



## SENATE

### Approved Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. Via Microsoft Teams

The Senate met in regular session on Monday, September 12, 2022 via Microsoft Teams

**Present:** L. Spiteri (Chair), T. Agbaje-Ojo, R. Agu, O. Akinkugbe, J. Andrews, D. Black, J. Blustein, C. Cameron, R. Chang, S. Chitnis, T. Cyrus, B. Davis, K. Dilcher, P. Doucet-Bernard, A. Doucette, P. Doyle-Bedwell, L. DuBois, R. Ezekiel, M. Farrimond, G. Gagnon, D. Grantham, C. Graves, D. Gray, F. Harvey, G. Ilie, M. Irwin, D. Jakeman, M. Keinast, A. Kermanshahi-pour, I. Keumani, S. Keyamo, S. Kirk, C. Lake, P. Lee Men Chin, M. Leonard, C. Macdonald, L. Macdonald, C. Macy, V. Maselli, S. McKibbon, R. Meagher, B. Merritt, L. Meynell, A. Mohan, J. Newhook, M. Pacurar, Y. Pan, T. Parrot, L. Philmore, T. Rajack-Talley, A. Rau-Chaplin, H. Ro, K. Rosen, D. Saini, S. Seth, D. Silvio, A. Stapleton, S. Stone, D. Tyers, M. Vandenburg, T. Walker, D. Westwood, S. Wildeman, E. Yiridoe, R. Zaiotti

**Regrets:** G. Amore, D. Anderson, K. Brooks, C. Brown, O. Dryden, J. Hall, G. Horne, D. Iduye, F. Naghibi

**Absent:** G. Adolphe-Nazaire, A. Aiken, Y. El Hiani, H. El Naggar, K. El-Sankary, N. Ezzeddine, B. Foster, S. Jeffrey, W. Lahey, M. Nashnoush, H. Niu, R. Orji, N. Patil, L. Propper, A. Rudnick, R. Sampangi, L. Sarson, M. Sharaput, A. Siegel, M. Ulku

**Guests:** J. Hope (General Counsel and University Secretary), B. Mann (Manager, Discipline and Appeals), J. Ng'ethe (Associate Secretary of Senate), N. Strowbridge (Senate Coordinator), V. Watson (Student Minute Taker)

The Dalhousie University Senate acknowledges that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People and pays respect to the Indigenous knowledges held by the Mi'kmaq People, and to the wisdom of their Elders past and present. The Mi'kmaq People signed Peace and Friendship Treaties with the Crown, and section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 recognizes and affirms Aboriginal and Treaty rights. We are all Treaty people.

The Dalhousie University Senate also acknowledges the histories, contributions, and legacies of African Nova Scotians, who have been here for over 400 years.

Senator Spiteri welcomed all new and returning Senators to the first meeting of the academic year.

#### **1. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was **approved** as presented.

## **2. Consent Agenda**

### **2.1 Approval of Draft Minutes of June 13, 2022 Senate Meeting**

**THAT the draft minutes of the June 13, 2022 Senate meeting be approved as circulated.**

Approved by **CONSENT**.

### **2.2 Senate Nominating Committee: Senate Standing Committee Nominations**

**THAT the Senate approve the list of nominees under each of the standing committees as presented.**

Approved by **CONSENT**.

### **2.3 Senate Planning and Governance Committee: Senate Nominating Committee Nominations**

**THAT the Senate approve the list of nominees to the Senate Nominating Committee, as presented.**

Approved by **CONSENT**.

## **3. Matters Arising from June 13 2022 Senate Meeting**

There were no matters arising.

## **4. Senate Orientation and Rules of Procedure**

Senator Spiteri and J. Hope presented the Senate and Senate standing committee orientation, outlining statutes relating to Dalhousie University; the bicameral governance structure of Dalhousie university; the roles and composition of both the Board of Governors and Senate; Senate jurisdiction, principles and values; Senator responsibilities; the Senate schedule; a typical Senate agenda; the role of the Senate Officers and the role of the Senate standing committees.

Senators Spiteri, Pacurar and Blustein, in their capacity as chairs of the Senate Planning and Governance Committee (SPGC), the Senate Academic Programs and Research Committee (SAPRC) and the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee (SLTC), respectively, by virtue of their roles as Senate Officers, each briefly highlighted examples of business undertaken the previous academic year by the three Senate standing committees.

Senator Spiteri also spoke to the Rules of Procedure highlighting sections of Robert's Rules that applied to Senate's mode of operating that had been circulated with the meeting material, explaining that applying the rules would enable Senate meetings run more efficiently. It was unanimously agreed to adopt the Rules of Procedure for the academic year.

**5. Question Period for Orientation**

Responding to a query from a Senator regarding meetings between members of the Board of Governors and members of Senate, Senator Spiteri explained that the over the years, this had been streamlined to meetings between three members of the Board of Governors and the three Senate Officers. The rationale for this would be investigated further.

**6. Other Business**

No other business.

**7. Joint Governance Review Presentation to Board and Senate**

Senator Spiteri informed the meeting that the presentation of the Governance Review to the Board of Governors and to Senate would be a separate meeting and that a link would be provided to Senators to enable them to proceed to that meeting.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.