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President Mamdouh Shoukri addressed the recent development in North America, which gave rise to racist rhetoric and actions even at our campus. He highlighted that the University must be alert and deal thoughtfully to promote and facilitate dialogue, collaboration and understanding.

The Tenure and Promotions Committee presented its annual report noting its plan to speed up the process of reviewing unit-level standards. The committee highlighted that the University's tenure and promotion policy documents are part of the YUFA Collective Agreement and that it has forwarded concerns about the criteria applied to alternate stream candidate tenure and promotion to the parties.

Senate approved recommendations of the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy to change degree requirements for the BA and BSc Programs in Psychology and to close the Honours Double-Major Interdisciplinary BA Program in Psychology, Department of Psychology, Faculty of Health.

Provost Rhonda Lenton presented the autumn report on enrolments and complement. Vice-President Finance and Administration Gary Brewer presented an update on the budget highlighting the importance of achieving enrolment targets.

Vice-President Research and Innovation Robert Haché presented the annual report covering significant research successes. He noted a trend in the declining number of applications for Tri-Council grants over the five years.

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