

**YORK UNIVERSITY
COUNCIL OF THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING**

Meeting Minutes: March 13, 2012

Attending: J. Amanatides, N. Balaskas, S. Bisnath, W. Booth, S. Chamberlin, J. Dupuis, E. Honarparvar, R. Jarrell, S. Kochman, K. Maltman, J.C. McConnell, H. McLellan, A. Mills, S. Morin, S. Pagiatakis, C. Peng, P. Potvin, J. Rudolph, V. Saridakis

4.1 **Minutes of the Meeting:**

February 14, 2012

S. Pagiatakis (moved) and R. Hornsey (seconded) that the minutes be approved. Carried with an addendum by R. Jarrell that the names of those present at meetings be included in the minutes.

4.2 **Matters Arising**

4.3 **Inquiries & Communications**

-- *February 16, 2012 Senate Meeting Synopses (for information only)*

As the Dean had not yet arrived R. Hornsey moved to skip ahead to 4.5 and return to 4.4 afterwards and J. Amanatides (seconded). **Carried.**

4.4 **Dean's Remarks**

In reference to the coop proposal, securing coop jobs is critical and alumni who are running similar programs have been contacted to participate.

The Faculty is continuing its hiring process, with 8 in Engineering and 6 in Science. Since 2010, we have hired 11 new faculty which accounts for 10% of our faculty compliment.

Enrolment data:

In comparison to the year before, we are doing much better, in particular with first choice.

We will be in a position to establish a "Motion to Create a Faculty of Engineering" on April 5, which will be submitted to APPRC (on that date), then to Senate Executive on April 17th and finally to Senate on April 26th.

-Town Hall meeting on March 30: "The Future of Science"

This Faculty needs to think ahead to the future of Science and the town hall meeting / forum will be critical to this endeavour. We want feedback as to how faculty see the future of Science. Also, previous deans and associate deans will join J. Kozinski next week to discuss their ideas on the future of Engineering. The end of the town hall meeting will bring clarity with regards to "next steps".

- Upcoming FSE Gala on May 10

Formal invitations are on their way. The event will be held at Casa Loma and attended by external parties from business and government sectors. We want to celebrate the achievements of our colleagues and students at both the international and national level of awards received.

4.5 **Associate Deans' and Bethune Master Remarks**

J. Amanatides, Master, Bethune College

- Faculty of Health's initiatives for first-year students

The Faculty of Health is rethinking their relationship with the colleges and having their academic services housed there. Science Academic Services would like to start a pilot project this summer where new student advising takes place in the colleges.

I. Coe, Associate Dean, Research and Partnerships

- Delegation to Korea

An article about the delegation was published on YFile today. The workshop will happen later this summer with contacts and institutions visiting York. Updates will be forthcoming.

- York research Chairs

This particular program is still in development with the hope that they will be established this summer. There will be a call at some point, but the timing is uncertain.

- CIGI Chairs
Notice released recently. 10 chairs will be created.

P. Cribb, Associate Dean, Students

- Update on admissions for the Fall
Applications are up considerably this year, 13% in choice one.
The focus is now on conversion and there is a new social blogging website that has been created with students who post regularly to the site: science.yorku.ca/ways
Faculty members will also be asked to post to the site to discuss their research and teaching focus
- Status of co-op planning
Since Chemistry has come onboard, the next steps will be more solid employer outreach possibilities.

D. Hastie, Associate Dean, Faculty

- Hiring Update
There are eight positions in Engineering, one position in Math has been filled and one in Chemistry is very close to closing.

R. Hornsey, Associate Dean, School of Engineering

- Update on the Engineering Building: creation and location
Over 900 applications received for eight faculty positions now hiring. The location of the future Engineering Tower has been approved and will be situated next to the arboretum parking lot. Construction should begin mid June.
- Engineering Round Table, save-the-date: April 18
A workshop/roundtable to discuss the future of Engineering at York will be held on April 18. External participants in various areas of expertise will come and give presentations and entertain questions /discussions.

4.6 **Reports from Science and Engineering Representatives on Senate Committees**

D. Bohme, APPRC

-A special meeting to discuss CIGI chairs took place
-Ongoing roundtable discussion with all deans concerning faculties / enrolments
-An ORU policy has finally been passed and will be forwarded to Senate for approval. Clarity is now brought to the role of Senate and ORUs. Clearer statement on the expectations of ORUs regarding research excellence along with a new category: Organized research service
-Also, the term has been changed from six to five years. After the five year mark, ORUs are terminated but can reapply
This will all come into effect once Senate approves it, so perhaps on the 22nd

A. Asif, ASCP
Regrets

4.7 **Reports of Committees**

Consent Agenda

-- *Science Curriculum Committee (Part I & II: new course proposals are online)*
Approved.

For Action

-- *Executive and Planning Committee – Nominations for Petitions Committee Vacancy:*

M. Yousaf

J. Amanatides (moved) and P. Cribb (seconded). **Carried.**

-- *Science Curriculum Committee (Part III: Framework Proposal: Cooperative Education Programs for Honours Degrees Offered by FSE)*

P. Cribb (moved) that FSE Council move in principal the coop proposal. S. Pagiatakis (seconded). **Carried.**
This item is being moved “in principal” because there are issues of sustainability.

4.8 **Other Business**

P. Potvin (moved) and J. Amanatides (seconded) for the meeting to be adjourned. **Carried.**
The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 pm