

Item: Senate Minutes, July 2005  
Call Number: Senate fonds, UA-5

Additional Notes:

This document is a compilation of Senate minutes, staff matters and miscellaneous documents for July 2005. The documents have been ordered chronologically and made OCR for ease of searching. The original documents and additional documents for this year which have not yet been digitized can be found in the Dalhousie University Senate fonds (UA-5) at the Dalhousie University Archives and Special Collections.

The original materials and additional materials which have not been digitized can be found in the Dalhousie University Archives and Special Collections using the call number referenced above.

In most cases, copyright is held by Dalhousie University. Some materials may be in the public domain or have copyright held by another party. It is your responsibility to ensure that you use all library materials in accordance with the Copyright Act of Canada. Please contact the Copyright Office if you have questions about copyright, fair dealing, and the public domain.

# DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

## APPROVED MINUTES

### OF

## SENATE MEETING

SENATE met in regular session on Monday, 11 July 2005 in University Hall, Macdonald Building.

**Present** with Mr. Mohamed El-Hawary in the chair were the following: Barker, Beazley, Ben-Abdallah, Binkley, Bond, Breckenridge, Camfield, Cercone, Chowdhury, Cleave, Cochrane, Coughlan, Dunphy (Recording Secretary), Edelstein, El-Masry, Fraser, Geldenhuys, Gray, Hicks, Horackova, Johnson, Jordan, Kwak, McMullen, Oppong, Pegg, Pelzer, Rosson, Saunders, Schroeder, Scully, Smith, B., Smith, K.E., Stroink, Swanston, Urbanowski, Wallace, Wanzel, Whyte, Yeung, Zuck.

**Regrets:** Butler, Caron, Cook, Dasgupta, Dawson, Hubert, Klein, Livingston, Maes, McNeil, Murphy, Phillips, Salmon, Shelkovyy, Sullivan, Thornhill, Traves, Webster, Wien.

**Absent:** Coxon, Finbow, Morgunov, Precious, Rutherford, Scrimger, Slonim, Stone, Taylor.

**Guests:** J. Grant, A. Jost, C. Kozey, L. Makrides, A. Power

At the last meeting of Senate on June 27, 2005 time did not allow for the opportunity to thank all the retiring Senators as of June 30, 2005. Mo El-Hawary thanked Jerome Barkow, Sociology and Social Anthropology; Sarah-Jane Corke, History; Allan Jost, Computer Science; Farid Taheri, Civil Engineering; Mysore Satish, Civil Engineering; Marie Earl, Physiotherapy; Brenda Richard, Social Work; Donna Meagher-Stewart, School of Nursing; Richard Evans, Law; Bertrum MacDonald, Library & Info. Studies; Colin Stuttard, Microbiology & Immunology; Allen Finley, Anesthesia; Siegfried Pelzer, Physiology & Biophysics; David Hamilton, Mathematics & Statistics; and Dorette Pronk, Mathematics & Statistics; retiring Deans: William Caley, Engineering; Abol Jalilvand, Management; Dawn Russell, Law; and Lynn McIntyre, Health Professions, Secretary of Senate: Denise Sommerfeld, School of Nursing and Senators renewing their Term: Peter Butler, Sociology and Social Anthropology; and Swapan DasGupta, Economics.

Mo El-Hawary welcomed all new Senators for July 1, 2005 from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: David Schroeder, Music; and Carrie Dawson, English; Faculty of Computer Science: Jacob Slonim; Faculty of Engineering: Ezz El-Masry, Electrical & Computer Engineering; and Mike Pegg, Chemical Engineering; Faculty of Health Professions: Pollen Yeung, College of Pharmacy; Fred Wien, Social Work; John Hubert, School of Health Sciences; Reginald Urbanowski, School of Occupational Therapy; Faculty of Law: Esmeralda Thornhill; Faculty of Management: Shamsud Chowdhury, School of Business Administration; Faculty of Medicine: Laurette Geldenhuys, Department of Pathology; Alison Gray, Department of Anesthesia; and Siegfried Pelzer, Physiology and Biophysics; Faculty of Science: Keith Johnson, Mathematics and Statistics; and Bruce Smith, Mathematics and Statistics; Academic Administrators: William Webster, Dean, Faculty of Health Professions; Phillip Saunders, Dean, Faculty of Law; and Philip Rosson, Acting Dean, Faculty of Management

**2005:070**

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was **ADOPTED** as circulated.

**2005:071**

Draft Senate Minutes – June 27, 2005 Meeting

2.1 Approval

The draft minutes of June 27, 2005 were unavailable and will be distributed at the next Senate meeting.

2.2 Matters Arising

As a follow up to the June 27, 2005 minutes Mr. El-Hawary reported that the Senate Special Committee of Inquiry had been struck with the following membership:

Chair – Ms. Karen Beazley, Resource and Environmental Studies, Faculty of Management  
Members- Mr. David Schroeder, Music, FASS  
Mr. Stephen Coughlan, Faculty of Law  
Ms. Esmeralda Thornhill, Faculty of Law  
Mr. Michael Pegg, Chemical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering

The Committee has selected two meeting dates in August 2005.

**2005:072**

Senate Academic Priorities & Budget Committee

- a. Revised Modified Program Proposal -  
Master of Planning Studies (Post Professional), or MPS (PP)

On behalf of the Senate Academic Priorities and Budget Committee (SAPBC), Mr. El-Hawary **MOVED:**

***“THAT Senate approve of the proposed program, Master of Planning Studies (Post Professional).”***

At the June 27, 2005 Senate meeting the Chair invited Mr. Kwak, Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mr. Grant Wanzel, Dean of the Faculty of Architecture and Planning and Ms. Patricia Manuel, Acting Director of the School of Planning to speak to the proposal however at the end of the discussion the Senate quorum was called and the meeting unfortunately had to adjourn just prior to the question being called. Mr. Dunphy called the question.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

- b. Modified Program Proposal -  
Master of Science (Physiotherapy) (entry to practice)

On behalf of the Senate Academic Priorities and Budget Committee (SAPBC), Mr. El-Hawary **MOVED:**

***“THAT Senate approve the proposed academic program for the Master of Science (Physiotherapy), with the understanding that the financial aspects of the program would require separate Senate approval at a later date when additional financial information was available and SAPBC had had an opportunity to assess it.”***

The Chair invited Mr. Kwak, Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Ms. Lydia Makrides, Director of the School of Physiotherapy and Ms. Cheryl Kozey, Chair of the Entry-Level Master's Committee to speak to the proposal. Mr. Kwak introduced the proposal indicating that the proposal is very similar to the MSc Occupational Therapy proposal that Senate has already had the opportunity to review and approve. The licensing requirements at the National level for Physiotherapy now require that by 2010 all students entering the physiotherapy profession enter from a Master's program.

The present BSc programme in Physiotherapy has allowed students to enter after one year of undergraduate studies. The Physiotherapy School will now take the academic requirements of the programme into the graduate level and combine this with the Master's level admission standards. Also, the course and programme content will be changed in a substantial manner. The existing undergraduate programme was defined by a typical semester system where there are 3 credits for a half credit course. However, the new programme is on a modular basis and fits better with the requirements for the programme. Administratively this is being proposed as a 26 month programme. The Faculty of Graduate Studies and SAPBC were both unable to consider the financial aspects of the programme at this time, and they are still being worked out. Therefore Senate is being asked to only approve the academic component of the programme so as to ensure that admissions for 2006 can go ahead.

Ms. Kozey noted that the proposal is very detailed and she would entertain any questions. Mr. Cochrane asked for clarification as to whether approval is conditional on financing or is it strictly related to the academic component. Mr. El-Hawary noted that the approval was strictly academic and Senators would have an opportunity to approve the entire program again with the financial components once they were worked out.

Mr. Whyte questioned why the national body deemed it necessary or appropriate to make this programme a Master's degree and why another Health Profession programme has prolonged the professional requirements to complete a degree prior to practicing their profession. He stated that extending the study results in a major cost to the students and he is unsure if this benefits the Health profession to any great extent. Ms. Kozey noted that there is a very diverse group of students coming into the programme and some have one year of previous university (undergraduate) study and some have a Master's degree. As far as the students are concerned this would be a comfort to the students that they now would be at a similar entry level with an undergraduate degree. The profession also felt that the requirements now have exceeded the undergraduate level and necessitated the move to a Master's level. Physiotherapy now does not need referrals and this has changed the scope of practice for the profession. Consumers of physiotherapy services benefit by having someone who does have a base level of education and then further concentrated education at a Master's level. Historically the students coming into the programme have had a diverse background and this change will promote some sense of same platform amongst the students as they move forward.

Mr. Whyte's third question queried the inclusion of evidence based physiotherapy similar to evidence based medicine. Ms. Kozey discussed the ability to implement evidence based practice related to level of prior education.

Ms. Makrides also spoke to the questions raised by Mr. Whyte and noted that the majority of students will in fact actually spend less time in school as a result of this change. The surveys note that 80%-90% of Physiotherapy students already have 3-4 years of post secondary education. Students have been changing into the Physiotherapy programme and studying for an additional 4 years. As a Masters programme the students will have 4 years for an undergraduate programme and then 2 years in the Masters programme. This change will result in less time in school for the majority of students, resulting in an overall less expensive education. In the past there has been a need for physiotherapists to be mentored but now there is the expectation for the graduates to go out into the communities immediately upon graduation. Also, primary prevention is another area of concern and health promotion is new to this field. The new Masters programme will integrate the clinical experience required to equip physiotherapists to achieve these aims into the curriculum.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Mr. Scully spoke to the financial issues for Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy and it is anticipated that the financial aspects of the program proposals will come back to Senate in the Fall term. Discussions with the Department of Health and Education are progressing well. Both of these programs carry significant new costs, and it is impossible for the Faculty or the University to absorb these costs. Occupational Therapy was reviewed and received approval by the Atlantic Advisory Committee on Health Human Resources (AACHHR); however, the Physiotherapy proposal has had to undergo the additional step of a national review. The national review has delayed the progress within the Department of Health and Education. Both departments are aware that Dalhousie University will be looking for additional annual funding for each program at approximately \$500,000.

Mr. Stroink asked if student registration will likely be available in January 2006. Mr. Kwak indicated that this is exactly what is anticipated, and why it is so important to have the academic components of the proposal approved to ensure that students are not disadvantaged.

**2005:073**

Senate Steering Committee

Draft Terms of Reference – Senate Library Committee

On behalf of the Senate Steering Committee (SSC), Mr. El-Hawary **MOVED**:

***“THAT the Senate approve that the Constitutional Provisions Governing the operations of Senate, Senate Library Committee: Composition be revised from “the University Librarian, the Health Sciences Associate University Librarian, the Law Librarian, the Sexton Design & Technology Associate Librarian”, to “the University Librarian, the Health Sciences Associate University Librarian, the Law Librarian, an Associate University Librarian representing the Killam Library, the Sexton Design & Technology Associate Librarian, and one other professional librarian.”***

Mr. El-Hawary explained that traditionally, the University Librarian had represented the Killam Library on the Committee. The Senate Library Committee (SLC) believed that the University Librarian should represent the Library system overall on the SLC and that another member should be added to the SLC to represent the Killam Library specifically.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

**2005:074**

Senate Nominating Committee Report

On behalf of the Senate Nominating Committee (SNC), Mr Jost **MOVED**:

*“THAT Mary-Lize Grise, Faculty of Management, be elected to the Senate Computing and Information Technology Planning Committee for the term July 2005-June 2007; Don Cherry, Faculty of Management, be elected to the Honorary Degrees Committee for July 2005-June 2008; and Brian Hall, Faculty of Science be elected to the University Hearing Committee for July 2005-June 2007.”*

After the requisite three calls for further nominations, the motion was **CARRIED**.

Following the requisite three calls for further nominations, the nominees were declared elected to their respective committees.

On behalf of the Senate Nominating Committee (SNC), Mr. Jost **MOVED**:

*“THAT Bruce Dunphy, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Faculty of Medicine be elected as the Secretary of Senate for July 2005-June 2008.”*

After the requisite three calls for further nominations, the motion was **CARRIED**.

Following the requisite three calls for further nominations, the Mr. Dunphy was declared elected as Secretary of Senate.

**2005:075**

Ombudsperson Advisory Committee

Reappointment of Ombudsperson and Assistant Ombudsperson 2005/06

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Academic Administration (SCAA), Mr. Scully **MOVED**:

*“THAT Mr. Charles Gouthro and Ms. Ada Maxwell be appointed to the Ombudsperson Advisory Committee for 2005/06 as Ombudsperson and Assistant Ombudsperson respectively.”*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

**2005:076**

Chair’s Report

Mr. El-Hawary reported that the Report of the Senate Review Committee for the Faculty of Law has been received in the Senate Office. If any Senators would like to review the Report please contact the Senate Office.

Senator Appreciation was discussed at the last Senate Steering Committee (SSC) and Mr. Fraser indicated that this item was brought forward to the SSC by a Senator, and that there was a very useful discussion at the last meeting. The discussion was based around the fact that Senate may not recognize the tremendous contribution of each Senator and those who work on behalf of Senate. Also, because of the nature of the Senate meetings there is little opportunity to have an informal discussion. One of the suggestions presented by the President was a holiday reception

for Senators and the Board of Governors hosted by the President's Office. Another suggestion was an end of academic year reception, in May, which could be combined with the presentation of the Senate Committee on the Environment Award. The balance of the discussion at the SSC meeting was on how the Senate meetings could be more productive and/or engage more people in discussion. Altering the Senate room set up was one potential way to achieve some of this change. The SSC invites Senators to send any comments or suggestions to the Chair of Senate prior to the next SSC meeting on September 21, 2005.

Mr. Whyte noted that many years ago the SSC discussed the possibility of holding a Senate Orientation for new Senators and asked if this had been discussed. Mr. Fraser indicated that this was discussed and if it was something that Senators felt was important then this could be reviewed once again. Mr. El-Hawary felt that a one hour session at the September meeting could be beneficial to new Senators and this topic will be brought up with the SSC at its next meeting. The September 12 Senate meeting that has been scheduled will have to be cancelled as there is a large administrative retreat going on the same time. Therefore, the only meeting of Senate in September will be on September 26.

**2005:077**

Question Period

Mr. Scully asked for an update on the conversion of the Senate website. Ms. Power, Senate Office Manager, reported that the student grant provided to the Senate Office for the conversion is well under way and the student, Mr. Bradshaw, is available if desired for questions at the meeting today. The conversion of the Senate website encompasses the new branding image for the University (incorporating the new Collage system) and will be a comprehensive site for all to visit. Mr. Bradshaw is taking a few photographs at the Senate meeting today and if you do not want your photo used in any of the publications please let Ms. Power know. Also, the front page write-up for the website will be revised by the Senate Officers and Mr. Scully and will have a more friendly approach vs. an excerpt from the Statute. The Senate Office anticipates that the site will be uploaded by the end of July 2005. Mr. Bradshaw is also incorporating a long awaited password protected Senate Appeal Decision Database section to the website for the Senate Academic Appeals Committee.

Ms. Binkley was curious to know if the Faculty of Management building was on schedule, when they anticipate moving in and if there was going to be a celebration in the first part of September. Mr. Rosson indicated that, as far as he knew, the Faculty of Management will be moving in the middle of August and that classes will start in the new building in September.

**2005:078**

President's Report

There was no report as the President was on holiday.

**2005:079**

Other Business

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 4:55pm.