

The Senate of York University

Meeting Synopsis

The 713th Meeting of Senate held on Thursday, 23 January 2025

Remarks

Chair

The Chair welcomed Senators to the 713th meeting of Senate, with Cheryl Underhill as Acting Secretary of Senate.

President

The President briefed Senators on the continuing significant impact the cap on international student enrolments is having on post-secondary education institutions and the focused advocacy efforts being taken in Ontario to try to influence remediating actions by the government.

An update was provided on the project work progressing under the *Forward Action Plan*, where the immediate focus is on measures to balance the operating budget and enrolment recovery. Highlighted was the decision that Faculties will retain 70% of SHARP revenue, and shared services units to receive 30%, to help Faculties' mitigate the impact of declining enrolments and stimulate streamlining actions in the shared services units over the next three years, beginning with reduced budgeted expenditures of 10% in 2025-2026 for the latter.

Approvals

On recommendation of its Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee, following a robust debate, Senate *approved, in principle, the establishment of a School of Medicine in the Faculty of Health*, and provided thoughtful advice to inform the continuing plans to develop the new School.

Notice of Statutory Motions

The Senate Executive Committee provided Notice of Statutory Motion to amend the *Rules of Senate* to change the statutory meeting time of Senate. Final approval to be sought at the February meeting of Senate.

Reports

A communication from the Council of Ontario Universities (COU) was received from the Academic Colleague to COU.

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Committee Information Items

Executive Committee

Senate Executive reported on the following matters to Senate:

- its response to a request for a new vote on a previously approved motion
- approval of a change to the Faculty Council Rules and Procedures of the Faculty of Environmental and Urban Change introducing revisions to the terms of reference and the composition of its standing Committee on Research.
- continuing plans on the development of a new *APPRC Advisory Sub-committee on Academic Resource Allocations*
- status of the exercise to review the joint Board-Senate *Principles Governing a Presidential Search*
- remaining vacancies to be filled on Senate committees

Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy (ASCP)

ASCP reported on the following minor modifications to the following programs, effective FW 2025-26:

AMPD: MA and PhD degree programs in Theatre, Dance and Performance Studies; PhD degree program in Visual Arts, Department of Visual Art and Art History; PhD degree program in Art History and Visual Culture, Department of Visual Art and Art History; PhD degree program in Cinema & Media Studies, Department of Cinema and Media Arts; PhD degree program in Digital Media, Department of Computational Arts

LAPS:

- changes to academic calendar for: Specialized Honours option of the Bachelor of Commerce degree program, Management Stream, School of Administrative Studies; Business and the Environment Stream of the BA Business and Society degree program, Department of Social Science; BA Children, Childhood & Youth degree program, Department of Humanities; all options of the BA English degree program, Department of English;
- changes to requirements for the Professional Certificate in Public Policy Analysis program, School of Public Policy and Administration and Specialized Honours, Honours, and Honours Major/Minor options of the Bachelor of Public Administration degree program, School of Public Policy and Administration;
- the addition of the JWST rubric to cross-list existing courses in Humanities, and in Education, which count towards the Graduate Diploma in Jewish Studies and the Graduate Diploma in Advanced Hebrew & Jewish Studies, effective F2025.

Senate Appeals Committee (SAC)

The Appeals Committee filed its annual report on Faculty and Senate adjudications for 2023-2024.

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Tenure and Promotions Committee

The T&P Committee provided a corrected version of its 2023-2024 annual report.

Additional Information about this Meeting

Please refer to the full Senate [agenda](#) of **23 January, 2025** for details about the items reported.

Senate's next meeting will be held at **3:00pm on Thursday, 27 February 2025**.