

**DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY
APPROVED MINUTES OF
SENATE MEETING**

Senate met in regular session on Monday, June 10, 2013, at 4:00pm, in University Hall, Macdonald Building.

Present with Lloyd Fraser in the chair were the following: Ali, Amirault, Barrett, Baur, Beale, Boran, Boudreau, Bourne-Tyson, Caldwell, Canning, Cochrane, Cox, Gibson, Gorsky, Grant, Harman, Hartigan, Helland, Hoyle, Jha, Johnston, Langille, MacDonald, MacLennan, Macy, Marrie, Matte, McLarney, Mitchell, Packer, Pegg, Pinder, Rogers, Schellinck, Shepherd, Shukla, Smirnov, Stadnyk, Tennessen, Traves, Watters, Webster, Westwood, Yiridoe.

Regrets: Becke, Brooks, Castleden, Chen, Cooper, Crago, Cunningham, DasGupta, Denike, Doman, Eldridge, Gardner, Hewitt, Hughes, Killham, Leach, Leon, Mansour, Moore, Oore, Persaud, Ross, Summerby-Murray, Taylor, Tillotson, Wach, Woodman.

Absent: Garduno, Khan.

The following academic teaching awards were presented:

- Alumni Association Award of Excellence for Teaching to Arunika Gunawardena, Department of Biology
- Sessional and Part-Time Instructor Award of Excellence for Teaching to Florian Bail, Department of Political Science, and to Owen Willis, International Development Studies
- President's Graduate Teaching Assistant Award to Christina Lord, Department of Biology, Laura Ruth Albrecht, Department of Chemistry, and Marcel Peloquin, Department of Psychology and Neuroscience

Mr. Fraser welcomed a new Senator, Claude Caldwell, Acting Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, to the meeting. He also welcomed the incoming Dalhousie President Richard Florizone as a guest to the meeting.

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Adoption of the Agenda

The June 10, 2013 agenda was **adopted**.

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Consent Agenda

Approval of Draft Minutes of May 13, 2013 Senate Meeting

THAT Senate approve the draft Senate minutes of May 13, 2013.

Approved by Consent.

Revision to the Senate Discipline Committee Terms of Reference

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

THAT Senate approve an amendment to the Senate Discipline Committee's terms of reference to include the appointment of one additional faculty representative, raising the membership from 7 to 8 members.

Approved by Consent.

Senate Planning and Governance Committee Nominations

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

THAT the following individuals be re-appointed to the University Tenure and Promotions Panel from the term July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2016: Jill Grant, Faculty of Architecture and Planning; Joanne Clovis, Faculty of Dentistry; Kathleen Russell, Faculty of Dentistry; William Phillips, Faculty of Engineering; Jean Hughes, Faculty of Health Professions; Patricia Cleave, Faculty of Health Professions; Stephen Coughlan, Schulich School of Law; Iraj Fooladi, Faculty of Management; Horand Gassman, Faculty of Management; and William Pohajdak, Faculty of Science.

Approved by Consent.

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

THAT J. Michael Lee, Faculty of Medicine be appointed to the Senate Nominating Committee for the term July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2016.

Approved by Consent.

Senate Nominating Committee Nominations

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

THAT Susan Mansour, Faculty of Health Professions; Rafael Garduno, Faculty of Science; and Heather Castleden, Faculty of Management, be re-appointed to the Senate Academic Programs and Research Committee for the term July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2016.

THAT Jerry Bannister, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, be re-appointed and A. Randall Olson, Faculty of Agriculture; Bruce Archibald, Schulich School of Law; and Brenda Sabo, Faculty of Health Professions, be appointed to the Senate Discipline Committee for the term July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2016.

THAT David Westwood, Faculty of Health Professions, be re-appointed and David Burton, Faculty of Agriculture, be appointed to the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee for the term July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2016.

THAT Eddy Ng, Faculty of Graduate Studies, be re-appointed and Diana Ginn, Schulich School of Law, be appointed to the Senate Academic Appeals Committee for the term July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2016.

THAT Faye Woodman, Schulich School of Law, be appointed to the Senate Planning and Governance Committee for the term July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014.

Approved by Consent.

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Matters Arising from the Meeting of May 13, 2013

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

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Chair of Senate Report

Mr. Fraser began his report by providing an update on the Senate and Senate Standing Committee Feedback Survey. He noted that the Senate Planning and Governance Committee discussed the survey at their May meeting, and a summary of the discussion will be presented at the Senate orientation in September.

Mr. Fraser, on behalf of Senate, then congratulated Claude Caldwell of the Faculty of Agriculture, who recently was made an Honorary Life member of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association and also received the Clark-Newman-Clayton Award for exceptional contribution to Canada's pedigreed seed production and to Canadian agriculture through research, plant breeding, and administration. Mr. Fraser also congratulated Dr. Michael Shepherd on his re-appointment as Dean of Computer Science from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015. He also took a moment to thank all those who attended one or more of the 15 convocations.

With regards to the Student Ratings of Instruction Work Group Report, Mr. Fraser noted that the Work Group submitted its draft report to the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee on June 5, 2013. The final report, with SLTC's recommendation for follow-up, will come to Senate in September. Mr. Fraser noted that a copy of the report prior to distribution at the September Senate meeting can be obtained by contacting the University Secretariat.

With regards to DALVision, Mr. Fraser noted that four key themes were identified for further exploration during DALVision 2020: Senate Forum on Undergraduate Education, and the Innovation program of the Vice-President, Academic's Office, along with the Centre for Learning and Teaching, established a program to offer funding and advice to support faculty members and program staff in curricular and program development. He noted that the first 14 grants are going to projects in 6 Faculties designed to implement and evaluate new methods in course delivery, curriculum design and management, and other elements of the academic experience. The initiatives were awarded an average grant of just over \$14,000, and each grant may be expended over three years.

Mr. Fraser finished his report by reminding members of Senate of the items for information that are attached to the meeting's agenda: Guidelines on Adjunct Appointments, Dalhousie Graduands May 2013, Call for Honorary Degree Nominations – closing September 27, 2013, and the current Senior Administrative Appointments Policy.

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President's Report

Mr. Traves began by thanking all of those who attended convocations, noting the support shown from the Officers of Senate, including Mr. Fraser who provided introductions for the honorary degree recipients. He also reminded members of Senate to visit the new Ocean Sciences building—a project which is part of Dalhousie's research agenda. He then thanked all involved in Senate for their contributions over his time as President, and he highlighted the importance of accountability to Senate.

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IN CAMERA Senate Honorary Degrees Committee: Nominations

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 slate of Honorary Degree nominations had been approved.

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IN CAMERA Rescission of Diploma in Engineering, May 14, 2013

The Senate session remained in camera and when Senate returned to open session, Mr. Fraser announced that a Diploma in Engineering conferred on May 14, 2013 had been rescinded.

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Senate Academic Programs and Research Committee

New Program Proposal: Bachelor of Science in Medical Sciences

Mr. Fraser invited Mr. Tim Lee, Professor, Faculty of Medicine, to present the proposal for a new program: Bachelor of Science, Medical Sciences. Mr. Lee began by emphasizing that the goal of this program would be to provide appropriate undergraduate training to students wanting to enter appropriate professional schools, and it would also provide a broad background for entry into graduate schools. Mr. Lee noted that there are currently ten similar programs across the country, though none in the Atlantic Provinces. The proposed program has been reviewed by both the SAPRC programs sub-committee and SAPRC. This program would contain the prerequisites for all MD programs across the country, but the program is not a requirement for entry. Mr. Lee emphasized that there are also options within the program for those students who are either not accepted into an MD program or their goals are directed in another area.

This program likely would likely attract roughly half of its enrolment from students new to Dalhousie and the other half from students currently enrolled in another Dalhousie program. These numbers are only estimates; however, it is anticipated that there will be more applicants than spots available in the program and those who are not accepted will likely replace students coming from another program at Dalhousie. The enrolment cap is in place to ensure a smooth implementation of the program. Mr. Lee noted that consultations with programs within the Faculty of Science had taken place, and these programs will continue to be involved in future discussions and planning. He also emphasized that the program would be complementary to the interdisciplinary health program currently being developed by the Faculty of Health Professions. Some of the courses would be similar, but the goals of the programs are quite different. He also noted that there is currently an informal agreement with the Faculty of Arts

and Social Sciences (FASS), and the hope is to develop a relationship with FASS over the first five years of the program. The Chair noted that it will be important for the program proponents to engage in further discussion with the Faculties of Agriculture and Health Professions—particularly with respect to impacts on, and potential collaboration with, the Pre-Veterinary and Kinesiology programs. Mr. Fraser noted that despite extensive research already completed, there are still unanswered questions and the marketing and advising processes will require considerable attention once the program is approved.

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

THAT Senate approve the proposed Bachelor of Science, Medical Sciences program and the Bachelor of Science, Medical Sciences (Honours) program.

The motion **CARRIED.**

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Senate Planning and Governance Committee

University Appointments

Mr. Fraser began by stating that there have been a number of appointment-related areas in which the university had either no clear policy or outdated policy and procedures. As a result, there has been considerable work done over the last several months to develop a coordinated set of policies and procedures that address the various appointment categories. The policies are presented to Senate for approval; the Board of Governors also will be asked to approve them since they are joint Board-Senate policies. Mr. Fraser noted that the proposed policies were presented for discussion to the April 17, 2013 meeting of the Senate Planning and Governance Committee (SPGC) and the May 13 meeting of Senate. At its meeting on May 30, 2013 SPGC recommended to Senate the adoption of the proposed policies.

New Academic Appointments Policy

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

THAT Senate approve the University Policy Regarding Academic Appointments, as presented, to the extent that it affects academic matters within the purview of Senate.

The motion **CARRIED.**

Revised Policy on Senior Administrative Appointments

It was noted that Associate Librarians should be included in the policy, similar to Associate Deans. Ms. Karen Crombie, University Legal Counsel, stated that this will be noted when the policy is reviewed after a year.

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

THAT Senate approve the Senior Administrative Appointments Policy and Procedures, as presented, to the extent that it affects academic matters within the purview of Senate.

The motion **CARRIED**.

Policy Addressing Appointments in Medicine

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

THAT Senate approve the Regulations Concerning Continuing Appointment with Annual Academic Career Development for Members of Clinical Departments within the Faculty of Medicine, as presented, to the extent that it affects academic matters within the purview of Senate.

The motion **CARRIED**.

Proposal for the New School of Performing Arts, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Mr. Fraser called upon Ms. Donna Rogers, Associate Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, to present the proposal for the new School of Performing Arts, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. Ms. Rogers noted that, in due course the current faculty appointments in the Departments of Music and Theatre would be transferred to the School of Performing Arts. She emphasized that all programs in Music and Theatre will be fully integrated into the new school. It was also noted that the full proposal, to be developed and presented to Senate for approval, would include detailed provisions for the new School, such as the governance arrangements for the School within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

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

THAT Senate **approve** that:

SUBJECT TO the development of a full proposal for the establishment of the School of Performing Arts, and approval of that proposal by Senate,

THAT Senate establish the School of Performing Arts by combining the Departments of Music and Theatre, effective July 1, 2014.

The motion **CARRIED**.

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Question Period

There were no additional questions.

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Other Business

Mr. Fraser took a moment to acknowledge all of the university's accomplishments during Mr. Traves' Presidency, and he thanked him for his many contributions.

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Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm