

### **Academic Colleague to the Council of Ontario Universities**

There have been discussions at the Council of Ontario Universities pertaining to exploring areas in which universities could demonstrate thought leadership in the public sphere. The areas identified were environmental sustainability, and reconciliation and indigenization.

The COU also commented that the SMA3 review needs proactive and rapid responses to changes in governmental policy. They further suggested that the metrics are faulty and should only include teaching since there is no acceptable measure of research across sectors.

### **President**

Commented about the incident in Vari Hall where there was a protest/counter-protest. While she condemned the acts of violence, she commented that significant safety protocols put in place prior to the event allowed it to proceed as planned as per the University's Statement of Policy on Free Speech. The Offices of the VP Equity, People and Culture and the VP Students have been tasked to undertake a comprehensive review of the incident and to make recommendations, including meeting with student groups.

On Nov. 11 there was a meeting with the provincial government concerning SMA3 and there will be a draft proposed at the Senate meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup> to get input for their subsequent meetings. There is acknowledgement that the 10 metrics offered by the government are narrow and that accountability for every proposed metric cannot be controlled. The University is proposing that the metrics be weighted to metrics that York excels at with the design to ensure no risk to future funding. The President highlighted that the SMA3 metrics do not set our priorities and that we will remain with York's mission. The meeting with the government will be very soon after the last meeting of Senate (Dec 17).

An implementation group for the Markham campus has been discussing money, space, enrollment, and governance in an integrated approach. The priorities to date were space planning and governance and the curriculum will be next. The Board has approved the capital plan.

### **Senate Executive**

A discussion was initiated concerning the Principles Governing a Presidential Search which was followed up by an online survey. Currently 7 senators and 7 board members sit on the search committee and a successful applicant needs 5 approvals from each. The Board then makes the final approval. It was noted that there are no contract faculty on the search committee.

Three Health students were nominated to be on Senate Committees.

### **Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee**

The Faculty of Urban and Environmental Change was approved which consists of the previous Faculty of Environmental Studies and the Department of Geography. These groups were disestablished to create the new Faculty.

A notice of Statutory Motion was given for the establishment of a School of Global Health in the Faculty of Health, effective July 2020. This includes the transfer of the BA and BSc degree programs in Global Health from the Dean's office to the School of Global Health.

### **Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee**

The degree requirements for the MA and PhD programs in Health, Graduate Program in Health were approved effective FW 2019-2020.

### **Tenure and Promotions**

There were 44 tenures this year versus 72 last year. A review of unit standards was conducted and all in Health were deemed acceptable.

### **Vice-President Research and Innovation**

Compared to other schools the research productivity at York was ranked 18/49. In Fall 2019 we received >\$100million in research funds which is the greatest amount ever received. This funding encompasses a small drop in SSHRC funding with increases of NSERC and CIHR funding.

The VPRI office is currently working on creating an electronic CV format, a Research Commons, and an Indigenous Organized Research Unit.