

**DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY  
APPROVED MINUTES OF  
SENATE MEETING**

Senate met in regular session on Monday, September 17, 2012, at 4:00pm, in University Hall, MacDonald Building.

Present with Lloyd Fraser in the chair were the following: Ali, Arron, Barrett, Baur, Beale, Bisset, Boudreau, Bourne-Tyson, Canning, Castleden, Cochrane, Cooper, DasGupta, Dionne, Doman, Gardner, Gibson, Gorsky, Grant, Harman, Hewitt, Hoyle, E. Hughes, J. Hughes, Johnston, Keselj, MacLennan, Macy, Magill, Manning, Mansour, Matte, McLarney, Miller, Mitchell, Noble, Packer, Pinder, Rapaport, Rogers, Ross, Schellinck, Shepherd, Shukla, Smirnov, Stadnyk, Summerby-Murray, Traves, Wach, Watters, Westwood, Yiridoe.

Regrets: Amirault, Becke, Boran, Brooks, Chen, Cook, Crago, Denike, Langille, Leon, MacDonald, Marrie, Moore, Rahemtulla, Tennessen, Tillotson, Webster.

Absent: Cunningham, Garduno, Khan, Leach, Pegg, Persaud.

**2012:060**

**Adoption of the Agenda**

The September 17, 2012 agenda was **adopted** with the amendment that the discussion of the Dalhousie University Academic Priorities be moved to the October meeting.

**2012:061**

**Consent Agenda**

**Approval of Draft Minutes of June 11, 2012 Senate Meeting**

**THAT** the Draft Senate Minutes of June 11, 2012 be **approved**.

**Approved by Consent.**

**Senate Nominating Committee: Nominations to Senate Standing Committees**

**THAT** Ron Bannerman, Faculty of Dentistry, be appointed for the term July 1, 2012-June 30, 2015 to the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee.

**THAT** Nouman Ali, Faculty of Computer-Science, and Archie Kaiser, Schulich School of Law, be appointed for the term July 1, 2012-June 30, 2015 to the Senate Honorary Degree Committee and Mary Anne White, Faculty of Science; Patricia Manuel, Faculty of Architecture & Planning; and Jane Thorburn, Faculty of Engineering be appointed for a further term, July 1, 2012-June 30, 2015, to the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee.

**THAT** Matthew Schnurr, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, be appointed for the term of July 1, 2012-June 30, 2015 to the Senate Appeals Committee and Linda Cochrane, Faculty of Dentistry; Susan Molesky, Faculty of Architecture & Planning; Jerome Singleton, Faculty of Health

Professions; and Sandra Walde, Faculty of Science be appointed for a further term, July 1, 2012-June 30, 2015 to the Senate Appeals Committee.

**THAT** Corinne MacDonald, Faculty of Engineering and Jim Power, Faculty of Management be appointed for the term of July 1, 2012-June 30, 2015 to the Senate Discipline Committee (SDC) and Susan Holmes, College of Continuing Education be appointed for a further term July 1, 2012-June 30, 2015 to the Senate Discipline Committee.

**THAT** Jeff Hoyle, Faculty of Agriculture, be appointed for the term September 1, 2012-June 30, 2013 to the Senate Planning and Governance Committee.

**THAT** Emmanuel Yiridoe, Faculty of Agriculture, be appointed for the term September 1, 2012-June 30, 2013 to the Senate Academic Programs and Research Committee.

**Approved by Consent.**

**2012:062**

**Matters Arising from the Minutes of June 11, 2012**

There were no matters arising from the June 11, 2012 Senate Meeting.

**2012:063**

**Chair of Senate Report**

Mr. Fraser paid tribute to some of the members of our community whom we have lost since our last meeting in June. He extended sympathy to the colleagues, family, and friends of Professor Stig Larsson, Dr. Art Sedgwick, Ruth Goldbloom, Dr. Kenneth Rozee, Professor Patrick Atherton, and Mr. Zhuhui (Kevin) Ye.

Mr. Fraser drew members' attention to several items for information that were provided in the meeting package. He encouraged Senate members to attend the fall convocations, highlighting the fact that the convocation dates have been changed this year, from the weekend to weekday convocations. He noted that in the feedback provided by Senate members the previous spring, a desire was expressed for earlier notice of upcoming issues. He indicated that he would endeavour to provide such information, in part, through his Chair's Report. In this regard, Mr. Fraser highlighted Senate priorities for the coming year in several categories, including: academic programs, the Senate Forum on Undergraduate Education, research, quality assurance, policy development, and strengthening processes.

**2012:064**

**President's Report**

Mr. Traves provided a brief update on the semester's enrolment numbers. As of September 14, 2012, 18,430 students were enrolled at the university; there were 17,300 students last year. Taking into account the 1,000 students from the Faculty of Agriculture, there is an increase of approximately 100 students amongst the other Faculties. He also noted a 17% increase in enrolment of international students. Mr. Traves then stated that there have been no drastic enrolment changes by Faculty. He noted a concern in the decreased enrolment of recent high school graduates, and he stated that a more

substantial report from the Registrar's Office would be prepared. Strategies will need to be discussed once the report is available. A question arose regarding enrolment changes in the province. It was noted that there were no major changes anticipated, and a report on enrolments at universities across Canada would also be available in a few weeks. It was also noted that 13.5% of students are international students, and most students graduate after five years. Academic issues need to continue to be dealt with to identify students at risk or in need of assistance.

Mr. Traves noted that the process for his replacement is moving along. He is focused on the foundations of the university being strong, particularly with respect to improving performance in terms of cost controls; the importance of academic innovation; and increasing relationships internationally at both the recruitment and research levels.

#### **2012:065**

##### **Senate Honorary Degrees Committee**

Mr. Fraser announced that the Senate session would go in camera, and asked that all non-senators leave the meeting. When Senate returned to open session, Mr. Fraser announced that the Honorary Degree nomination had been approved.

#### **2012:066**

##### **Senate Planning and Governance Committee: Senate Forum on Undergraduate Education**

Alan Pinder, Vice-Chair (Student Affairs) and Chair, Senate Forum Planning Committee, presented an update on the Senate Forum on Undergraduate Education. Mr. Pinder announced that the forum would take place on November 13, 2012. It will be a full day event and it is anticipated that approximately 300 registrants will attend. The forum will be a free and open discussion that will continue in Senate and across all four campuses. There will be video streaming and records saved for those who cannot attend the forum, as well as a twitter feed for comments and additional discussion. Mr. Pinder emphasized that this is a Senate event, and a large turnout from Senators would be appreciated. He also encouraged members of Senate to invite colleagues and students.

Mr. Pinder noted that there will be two facilitators at the forum, who are trained in guiding free and open discussions. There will also be a website set up by early October providing information to potential participants.

The Forum is a kickoff for open-ended discussions that will last the entire year; therefore, there will be other opportunities for further input if people cannot participate that particular day. There will also be a focus on social media strategy so that people can join the discussion. There will be an emphasis on diversity at the forum. Students will assist as scribes for table discussions.

#### **2012:067**

##### **Question Period**

There were no questions.

**2012:068**

**Other Business**

There was no other business.

**2012:069**

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.