

# The Senate of York University

## Meeting Synopsis

**The 710th Meeting of Senate held on Thursday, 24 October 2024**

### Remarks

#### Chair

The Chair, Lauren Sergio, welcomed Senators to the 710<sup>th</sup> meeting of Senate. The Chair recognized this as the final meeting for Senator McAulay in her role as Vice-President Finance and Administration, expressing appreciation for her contributions, particularly during budget consultations with the Senate, and extended best wishes. The Chair also noted that a revised agenda was circulated, and the Academic Conduct item had been removed.

#### President

The President updated on the Auditor General's recommendations and the York U Forward Action Plan, highlighting post-pandemic challenges and policy impacts on higher education. International enrolment remains below pre-pandemic levels, affected by a federal cap, frozen tuition, and a decline in top-choice applications for 2024-2025. Student surveys have identified lower conversion rates from third-choice applications and beyond as a key issue. In response, the York U Forward Action Plan focuses on financial sustainability through new revenue, growth opportunities, and streamlined expenditures to meet board-approved targets over the next three years.

Due to an early adjournment of the meeting, the President's remarks were interrupted, the recommendation from Senate Executive and the information items were not formally received or discussed.

### Approvals

On recommendation from the Tenure and Promotions Committee revision to the Tenure and Promotions Policy, Criteria and Procedures to include Indigeneity and Indigenous knowledges, methodologies, and practices in the Description of Criteria for Tenure and Promotion.

### Status of Other Items

Due to the early adjournment of the meeting, the one recommendation on the agenda from Executive Committee was not brought to the floor for a vote and the information items were not formally received or discussed.

In order to be able to move expeditiously on the time-sensitive matter, an electronic vote was conducted on the recommendation which resulted in Senate approving the nominees

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for the contract faculty seat on ASCP and that nominations be closed. An election by e-vote will be held for this ASCP position with the results reported in November. The remaining items will also be brought to the November meeting.

### **Additional Information about this Meeting**

Please refer to the full Senate [agenda](#) of **24 October 2024** for details about the items reported.

Senate's next meeting will be held at **3:00 pm on Thursday, 28 November 2024**.