

# The Senate of York University

## Meeting Synopsis

**The 707th Meeting of Senate  
Held on Thursday, 23 May 2024, via Zoom**

### Remarks

The Chair, Poonam Puri, welcomed Senators to the 707<sup>th</sup> meeting of Senate and noted that the disruption remediation period ends on May 26, thanking faculty, students, and staff for their efforts. She encouraged Senators to attend the June Convocation ceremonies to celebrate with students.

The President spoke to various topics, including urging faculty to attend convocation to support students and noting the honorary degree recipients, York's achievement of gold status in sustainability and its goal to reach platinum status.

### Inquiries & Communications

The Academic Colleague to the Council of Ontario Universities (COU), Professor William Wijngaarden, reported that the discussion at the May meeting included the Federal Policy on Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern and its potential strategic military implications, as well as COU's efforts with the provincial government to increase university funding.

### Approvals

Senate approved a slate of candidates presented by the Executive Committee with some individuals acclaimed to positions and others to be elected by electronic ballot.

On the recommendation of its Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee, Senate approved:

- the establishment of the following additional degree options for the BA program in International Studies, housed in the Department of Global and Social Studies, Glendon, effective F2025: i) a 90-credit BA degree; ii) a 90-credit BA/Bilingual degree program; iii) a 30-credit Honours BA Minor;
- the closure of the Language Endangerment, Documentation and Revitalization Stream, housed in the BA program in Linguistics and Language Studies, Glendon, effective F2025;
- changes to the Faculty Regulation on Thesis and Dissertation (Intellectual Property), Faculty of Graduate Studies, effective June 2024.

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## Committee Information Items

### Executive

The Executive Committee's information items included the following:

- A decision on the motion submitted by Senators to establish a Senate Finance and Budget Advisory Committee, with the Vice Chair of Senate reporting that Senate Executive will be consulting the Senate APPRC Committee to gather its views on the idea of a sub-committee under its auspices with a defined advisory role on budgetary / academic resource matters, possibly populated by a combination of APPRC members and directly-elected members.
- A report on the 2024 Labour Disruption of Academic Activities: Monitoring and Reflections

### Academic Policy, Planning and Research (APPRC)

Under the auspices of APPRC, the President and the Vice-President Finance and Administration delivered a presentation on the 2024-25 to 2026-27 operating budget in the context of academic planning, highlighting the university's financial management and plans, addressing challenges like tuition cuts, reduced international enrollment, and the financial impacts of Bill 124. The report outlined measures to handle the \$142.5 million deficit, focusing on enrollment recovery, revenue diversification, and cost containment to balance the budget within three years.

### Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy (ASCP)

ASCP reported on Minor modifications to degree requirements at the Glendon, Osgoode, and Schulich Faculties, effective FW 2024.

### Academic Policy, Planning and Research (APPRC) & Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy (ASCP)

APPRC and ASCP presented the 2022-2023 Annual Report on Non-Degree Studies.

## Additional Information about this Meeting

Please refer to the full Senate agenda and supplementary material [posted online](#) with the **23 May April 2024** meeting for details about the items reported.

Senate's next meeting will be held at **3:00 pm on Thursday, 27 June 2024**.