



COUNCIL OF THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE

Notice of Meeting

Tuesday, 12 January 2016

3:00pm – 4:30pm

306 Lumbers

Agenda

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda
2. Chair's Remarks
3. Approval of Minutes from December 8, 2015 meeting
4. Business Arising
5. Dean's Remarks
6. Associate Deans' and Bethune College Master's Remarks
7. Inquiries and Communications
Senate Synopsis: 621st Meeting of Senate: December 10, 2015
8. Other Business
Presentation by President M. Shoukri: University Update



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Minutes

Attendance: J. Amanatides, P. Cribb, E.J. Janse van Rensburg, Ray Jayawardhana, W. Taylor, P. Delaney, E. Hamm, J. Lazenby, R. McLaren, A. S. Chan, P. Gibson, K. R. Maltman, W. Booth, M. Caplan, D. Hossain, R. Thai, T. Womelsdorf, P. Hall, M. McCall, J. Steprans, P. Lakin-Thomas, L. Packer, V. Saridakis, R. Nariani, G. G. Lavoie, P. Potvin, J. Grigull, D. J. Wilson, N. Madras, V. Tsoukanova (Chair), S. Siyakatshana (Recording Secretary)

Guests: Sushanta Mitra, Associate Vice-President, Research

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

A motion moved, seconded and carried to adopt Agenda with the following changes:

- Curriculum Committee items 1 – 4 changed to be *items for action* instead of Consent agenda items.
- In order to accommodate the presentation, item 6 Other Business was moved to come up immediately after the Dean's Remarks and the rest of the agenda items would be considered after the presentation.

2. Chair's Remarks

There were no Chair's remarks.

3. Approval of Minutes from November 10, 2015 meeting

The minutes were approved.

4. Business Arising

There was no business arising.

5. Dean's Remarks

Dean Jayawardhana informed Council that the Board of Governors and the Senate had announced the Presidential Search Committee membership and that he would be serving on it.

In the interest of time, the Dean referenced the Dean's round-up and he encouraged faculty to review the information on the Science website, link provided here below.

[Dean's November Round-up](#)

He commented on the successful Honours and Awards evening held on November 24th. The event was well attended and we had alumnus Dan Riskin who gave an inspiring keynote address. The address was the intellectual focus of the evening and it was well received. The students found him inspiring and engaging. Given its success, the Dean suggested inviting a different keynote speaker again next year. He also expressed his gratitude and thanks to Peter Cribb and the administrative staff in the Dean's office including Dimitra Markatas for coordinating the event.

The Dean announced that on December 11th there will be a [York Science Forum](#) with Lisa Randall at the Appel Salon downtown, also featuring Sean Tulin and Wendy Taylor (both in Physics & Astronomy). Tickets are free, but seating is limited and registration is required. He was hopeful our faculty could continue to hold such events on an annual basis. He added that judging from the current response; the event was likely to be sold out. He noted that this was part of our Faculty's strategy to reach out to diverse communities within the region.

He provided an update on the Faculty's Advancement efforts. He informed Council that Tom McLagan and Suzana Pinto have put together a new brochure called "Science Legacies". This has been sent to faculty and will be sent to all faculty and retirees soon. This brochure presents faculty members with different types of opportunities for financial support.

Almira Mun-Shimoda and Tom McLagan are working on a corporate sponsorship package for companies who may be interested in supporting our Science Engagement camps and other programs. He encouraged faculty to provide Tom McLagan with leads that they might have in industry.

The Dean congratulated Derek Wilson on securing a \$330,000 research grant from the Krembil Foundation for his research on Alzheimer's using mass-spectrometry methods. He noted the key role played by the SDO Tom McLagan in approaching the Foundation. Faculty members are encouraged to contact Tom if they wish to have support in approaching corporate or foundation donors.

He also noted that discussions to secure graduate scholarship funding were at an advanced stage and he was quite hopeful of a positive outcome.

He was pleased to announce to Council that the President's office was in the final stages of confirming the honorary degree recipient for the June convocation.

6. Associate Dean's and Bethune College Master's Remarks

Associate Dean Janse vanRensburg reminded faculty to submit their CVs to his office. He also informed faculty that they will hear from his office soon regarding Health and Safety Orientation Training. He encouraged faculty to make sure that they were up to date.

Master of Bethune, Dr. John Amanatides invited Faculty Council members to the end of year reception to be held on Dec 23rd 11:00am – 1:00pm, at Bethune College.

7. Reports from Science Representatives on Senate Committees

Dr. Lawrence Packer gave a presentation on Regenerative Sustainability at UBC: Beyond Harm Reduction; presentation to York University President's Sustainability Council. His presentation can be reviewed on the link below:

[Presentation to York University President's Sustainability Council.pptx](#)

8. Reports from Committees

Science Curriculum Committee

Associate Dean Cribb led the discussion on the Change in degree requirements for the Honours Major BSc in Chemistry and Change in degree requirements for the Specialized Honours Physics agenda items that Council had to consider explicitly before approval.

Council moved, seconded and unanimously approved these changes in degree requirements including the consent agenda items from the Curriculum Committee.

9. Inquiries and Communications

Faculty Council noted the Senate Synopsis: 620th Meeting of Senate held on November 26, 2015.

10. Any Other Business

Sushanta Mitra, Associate Vice-President, Research made a presentation on York's Plan for the Intensification and Enhancement of Research (PIER), see link below.

A discussion ensued and some members of Council queried why the York University Publication for the Science Faculty statistics was significantly lower. A request was made for the President's Office to revisit the statistics to ensure accuracy and correctness.

[York's Plan for the Intensification and Enhancement of Research \(PIER\).pdf](#)

Meeting adjourned.

Chair of Council, V. Tsoukanova

Recording Secretary of Council, S. Siyakatshana



The Senate of York University

Synopsis

The 621stth Meeting of Senate held on Thursday, December 10, 2015

A special meeting of Senate was held following an open forum on the next University Academic Plan sponsored by the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee.

Approvals

Senate approved recommendations made by the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee to establish a Master of Real Estate and Infrastructure degree type and a Master of Real Estate and Infrastructure degree program (Faculty of Graduate Studies / Schulich School of Business).

Please refer to the full Senate agenda posted online for information.

The 622nd meeting of Senate will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 28, 2016 in the Senate Chamber, Ross Building.