

**SENATE**  
**APPROVED Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, June 22, 2015**  
**4:00pm-6:00pm**  
**University Hall, Macdonald Building**

Senate met in regular session on Monday, June 22, 2015, at 4:00pm in University Hall, Macdonald Building.

**Present** with A. Pinder in the chair: Barrett, Baur, Baylis, Bodorik, Boran, Bourne-Tyson, Burton, Byers, Cochrane, Crago, Cutler (VC), DasGupta (VC), Florizone, Gahagan, Gray, Habib, Harman, Hewitt (VC), Holmes, Hoyle, Hutton, Kesselring, Kirk, Kozey, Leach, Leonard, Ma, C. MacDonald, M. Macdonald, MacLennan, MacRae, Macy, Mansour, Marrie, Mazzanti, Meynell, Nicholson, Noble, Quraishi, Roy, Smirnov, Smit, Steeves, Tennessen (VC), Watters, Webster, Wright (VC).

**Regrets:** Ali, Brooks, Cooper, Cunningham, Denike, Diepeveen, Dobson, Doman, Erdman, Goodday, Herder, Hughes, Hunt, Langille, Leon, McLarney, Mitchell, Moore, Shepherd, Shukla, Stadnyk, Stanish, Wach.

**Absent:** Banks, Becke, Bhatia, Grant, Khan, Mopoho, Persaud, Watt.

**Guests:** Andrea Power (Recording Secretary), Connie Van Schaik (student minute taker)

**2015:57**

**Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda for June 22, 2015 was **adopted** with item 2.1 removed as the June 8, 2015 Senate meeting minutes were unavailable.

**2015:58**

**Consent Agenda**

**Amended Certificate and Diploma Framework**

**THAT Senate approve the amended Certificate and Diploma Framework, as presented.**

**APPROVED by Consent.**

**2014:59**

**Matters Arising from the June 8, 2015 Senate Minutes**

A follow-up discussion regarding donor agreements that involve academic matters was proposed for discussion at a future meeting of Senate. The Senate Planning and Governance Committee discussed this item at their June 17, 2015 meeting and the SPGC will be inviting John Hope, Assistant General Counsel, and Peter Fardy, Vice President, Advancement, to a meeting of Senate in October for an initial discussion.

At the May 11, 2015 meeting of Senate there was a discussion of Bill 100 "Universities Accountability and Sustainability Act", which resulted in clarification being requested of the word "university" in the document. A brief memo on this subject and was appended to the Senate meeting package for review.

**2015:60**

**Chair of Senate's Report**

The Chair reported to Senate that there were 3530 students who graduated in May 2015 at Dalhousie University as of June 8, 2015. The Chair also noted that the one student graduated between convocations with a Doctor of Philosophy in Physics and this was awarded on June 5, 2015.

The Chair reminded all Senators of the joint Senate and Board of Governor IN CAMERA briefing on June 29, 9am – 10am, with the Task Force on Misogyny, Sexism and Homophobia in the Dalhousie University Faculty of Dentistry. The briefing is not intended to be a formal pre-release of the Report, but an opportunity to discuss the process, and what the Task Force found, the problems the Task Force observed and the general themes with respect to the way forward, but not the detailed recommendations.

The Senate Academic Programs and Research Committee on June 15, 2015 approved on behalf of Senate the termination of the Pet/Greenhouse specialties in the Diploma in Technology Business Management Program, Faculty of Agriculture. The Senate Planning and Governance Committee on June 17, 2015 approved, on behalf of Senate, the appointment of Gregg Hebb, Faculty of Management, as the Senate faculty representative to the Investment Committee, Dal Pension Trust Fund and Dal Retirees' Trust Fund for the term of July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2018.

**2015:61**

**President's Report**

Mr. Florizone spoke to several items including the pending Report on the Task Force on Misogyny, Sexism and Homophobia in the Dalhousie University Faculty of Dentistry; Strategic directions updates; the University budget approval by the Board of Governors; donor events in Toronto and other cities; Accreditation matters as they relate to the building for Architecture and Planning; and the funding for the Nova Scotia government funding for the Dalhousie Medical School.

**2015:62**

**Provost's Report**

Ms. Watters spoke to the fact that the planning office will be preparing a report on the progress of strategic directions and a notice will be sent to the university community with this update. The Agriculture Campus master plan will be presented to Senate in the Fall. The remaining Deans searches are: Law – Camille Cameron will start on September 1, 2015; Health Professions and Management – not yet complete; and Arts and Social Sciences – a search committee has been struck.

Congratulations were extended to all the graduands in the 16 ceremonies and thanks were extended to all those faculty and staff who attended. The student enrolment numbers at this point are very close to the numbers outlined in the Budget Advisory Committee Report.

The Provost noted that the call for the diversity faculty awards will be going out later in June, closing in late August. The Report from the Committee on Aboriginal and Black/African Canadian Student Access and Retention: A Focus on Financial support will be finished in a couple of weeks and then reviewed and distributed to the appropriate groups.

**2015:63**

**Senate Nominating Committee**

**Appointment of Temporary Acting Senate Vice-Chair (Academic Programs) – August 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016, Nomination: David Burton, Faculty of Agriculture**

On behalf of the Senate Nominating Committee, Mr. Pinder **MOVED:**

**THAT Senate approve the appointment of David Burton, Faculty of Agriculture, as the acting Senate Vice-Chair (Academic Programs) for August 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.**

The motion **CARRIED.**

**2015:64**

**Senate Academic Programs and Research Committee: Major Modified Program Proposal: Bachelor of Science, Nursing, Faculty of Health Professions**

Present for discussion of this item were Mr. William Webster, Dean, Faculty of Health Professions and Shelly Corbett, School of Nursing, Faculty of Health Professions. Mr. Webster and Ms. Corbett presented an overview of the proposed modified Bachelor of Science, Nursing which represents a major curriculum change for the development of a new, highly integrated nursing curriculum that will span 8 semesters for students with direct entry from high school and 6 semesters for those with prior university prerequisites, rather than the program streams that are currently offered. The revised curriculum will enable more effective and efficient program delivery while being responsive to the service partners, government and provincial nursing approval and national accreditation bodies.

On behalf of the Senate Academic Programs and Research Committee, Mr. Pinder **MOVED:**

**THAT Senate approve the modified program proposal, Bachelor of Science, Nursing, Faculty of Health Professions, as presented.**

The motion **CARRIED.**

**2015:65**

**Senate Learning and Teaching Committee: Revised Student Ratings of Instruction Policy and Procedures**

Mr. David Burton, Chair, Work Group on the Review of the SRI Policy and Procedures led the discussion of the proposed changes to the Policy and Procedures. The Student Ratings of Instruction (SRI) refers to the process of systematic collection of student feedback on the quality of learning and teaching in credit courses including a set of common questions used across all teaching units. The SLTC agreed to revisit the SRI Policy and Procedures to discuss if there were revisions needed to the current Policy and Procedures, as the SRI process had been converted from a paper based process to an electronic process. In Fall 2014, the SLTC struck a work group to review the SRI Policy and Procedures and a number of recommendations and revised changes were discussed by the SLTC at its meeting of May 6, 2015. Mr. Burton outlined each proposed recommendation and it is anticipated that the final Policy and Procedures will come back to Senate in the Fall for final approval.

**2015:66**

**Ever Better Numbers: Annual Research Funding Report**

Mr. John Newhook, Associate Vice-President, Research presented a comprehensive PowerPoint on the Annual Research funding for the university. The PowerPoint will be available on the Senate BBLearn site for review after the meeting.

**2015:67**

**Question Period**

There were no questions.

**2015:68**

**Other Business**

Mr. Pinder expressed his thanks to all Senators who were finishing their terms as members of Senate as of June 30, 2015 and they are: Arts and Social Sciences: Margaret Denike, Colin Mitchell, and Leonard Diepeveen; Health Professions: David Persaud; University Libraries: Oriel MacLennan; Management: Carolan McLarney; Medicine: Romesh Shukla, M. Naeem Khan; Science: Axel Becke; Deans: Chris Moore, Faculty of Science; Kim Brooks, Schulich School of Law; Tom Marrie, Faculty of Medicine; and Michael Shepherd, Faculty of Computer Science.

Thanks were extended by all Senators for the efforts of the Chair of Senate, Mr. Alan Pinder, in his final meeting as Chair of Senate.

**2015:69**

**In Camera - Rescission of May 2015 Degree and Diploma:**

Senate went in camera to approve the recession of a Master of Public Administration degree and a Diploma in Engineering. When Senate returned to open session the Chair noted that both the degree and the diploma had been rescinded.

**2015:70**

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.