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Approved MINUTES
OF
SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session on Monday, September 26, 2011 at 4:00 p.m., in University Hall, Macdonald Building.

Present with Lloyd A. Fraser in the chair were the following: Amirault, Becke, Boran, Bouchard, Boudreau, Canning, Cochrane, Cox, Crago, Dionne, Doman, Farina, Gardner, Garduno, Gibson, Gilbert, M., Gilbert, R., Gorsky, Hughes, E., Hughes, J., Johnston, Langille, Leach, Leavitt, Leon, MacLaren, MacLennan, Magill, Mansour, Matte, McLarney, Meynell, Mitchell, Moore, Noble, Oomen, Packer, Pegg, Pelot, Pierce, Pinder, Rapaport, Robski, Rogers, Ross, Saulnier, Schellinck, Scrimgeour, Shepherd, Shukla, Singleton, Stadnyk, Summerby-Murray, Susko, Thorburn, Tillotson, Traves, Watters, Webster.

Regrets: Bennett, Chen, Cunningham, Grant, Macy, Marrie,.

Absent: Brooks, DasGupta, Maes, Walls.

The meeting was called to order and Mr. Fraser extended a warm welcome to all new and returning Senators. Mr. Fraser drew attention to major improvements made in University Hall to the audio-visual equipment, as well as the installation of new large permanent screens and the addition of attractive window blinds. He explained the basic operating instructions for the new audio-visual equipment. Mr. Fraser then invited all Senators to a welcome reception immediately following the Senate meeting.

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Adoption of Agenda

The September 26, 2011 Senate agenda was adopted as circulated.

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Consent Agenda

Approval of Draft Minutes of June 13, 2011 Senate Meeting

THAT the Senate approve the draft minutes of the June 13, 2011 Senate meeting as circulated.

Approved by Consent.

SPGC: Nomination to Senate Nominating Committee

On behalf of the Senate Planning and Governance Committee, Mr. Fraser **MOVED:**

THAT Senate appoint Stephen Brooks, Faculty of Computer Science, to the Senate Nominating Committee for the term September 26, 2011 to June 30, 2014.

Approved by Consent.

SPGC: Senate Standing Committee Transition motion

On behalf of the Senate Planning and Governance Committee, Mr. Fraser **MOVED**:

- 1. THAT all references in any policy, procedure, guideline or other document of Senate or of the University to the “Vice-Chair (Academic Administration)” shall henceforth be understood to mean, and be read as, the “Vice-Chair (Student Affairs)”.
- 2. THAT all references in any policy, procedure, guideline or other document of Senate or of the University to a specified committee of Senate shall henceforth be understood to mean, and be read as, the successor committee as set out below, unless otherwise directed by Senate.

| <u>Committee</u> | <u>Successor Committee</u> |
|--|---|
| Senate Steering Committee | Senate Planning and Governance Committee |
| Senate Academic Priorities and Budget Committee | Senate Academic Programs and Research Committee |
| Senate Academic Appeals Committee | Senate Appeals Committee |
| Senate Committee on Learning and Teaching | Senate Learning and Teaching Committee |
| Senate Committee on the Environment | Senate Learning and Teaching Committee |
| Senate Computing and Information Technology and Planning Committee | Senate Learning and Teaching Committee |
| Senate Library Committee | Senate Learning and Teaching Committee |
| Ombudsperson Advisory Committee | Senate Learning and Teaching Committee |
| Senate Physical Planning Committee | Senate Learning and Teaching Committee |

Approved by Consent.

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Matters Arising from the Draft Senate Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2011

Mr. Fraser indicated that there would be monthly updates on the Student Ratings of Instruction (SRI) at the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee meetings with a presentation to Senate later in the year.

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Chair of Senate Report

Mr. Fraser expressed condolences on behalf of Senate to the families and friends of the following former members of Dalhousie’s faculty and alumni: Peggy Heller, James Murray Beck, Peter Aucoin, Alexander "Sandy" Howard Murray, Jane V. Curran, Duane Livingston Guernsey, José K. Rosales, Maxine Tynes, and Henry (Harry) Whittier.

Mr. Fraser reported on the Fall Convocations that will be taking place in October:

October 15 at 9:30 am: Faculties of Dentistry, Health Professions, Medicine and Graduate Studies.

Honorary Degree Recipient: Mr. Marq de Villiers

October 15 at 2:30 pm: Faculties of Arts and Social Sciences, Computer Science, Law, Engineering and Graduate Studies. Honorary Degree Recipient: The Honourable Mr. Justice Murray Sinclair

October 16 at 9:30 am: Faculties of Architecture and Planning, Science, Management and Graduate Studies.
Honorary Degree Recipient: Dr. Tim Bliss, FRS

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President's Report

The President provided a report on early enrolment numbers for 2011-12, on the demographic trends reflected in these numbers, and the potential implications from a budgetary perspective. Mr. Traves noted that while Dalhousie has experienced positive enrolment growth over the last few years, it will need to continue to diversify its student body in order to ensure continued stability. He also reported briefly on on-going conversations with other Nova Scotia institutions regarding a renewed funding agreement with the province and proposed changes to the funding formula which, at this point, continues to be based partially on enrolment data from the 2003-06 period.

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Senate Standing Committee Chairs' Reports

Senate Planning and Governance Committee (SPGC)

Mr. Fraser reported on the mandate, membership, and priorities of the SPGC. He also spoke to the Dalhousie-NSAC merger, Senate Reviews of the Faculties of Management, Medicine, Engineering, Health Professions, and Law, and of the oversight of implementation of Senate governance and committee changes.

Senate Academic Programs and Research Committee (SAPRC)

Ms. McLarney, Senate Vice-Chair, Academic Programs, and SAPRC Chair, reported on the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC) approval of the new Master of Genetic Counselling program, MPHEC's acknowledgement of the suspension of admission to the PhD program in Nursing and the suspension of the Bachelor of Arts Major/Honours in Linguistics program. Ms. McLarney also reported on a number of minor program modifications approved at the Faculty level to the Bachelor of Informatics Program, Master of Environmental Studies program, MA and PhD programs in the Department of English, Master of Architecture program, and the MASc & PhD programs in the School of Biomedical Engineering.

Senate Learning and Teaching Committee (SLTC)

Mr. Pinder, Senate Vice-Chair, Student Affairs, and SLTC Chair, reported on a number of items, including the Faculty Discipline Process Quarterly Report (April-June 2011), and the implementation of the Student Ratings of Instruction policy and procedures.

2011:93

Anti-Plagiarism Software Presentation

Ms. Watters, Vice-President, Academic & Provost, and Mr. Fischer, Chief Information Officer, reported on the recent termination of the University's agreement with Turnitin and the plans to implement alternate anti-plagiarism software. It is anticipated that SafeAssign, an anti-plagiarism module within Blackboard Learning System, will be operational for instructors to use by October 11, 2011. A communication plan is being developed and training sessions for faculty on the use of this software are planned.

2011:94**Update on Dal-NSAC Merger**

Ms. Spence Wach, Associate Vice-President, Academic, provided an updated report on the Dalhousie University/Nova Scotia Agricultural College merger discussions. She advised that the University is currently in the discussion phase which includes agreement on principles to guide the merger discussions, identification of issues, analysis of options, a due-diligence and analysis phase, and, ultimately, decisions on proceeding. Approval in principle by the Board of Governors will be sought this fall, followed by approval of the legislation and merger agreement in the spring of 2012. The transition phase is anticipated to take place from December 2011 through September 2012, with students beginning classes in the merged organization in September 2012.

2011:95**Question Period**

There were no questions.

2011:96**Other Business**

There was no further business.

2011:97**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm and Senators were then invited to a welcome reception.