



**DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY
APPROVED MINUTES
OF SENATE MEETING**

Senate met in regular session on Monday, February 23, 2015, at 4:00pm in University Hall, Macdonald Building.

Present with Mr. Alan Pinder in the chair were the following: Baur, Bourne-Tyson, Bucci, Byers, Cochrane, Cooper, Cunningham, Denike, Diepeveen, Erdman, Florizone, Goodday, Habib, Harman, Herder, Hewitt, Holmes, Hoyle, Hughes, Kesselring, Kozey, Langille, Leach, Leonard, Letendre, Ma, C. MacDonald, MacLennan, Macy, Mansour, Mazzanti, Meynell, Mitchell, Moore, Mopoho, Noble, Persaud, Pinder, Quraishi, Roy, Shukla, Skiptunis, Smirnov, Smit, Stanish, Steeves, Summerby-Murray, Webster, Wright.

Regrets: Aziz, Baylis, Becke, Bodorik, Boran, Crago, Cutler, Gahagan, Grant, Kirk, M. Macdonald, MacRae, Marrie, McLarney, Quinn, Stadnyk, Tennessen, Wach, Watters.

Absent: Ali, Barrett, Brooks, Burton, Calladine, DasGupta, Doman, Gray, Khan, Leon, Shepherd.

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Approval of Agenda

The February 23, 2015 agenda was **adopted** with the removal of item 5 Provost's Report.

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Consent Agenda

Approval of Draft Minutes of January 26, 2015 Senate Meeting

THAT Senate approve the draft Senate minutes of January 26, 2015.

APPROVED by Consent.

2015:40

Chair of Senate's Report

Mr. Pinder began his report by extending congratulations on behalf of Senate to Dr. Axel Becke, from the Department of Chemistry, for being the 2015 recipient of the Gerhard Herzberg Canada Gold Medal from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada. The Herzberg Medal, NSERC's highest honour, awards \$1 million as a research prize to research work conducted in Canada in the natural sciences or engineering. This is the second year in a row that the recipient has been from Dalhousie University.

Mr. Florizone **MOVED**, seconded by Mr. Mazzanti:

THAT Senate offer congratulations to Dr. Axel Becke, Department of Chemistry, for being the 2015 recipient of the Gerhard Herzberg Canada Gold Medal from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada.

The motion **CARRIED**.

Mr. Pinder reminded Senators that the Senate Nominating Committee is searching for a new Chair of Senate for July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016.

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President's Report

Mr. Florizone began his report by also congratulating Dr. Becke for winning the Herzberg Medal. He then stated that the Dentistry process is continuing, and a report should be out this week from Ms. Kim Brooks, Chair of the strategic initiative 5.2 Foster a collegial culture grounded in diversity and inclusiveness. It was also mentioned that at the Board of Governors meeting on February 10, the \$23M budget for the fitness facility was approved and the MacEachen Institute was approved.

It was discussed that any decisions from the Academic Standards Class Committee (ASCC) will go directly to the men affected and then more broadly, recognizing confidentiality. The scope of the taskforce is looking at the Faculty of Dentistry and inclusiveness and diversity across campus.

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DSU President's Report

Ms. Skiptunis, DSU Vice-President, Academic and External, spoke on behalf of Mr. Aziz, and noted that the DSU have been busy planning a panel on Intersectionality, developing a new social media policy, and preparing for the upcoming DSU elections. It was discussed that the social media policy is available online and they are in the process of preparing an equity policy.

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Senate Principles and Values

Senate went into 'Committee of the Whole' for the discussion of Senate Principles and Values. Mr. Pinder introduced Mr. Colin Mitchell and Mr. Kevin Hewitt, co-chairs of the Senate Principles and Values working group, established by the Senate Planning and Governance Committee (SPGC) in the fall of 2014. The co-chairs will lead the Committee of the Whole Discussion, which is an informal discussion, without the usual restrictions of parliamentary procedures.

Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Hewitt summarized the following items from the discussion: prepare a motion for adoption by SPGC regarding the inclusion of the NS Statutes, 1935, c 104 in section 1.1 of the new constitution; draft a separate document that addresses bicameral governance; resurrect a map of relationship between Senate and other bodies; the work group should have conversations with Senators, Faculties, the Provost Committee, the Dean's Council and the Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) to further define relationships, including the relationship between Senate and the Board of Governors; and to prepare a history of the old constitution.

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Question Period

The decision by the ASCC regarding Ryan Millett's appeal is unknown at this time.

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Other Business

There was no other business.

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Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:55p.m.