



SENATE

APPROVED Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 26, 2015

4:15pm-6:15pm

Carleton Campus, Halifax: Theatre A, Charles Tupper Medical Building,
Agricultural Campus, Bible Hill: Principal's Boardroom, Cumming Hall

The Senate met in regular session on Monday, October 26, in Theatre A, Charles Tupper Medical Building. The meeting was called to order at 4:15pm.

Present with K. Hewitt in the chair: Anderson, Banks, Barrett, Bodorik, Boran, Burton, Byers, Chen, Cochrane, Crago, Cutler, Dobson, Doman, Erdman, Finley, Florizone, Gahagan, Gantar, Goldberg, Gray, Habib, Harman, Herder, Hill, Holmes, Hunt, Hutton, Kesselring, Kozey, Leonard, Lu, Ma, B. MacDonald, M. Macdonald, MacRae, Macy, Mansour, Mazzanti, Meynell, Nicholson, Noble, Pacurar, Parker, Rau-Chaplin, Roy, Smit, Stadnyk, Stanish, Stone, Tennessen, Wach, Warwick, Watters, Webster, Zaiotti.

Regrets: Ali, Baylis, Bourne-Tyson, Brown, Cameron, Cooper, Goodday, Kirk, Leon, C. MacDonald, McCallum, Mopoho, Quaraishi, Wright.

Absent: DasGupta, Grant, Khan, Kyriakidis, Langille, Leach.

Guests: Susan Brousseau (Secretary of Senate), Andrea Power (Recording Secretary), Kevin Landry (student minute taker), Claude Caldwell (Associate Dean, Academic, Faculty of Agriculture), Daniel Boyd (Director, Institute for Research in Materials), John Hope (Assistant General Counsel, Legal Counsel) and Peter Fardy (Vice President, Advancement)

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Approval of Agenda

The October 26, 2015 draft revised Senate agenda was approved as presented, noting that item 12 will not have a presentation, and instead there will be a brief discussion. The presentation has been rescheduled to the November 9, 2015 meeting of Senate.

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Approval of Consent Agenda

Approval of Draft Minutes of September 28, 2015 Senate Meeting

THAT Senate approve the draft Senate minutes of September 28, 2015.

Approved by **Consent**.

Senate Nominating Committee: Senate Standing Committee Nominations

THAT Senate appoint:

Corinne Macdonald, Faculty of Engineering, to the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee for the term of October 26, 2015-June 30,2018.

Jill Grant, Faculty of Architecture and Planning, to the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee for the term of October 26, 2015-June 30, 2018.

Patricia Manuel, Faculty of Architecture and Planning, to the Senate Appeals Committee for the term of October 26, 2015-June 30, 2018.

Approved by **Consent**.

Senate Planning and Governance Committee

Senate Nominating Committee Nominations

THAT Senate re-appoint James Creighton, Faculty of Dentistry, and Grant Wach, Faculty of Science, to the Senate Nominating Committee for the term of October 26, 2015-June 30, 2018.

THAT Senate appoint Catherine Venart, Faculty of Architecture and Planning, to the Senate Nominating Committee for the term of October 26, 2015-June 30, 2018.

Approved by **Consent**.

Senate Faculty Representative for Search Committee for Vice Provost, Student Affairs

THAT Senate appoint Lisa Goldberg, Faculty of Health Professions, as a faculty Senate representative to the Search Committee for the position of Vice-Provost, Student Affairs.

Approved by **Consent**.

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Matters Arising from the September 28, 2015 Senate Minutes

There was no business arising from the September 28, 2015 minutes.

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Chair of Senate's Report

Senator Hewitt brought Senate's attention to various items attached to the meeting materials; the annual reports, Call for Names & Expressions of Interest – Dalhousie University Chair of Senate for the term July 2016 – June 2019, 2015 Fall Dalhousie University Graduands, and the Call for Honorary Degree Nominations that closes on November 30, 2015. He noted that on November 12, the Fall Study Day, a Senate Workshop Planning group will be hosting a forum to discuss the recommendations from the various reports that have been released on campus and the recommendations that are of importance to Senate.

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President's Report

President Florizone briefly spoke to the benefits of providing a written report four times a year to Senate synchronized to written reports that are already prepared for the Board of Governors. In the interest of

time he shortened his oral brief to comments on the recent change of the federal government. He saw it as an opportunity to think about how universities influence and shape the agenda in light of the new government. He lauded the Liberal government's promise to increase funding to low income students and to focus on research. He talked about the challenges of aligning the universities needs with the agenda of the new government.

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Provost's Report

Senator Watters reported that the search for a Dean of Arts and Social Science, Registrar, and a Vice Provost, Student Affairs, were progressing. The University Librarian is undergoing a five-year review, which she expects to be finished by the middle of January.

The Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) have been meeting regularly and tuition rates were noted. There is the possibility for tuition rates in the Faculties of Agriculture and Engineering and the School of Pharmacy to be examined to determine if there will be a request for a reset as permitted by the province. It will be important to hear from students in the coming months.

The Report from the Committee on Aboriginal and Black/African Canadian Student Access and Retention: A Focus on Financial Support was released and will be discussed by Senate later in 2015. The October 21 Dalhousie University Open House was a success. Questions were posed about work moving forward on the call to action from the *Truth and Reconciliation Commission* report and the work done at Dalhousie will be discussed at a future meeting of Senate.

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DSU President's Report

The DSU President, Senator Nicholson, deferred to Senator Hutton for the report. Senator Hutton reported on the DSU response to the Backhouse report; which included a panel organized in part by the DSU with more than 400 individuals in attendance. In response to the recommendation for an ombudsperson, the DSU has expanded their advocacy service to include the Student Advocacy Society (SAS), to provide additional support for students trying to navigate complaints procedures. This will include extra training for SAS members.

Bill 114- *the Safe Universities and Colleges Act*- was also discussed. The DSU is lobbying for the approval of this bill by the legislature. He reported that the DSU was consulted by the government regarding bill 100, noting that the discussion was confidential.

Senator Hutton further explained how the expanded advocacy service differed from the Human Rights Equity and Harassment Prevention Office and he explained more about the training DSAS members would receive. There was a comment that Dalhousie should undertake broader collection on these issues, similar to what is required under the Cleary Act in the US (the proposal goes beyond Bill 114 to deal with other security issues), for accurate statistics to be kept about occurrences of sexual assaults on campus and that appropriate methods for sharing these statistics between universities be sought. Senator Watters explained that she would come back to Senate with information on this.

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Senate Academic Programs and Research Committee

New Program Proposal: Bachelor of Science, Agriculture Honours

Senator David Gray and Mr. Claude Caldwell presented the program proposal noting that the Faculty of Agriculture is proposing to modify the existing core requirements for the B.Sc. (Agr.) and adding an Honours option. The research project component will no longer be required for the Bachelor of Science degree. The research project will be reserved for the Honours pathway of the program. There were questions about the program's grade scale and syllabus wording and how those would match the University standards; however, it was noted that Senate was approving the program structure and not each syllabus.

On behalf of the Academic Programs and Research Committee, Senator Hewitt **MOVED**:

THAT Senate approve the proposed Bachelor of Science, Agriculture Honours program, as presented.

The motion **CARRIED**.

New Program Proposal: Master of Science, Nursing and Modified Program Proposal: Master of Nursing

Senators William Webster and Marilyn MacDonald presented the two proposals for the School of Nursing. The Master of Nursing program previously had three streams: (i) thesis, (ii) health policy practicum, and (iii) nurse practitioner. The proposal seeks to remove the thesis stream from this degree program's offerings and to replace it with a stand-alone thesis-based Master of Science in Nursing program. As well, the health policy practicum stream would become a course-based professional stream. The nurse practitioner stream would remain unchanged.

Discussion ensued about what clinical designations end up in each of these streams. There was also discussion about whether or not this devalues the professional standing of non- nurse practitioners.

On behalf of the Academic Programs and Research Committee, Senator Hewitt **MOVED**:

THAT Senate approve the proposed new Master of Science, Nursing Program and the proposed modified Master of Nursing program.

The motion **CARRIED**.

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Senate Planning and Governance Committee

The Senate Principles and Values Work Group, Chaired by Senator Kevin Hewitt, prepared particular sections which were then included in the Senate Constitution. The draft Constitution was presented to Senate at the September 28, 2015 meeting for discussion. The Work Group included in the Constitution a new section 2, which included sections on Principles, Values and Expectations of Senators. Senator Hewitt noted that any Constitutional amendments must be approved with a 2/3 majority. Following approval by Senate, the Board of Governors will be required to approve Section 1, due to the revision.

Discussion ensued showing support for the amendment and the need for values to be clearly stated. It was asked if a Code of Conduct for Senators should also be created. Senator Hewitt agreed.

On behalf of the Senate Planning and Governance Committee, Senator Hewitt **MOVED**:

THAT Senate approve the revised Senate Constitution, as presented.

The motion **CARRIED**.

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Senate Planning and Governance Committee: University Corporate Gifts

This item arose out of discussion on Shell agreements in spring 2015. Mr. John Hope and Mr. Peter Fardy presented to Senate about advancement and corporate gifts. It was outlined that the goal of corporate gift policy is to get alumni, friends, and corporations to invest in the future of Dalhousie.

The gift commitment process that is followed at Dalhousie was outlined by Mr. Fardy, noting that gifts apply to personal and corporate gifts. It was emphasized that donors are engaged for strategic purposes which advance the objectives of the university. Donors are secured who have alignment with the goals of Dalhousie. Normally the Dean of the area of the donor's interest will facilitate negotiations and discuss how the donation might take shape. If there is no alignment, then the gift is not accepted. If there is intersection between the donor and the school, a contract or gift agreement is reached. The specifics of agreements are personalized to the particular donor, their level of market sophistication, etc.

The specifics of the contract review process were discussed as well. Focus is placed on ensuring the donor is unable to dictate research outcomes and that outcomes can be published. There are also efforts to reduce liability to the university in situations where funding is terminated with just cause.

Discussion ensued around protection of Intellectual Property rights and if the rights remain with the researchers. There were numerous questions about if only the research was protected, or the data as well. Lastly, there was discussion about researchers and their liabilities for misuse of research funds.

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Senate Academic Programs and Research Committee: Senate Review of the Institute for Research in Materials (IRM)

Senator Byers, Chair of the Senate Review Committee, and Mr. Daniel Boyd, Director, IRM, presented the Senate Review for the Institute for Research in Materials (IRM). This is the second Senate review of the IRM and it covers the period from 2008 to 2014. The presenters outlined that the strength of the IRM continues to be the excellence and collegiality of its people (researchers, staff, and trainees). Some challenges are the loss of federal infrastructure and the need for constantly updated facilities. The Senate Review Committee made ten recommendations, the most pressing of which is leadership, which has been found in Daniel Boyd, the new Director of the Institute for Research in Materials.

The role of the IRM was another theme the presenters touched upon and they advocated for more active planning, matchmaking initiatives and a review of the organizational structure. The core facilities of IRM need to have an institutional model which enforces and facilitates their creation, maintenance and retirement.

Mr. Boyd emphasized the focus on IRM research happening around the world. He emphasized the need for IRM infrastructure to be available to students and researchers. He mentioned opportunities in health science, ocean materials and energy storage- a fundraising roadmap will be made for these areas by the

end of the year. He mentioned various teaching items that are being developed in regard to IRM such as workshops.

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Report on Employment Equity History at Dalhousie

This presentation was deferred to the November 9, 2015 Senate meeting. Senator Hewitt had attached an outline of the Federal Contractor's Program and information from University of Toronto Reports to the meeting materials for reference.

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Question Period

There were no questions.

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Other Business

There was no other business.

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Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.