee Member Elections

Senate acclaimed a candidate recommended by Senate Executive to serve on the Appeals Committee. The Executive Committee also reported that Julie Allen had been

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elected by e-vote as the contract faculty member of Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy.

### Senate Policy Approval

Senate approved a recommendation of the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee to establishment of a *Senate Policy on Academic Accommodations for Students' Religious Observances* effective 1 July 2018. Approval of a separate and expanded policy entailed amendments to the *Senate Policy on Sessional Dates and the Scheduling of Examinations*. ASCP also provided Senate with Guidelines and Procedures to implement the policy.

### Approval of Proposals by E-vote in December 2017

The Executive Committee that an e-vote conducted in December 2017 had resulted in approval to establish the following:

Master of Supply Chain Management Degree Type  
Master of Supply Chain Management Degree Program  
Master of Marketing Degree Type  
Master of Marketing Degree Program

### Other Approvals

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

- establish an Industry Partnership Stream within the BSc Program in Computer Science, Computer Science and Electrical Engineering, Lassonde
- establish a Certificate of Proficiency in Spanish for Business and Professional Communication, Hispanic Studies, Glendon
- close BA programs in Canadian Studies, Humanities, Liberal Arts and Professional Studies
- close the BA programs in Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Social Science, Liberal Arts and Professional Studies
- close the BA programs in South Asian Studies and the Cross-Disciplinary Certificate in South Asian Studies housed within the Department of Social Science, Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
- change the name of the BA Programs in Children's Studies to Children, Childhood and Youth and amend their degree requirements, Social Science, Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
- change the degree requirements for the MA Program in Applied Linguistics, Graduate Program in Linguistics and Applied Linguistics, Graduate Studies

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### Major Reports

Under the auspices of the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee, Vice-President Academic and Provost Lisa Philipps and Vice-President Finance and Administration Carol McAulay reported on the budget context for academic planning. The report is accessible from the Senate Meeting website.

### Committee Information Items

#### Executive

The Executive Committee's information items included the following:

- a final call for expressions of interest in membership on Senate committees and other positions elected by Senate
- approval of members of Senate committees nominated by Faculty Council
- approval of minor amendment to Senate Rules and Procedures to change the title of "College Master" to "College Head" in keeping with the new designation announced in the autumn
- faculty complement planning and future engagement with Senate
- the Committee's response to a request from three Senators for a discussion of searches for senior academic appointees.
- an upcoming informal meeting with members of the Board Executive Committee

#### Academic Policy, Planning and Research

APPRC advised that Strategic Mandate Agreement 2 had been posted online and that discussions are already underway about the framework for SMA3. The Committee also report on the following items:

- the APPRC and ASCP **Forum of Ideas** to be held on Thursday, February 8, 2018 in the Scott Library Collaboratory from 2:00 to 4:00.
- a substantial November update on Markham Centre planning facilitated by the Provost and Vice-Provost Academic
- the status of the "Tracking Progress Through Indicators" project launched in January 2017 which has reached a stage where, it is hoped, colleagues will assist in an effort to develop "incomparable" metrics and participate in the gathering of information that will depict the full range of research and creative activity
- timelines for the final phases of the Strategic Research Plan renewal led by the Vice-President Research and Innovation
- a preliminary progress report on collegial efforts to plan for the creation of a new Faculty approved in principle by Senate in June

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### Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy

In November Senate approved, in principle, changes to the University grading scheme. ASCP furnished details on the status of the initiative along with the steps necessary prior to its recommending full approval of a new framework. ASCP also reported that it had approved minor changes to degree requirements for the following programs:

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

Specialized Honours BFA program in Dance Education

BFA Dance program for Concurrent Education

Choreography / Performance Stream, Specialized Honours BFA, Dance

National Ballet School Teaching Training, Options A and B Honours BFA, Dance

Specialized Honours BFA program in Theatre (Acting)

*Faculty of Graduate Studies*

MSc program in Biology

*Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies*

Professional Certificate in Investment Management

Professional Certificate in Financial Planning

Finance Stream within the Honours Bachelor of Commerce

Bachelor of Public Administration

Honours Minor degree option in Business

Rubric of "CCY" for the re-named Children, Childhood & Youth program

*Faculty of Science*

BA and BSc programs in Applied Mathematics

BSc programs in Mathematical Biology

BA and BSc programs in Math for Education

BA and BSc programs in Pure Math

BA and BSc programs in Statistics

BSc International Dual Degree program in Mathematics and Statistics

### Additional Information about this Meeting

Please refer to the full Senate agenda and supplementary material posted online with the January 25, 2018 meeting for details about these items.

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

### February Meeting of Senate

Senate's next meeting is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on **Thursday, February 15, 2018**