

The Senate of York University

Synopsis

The 655th Meeting of Senate
held on Thursday, March 28, 2019

Remarks

The Chair, Professor Franck van Breugel, Lassonde, expressed condolences on behalf of Senate to the victims and families of the tragic event that took place in Christchurch, New Zealand. Echoing the sentiments expressed by the University and community members – including grief, dismay and the commitment to reject such hate and intolerance – the Chair called on all members of the University to nurture an inclusive environment on our campuses. Senators were encouraged to read the recent article published in the Globe & Mail by York professor Zulfikar Hirji, entitled [“To humanize Muslims, let’s start in the classroom”](#).

Delivering the President’s Remarks on behalf of President Rhonda Lenton, Provost Lisa Philipps reiterated the University’s condemnation of the attack in New Zealand and of racism, anti-Semitism and Islamophobia. While York cannot eradicate racism, anti-Semitism and Islamophobia on its own, it will continue to take a strong stance against extremist ideology and contribute to conversations with a view to building a community that respects the dignity of all people. The University has effective processes in place for handling acts of discrimination or hate on campus.

Other comments made by Provost Philipps included the following:

- the recent community conversations held at Keele and Glendon campuses, where the discussion about University priorities was candid, informative and aimed at building collegial governance
- the findings of the provincial government’s Summary Report on the Student Voices on Sexual Violence Survey and the announcement of the government’s requirement that every university establish a task force devoted to tackling sexual violence on campus
- highlights of the federal government’s 2019 budget, which includes investment in work-integrated learning, graduate student scholarship and supports, and an international education strategy
- the upcoming release of the provincial government’s budget on April 11 with details to be provided at the April 25 Senate meeting
- an update on the decanal search processes which have been utilizing the new search procedures, making provision for searches to be conducted confidentially or with an open phase
- the news that York alumna Lilly Singh is going to be the host of a new late-night show on NBC, “A Little Late with Lilly Singh”

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

Reports

The reports, delivered under the auspices of the Academic Planning, Policy and Research Committee, included:

- a presentation from Vice-President Research and Innovation Rob Haché on the E-CV Management Task Force on its development of an E-CV platform for York researchers
- a presentation and facilitated discussion from Provost Philipps on the Provostial Discussion Paper on the Complement Renewal Strategy

Approvals

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

- establish a new degree type and degree program, the Master of Management in Artificial Intelligence, Schulich School of Business / Faculty of Graduate Studies
- change the degree requirements and program learning outcomes for the Master of Business Analytics program, Schulich School of Business / Faculty of Graduate Studies
- change the requirements for the Graduate Diploma in Intermediate Accounting, Schulich School of Business / Faculty of Graduate Studies
- change the degree requirements for the Master of Accounting program, Schulich School of Business / Faculty of Graduate Studies
- change the degree requirements and program learning outcomes for the MA program in Economics, Department of Economics, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies / Faculty of Graduate Studies
- change the requirements for the Certificate in Anti-Racist Research and Practice, Department of Equity Studies, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
- change the requirements for the Certificate in Indigenous Studies, Department of Equity Studies, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
- establish a consecutive option for the Black Canadian Studies Certificate, Department of Humanities, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
- grant transfer credits from the School of Dance to the BFA (Honours) program in Dance, School of the Arts, Media, Performance & Design

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- establish a stream in Financial Mathematics within the Specialized Honours BA and BSc programs in Applied Mathematics, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Faculty of Science
- close the Specialized Honours BSc program in Computational Mathematics, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Faculty of Science

Committee Information Reports

Executive (Professor David Mutimer, Interim Vice-Chair)

The Executive Committee provided Notice of Statutory Motion for the approval of membership of Senate for the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021.

The Executive Committee's information items included the following:

- the extension of the nominations period for the Special Joint Senate-Board Working Group on Jurisdiction Related to the Cancellation/Suspension of Classes during a Labour Disruption to Wednesday, April 10
- the approval of the Faculty of Health member on the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee, Professor Eva Peisachovich of the School of Nursing
- the preliminary discussions of core issues and areas to be covered in this year's review of Senate Rules, Procedures & Guidelines
- the review of changes to the Faculty Council rules and procedures in the Faculty of Health
- the approval of recommendations from the Sub-Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials to add individuals to the pool of prospective recipients of honorary degrees

Academic Policy, Planning and Research (Professor Lesley Jacobs, Chair)

APPRC provided information on these items:

- the preparation of a *Discussion Paper and Action Plan on Achieving Planning Goals While Moving Towards Incomparable Metrics* and the next steps for moving the Incomparable Metrics initiative forward
- its input on the Provostial Discussion Paper on the Complement Renewal Strategy
- the tracking of 2015-2020 UAP progress and preparations for one-on-one discussions with the Deans / Co-Principals over spring and fall 2019 on their respective successes in advancing UAP goals
- progress on the initiative to develop "Faculty Blue", of which the next major step is the development of the proposal for the establishment of the Faculty

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- its review of revisions to the *Principles and Procedures Governing Non-Degree Studies*

Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy (Professor Kim Michasiw, Chair)

ASCP conveyed an update on activities underway relating to the promotion of academic integrity at York. ASCP also provided information on minor changes approved by the Committee.

Education

- Minor change to degree requirements for the BA programs in Educational Studies

Health

- Minor changes to streams within the Specialized Honours BA and BSc programs in Global Health
- Minor changes to degree requirements for the Bachelor of Health Studies
- Minor changes to the requirements for the Interdisciplinary Certificate in Aging
- Minor changes to admission and program requirements for the York-Seneca Rehabilitation Services Certificate

Graduate Studies

- Minor change to the degree requirements for the MA program in Interdisciplinary Studies
- Change in rubrics for the Professional LLM specializations in Osgoode Professional Development
- Changes to the admission requirements in English Language Proficiency

Liberal Arts & Professional Studies

- Minor change to degree requirements for the BA programs in Children, Childhood and Youth
- Minor change to the Bachelor of Human Resources Management Minor program
- Minor changes to requirements for the Professional Certificate in Logistics

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- New rubric for technology proficiency courses

Science

- Expansion of the Seneca-York Chemistry Co-Registration Option to the BSc program in Chemistry and the BSc (Honours) program in Biochemistry
- Minor change to degree requirements for the BA and BSc programs in Applied Mathematics
- Minor change to the Biomedical Science stream within the BSc programs in Biology
- Change to non-science general education requirement for BSc programs

Awards (Professor Brenda Spotton Visano, Chair)

The Awards Committee conveyed the 2017-2018 Undergraduate Award Disbursement Report and the 2017-2018 Graduate Disbursement Report.

Additional Information about this Meeting

Please refer to the full Senate agenda and supplementary material posted online with the March 28, 2019 meeting for details about these items.

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

April Meeting of Senate

Senate's next meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 25, 2019