



SENATE

Approved Minutes of the Meeting held on

Monday, April 22, 2019 at 3:00pm

Theatre A, Sir Charles Tupper Medical Building, Carleton Campus, Halifax

The Senate met in regular session on Monday, April 22, 2019 in Theatre A, Sir Charles Tupper Medical Building.

Present: R. Agu, A. Aiken, A. Almallah, D. Anderson, T. Balsler, R. Baker, D. Bourne-Tyson, C. Cameron, R. Chang, A. Cochrane, R. Croll, L. Cutmore, P. Cyrus, C. Diallo, C. Dieleman, L. Diepeveen, P. Doyle-Bedwell, T. Duck, H. El Naggari, B. Foster, L. Goldberg, L. Hackett, J. Hall, K. Harman, S. Holmes, V. Howard, I. Joseph, D. Kelley, J.S. Kim, C. Kozey, M. Leonard, L. Macdonald, J. Newhook, T. Packer, D. Patterson, J. Phinney, A. Prosper, B. Rathgeber, A. Rau-Chaplin, C. Richardson, G. Scherkoske, A. Siegel, D. Silvio, L. Spiteri, S. Stackhouse, S. Stone, F. Taheri, P. Tyedmers, G. Warner, D. White, S. Wildeman, H. Xu

Regrets: G. Adolphe-Nazaire, V. Allen, J. Blustein, T. Cyrus, K. Dakin-Hache, B. Davis, R. Goodday, D. Gray, F. Harvey, G. Horne, K. Kesselring, C. Macy, D. McKeen, N. Nadeem, M. Pacurar, J. Penney, W. Phillips, S. Ponomarenko, A. Steenbeek, S. Theriault, E. Welsh, D. Westwood

Absent: M. Aston, V. Bhargava, A. Doucette, J. Fasuyi, N. Gear, D. Grujic, A. Habib, F. Jones, M. Khan, W. Lahey, P. MacKinnon, C. Moore, C. Moore, V. Nams, R. Orji, S. Patles, A. Sarhan, D. Thomas, L. Turnbull, I. Waldron

Guests: Graham Gagnon, Associate Vice-President, Research; Peter Dykhuis, Director/Curator, Dalhousie Art Gallery; Jacqueline Gahagan, Professor, Health Promotion Division and Founding Fellow, MacEachen Institute for Public Policy & Governance

The Dalhousie University Senate acknowledges that this meeting is taking place in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People.

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was **approved** as presented.

2. Consent Agenda

2.1 Approval of the Draft Minutes of March 25, 2019 Senate Meeting

Approved by **CONSENT**.

3. Matters Arising from the March 25, 2019 Senate Meeting Minutes

There were no matters arising.

4. Steps to Make Diversity and Inclusion a Reality

J. Gahagan presented information on the “Lavender Door Office’ Proposal in support of LGBT2S Faculty, Student and Staff Teaching and Learning.

FOR APPROVAL

5. Senate Planning and Governance Committee

5.1 Policy and Procedures on Centres and Institutes

G. Gagnon presented on the Research Centres and Institutes Policy and Procedures and advised that it would replace the Guidelines for Centres and Institutes at Dalhousie University that were adopted by the Senate on January 29, 2001, and the Procedures and Terms of Reference for Committees Conducting Senate Reviews of Centres and Institutes that were approved by Senate February 26, 2007.

G. Gagnon highlighted that the new policy and procedures will provide structure, accountability and transparency for groups of researchers who wish to be formally recognized by the University as a “Centre” or “Institute”. The new policy and procedures would also ensure consistency with best practices of the U15- Canada’s most research-intensive universities.

In a brief discussion of the presentation, Senator Harman clarified that the Senate Academic Programs and Research Committee (SAPRC) would still be responsible for the approval of the creation and modification of new and current Centres and Institutes as well as the termination and reviews of the same.

THAT the Senate approve of the Research Centres and Institutes Policy as presented.

AND THAT the Research Centres and Institutes Policy and Procedures replace the Guidelines for Centres and Institutes at Dalhousie (adopted by the Senate on Jan. 29, 2001) and the Procedures and Terms of Reference for Committees Conducting Senate Reviews of Centres and Institutes (approved by Senate February 26, 2007).

The motion **CARRIED**.

6. Senate Learning and Teaching Committee

This session was held *in-camera*.

7. Reports

7.1 Chair of Senate’s Report

Senate Academic Programs and Research Committee

Senator Harman updated the Senate on two projects that are underway. Firstly, “embedding EDI in the curriculum” forum is taking on momentum and consultations with Deans, Associate Deans and students have been sought. The steering committee for the Forum has reached out to all the Faculties to generate potential proposals to consider by the end of May. Senator Harman noted that there will be a one-day forum on Nov. 13, 2019, where there will be opportunity to discuss some of the ideas

generated by the Faculties in greater depth. This forum will be followed by a call for proposals for a 2-day workshop/retreat in May 2020 to continue the work started at the forum with the end goal of changes that can be launched the following fall term (2020). Secondly, a Rapid Task Force is reviewing the various levels of decision making within the Senate Standing committees and sub committees structure and report back with recommendations on how to streamline processes both for committee members and program proposers.

Chair of Senate Planning and Governance Committee

Senator Hewitt provided an update on the recommendations on Academic freedom for non-bargaining unit members and a corresponding implementation plan was considered by SPGC. Both will be presented to Senate at a future meeting. Senator Hewitt shared that in conjunction with HR, Senate representatives should continue to consider test cases for the Grievance process for non-bargaining unit members. A self-ID process to aid and select senator nominations to ad-hoc committees is being explored and Senator Hewitt met with Indranil Dutta, Manager, IT Development Enterprise Application Services, to work through the process of setting up a database. Faculties have begun sharing their strategic plans with SPGC as per the ToR and Faculty of Health was the first faculty to share its strategic plan with SPGC.

7.2 Vice-President, Research and Innovation Report

Senator Aiken provided an update on Strategic Direction for Research & Innovation, including the adoption of United Nations' 2030 Sustainable Development goals as a framework.

Researches strategic direction goals:

- Increase international collaboration
- Double the number of PhD students
- Increase research productivity
- Increase research income
- Monitor alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

Senator Aiken shared that in October 2018, Dal Innovates was launched: a suite of programming that provides opportunities for students and faculty to explore and experience innovation and entrepreneurship, and develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to translate new ideas into innovations. In 2018, Dalhousie researchers attracted over \$155M in external research funding. She further added that over the past year, Dalhousie has improved its services and systems for researchers. This includes the revamped ROMEO Researcher portal, which was launched in November 2018 and UNIWEB, which was implemented in February 2019.

7.3 Questions for Reports

Senator Duck referred to the AIO reports for January to March 2019 in the Senate meeting package and suggested that an extended discussion take place at Senate on the AIO Assessments and Recommendations received in the past academic year. Senator Hewitt confirmed this will be scheduled for a future meeting of Senate, and perhaps be first discussed at the SLTC.

8. Question Period- Land acknowledgement statement

Senator S. Holmes asked a question regarding “Land Acknowledgement statement” and consideration being given to expanding the statement that is made at the beginning of Senate meetings.

The response from Senator Hewitt explained that the co-chairs and members of the Indigenous Advisory council were consulted on April 11, 2019 to discuss Senator Holmes’s question. A statement was drafted for consideration by IAC, elders and others. The feedback received indicated that there was no support for a change in Land acknowledgement statement at this time; but that there was a desire for greater efforts with respect to education in this regard.

6. Other Business

There was no new business arising.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.