

**SENATE**  
**Approved Minutes of the Meeting held on**  
**Monday, October 28, 2019 at 3:00pm**  
**Theatre A, Sir Charles Tupper Medical Building, Carleton Campus, Halifax**

The Senate met in regular session on Monday, October 28, 2019 in Theatre A, Sir Charles Tupper Medical Building.

**Present:** K. Hewitt (Chair), A. Abawajy, G. Adolphe-Nazaire, R. Agu, A. Aiken, V. Allen, F. Annan, R. Barker, J. Blustein, D. Bourne-Tyson, M. Campbell-Yeo, T. Cyrus, B. Davis, C. Diallo, A. Doucette, P. Doyle-Bedwell, O. Dryden, T. Duck, Y. El Hiani, H. El Naggar, L. Goldberg, D. Grujic, A. Haiye, K. Harman, F. Harvey, I. Hill, S. Holmes, G. Horne, V. Howard, N. Isaac-Pictou, I. Joseph, D. Kelley, J. S. Kim, M. Leonard, L. Macdonald, J. Macedo, B. Merritt, F. Naghibi, V. Nams, F. Naghibi, B. Nassar, J. Newhook, P. Nnoka, R. Orji, P. Owen, L. Perez, J. Phinney, S. Ponomarenko, T. Rajack-Talley, B. Rathgeber, A. Rau-Chaplin, H-S Ro, K. Rosen, C. Sandham, A. Sarhan, G. Scherkoske, S. Seth, A. Siegel, D. Silvio, H. Sinan, S. Stackhouse, S. Stone, F. Taheri, P. Tyedmers, D. Tyers, I. Waldron, G. Warner, E. Welsh, D. Westwood, D. White, S. Wildeman, E. Wunker, A. Yahia, I. Yakovenko, S. Yurgel

**Regrets:** P. Allen, D. Anderson, M. Aston, T. Balsler, C. Cameron, B. Foster, D. Gray, J. Hall, A. Kermanshahi-Pour, S. Kirk, N. Maymandi, D. McKeen, C. Moore, M. Pacurar, C. Richardson

**Absent:** N. Blinn, A. Cooper, A. Habib, W. Lahey, R. Rendon, L. Turnbull

**Guests:** Christian Blouin (Professor and Associate Dean, Academic, Faculty of Computer Science), Nicole Cameron (Relationship and Development Officer, United Way Halifax), Marc Comeau (Director, Academic Technology Services), Benjamin Rusak (Professor, Dept. of Psychiatry and Dept. of Psychology and Neuroscience), Sherry Stewart (Professor, Dept. of Psychiatry, Dept. of Psychology and Neuroscience), Susan Brousseau (Secretary of Senate), Sundari Pashupathi (Associate Secretary of Senate)

The Dalhousie University Senate acknowledges that this meeting is taking place in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was **approved** as circulated.

**2. Consent Agenda**

**2.1 Approval of Draft Minutes of September 23, 2019 Senate Meeting**

Approved by **CONSENT**.

**3. Matters Arising from September 23, 2019 Meeting**

**3.1 Approval of Draft Minutes of June 10, 2019 Senate Meeting**

Senator Duck provided proposed amendments, provided in the meeting package, to the June 10, 2019 meeting minutes, which arose at the September 23, 2019 meeting.

Senator Westwood **moved**, Senator Holmes **seconded**:

**THAT the amendments to the Senate meeting minutes of June 10, 2019 be approved as presented.**

The motion **CARRIED**.

#### **4. Senate Academic Program and Research Committee (SAPRC)**

Senator Harman introduced the two new programs being proposed and reminded senators of the process behind new program proposals, explaining that the new program proposals originate from faculty and have been through several steps of review, including the SAPRC, before being presented to the senate.

##### **4.1 New Program Proposal: PhD in Psychiatry Research, Faculty of Medicine**

The presenters S. Stewart and B. Rusak explained that the program builds on the current master's program, which has seen three successful cohorts of students. The presenters explained that students in the master's program had expressed an interest in continuing their learning in the faculty through a PhD program. In addition to master's student, it is expected that medical residents too will be interested in the program. It was also noted that the programs name distinguishes it from the clinical program. The program does not compete with any programs at Dalhousie, nor similar programs across Canada because of the geographical distance. The research completed by PhD students will aid faculty in their work. The department has been supportive of this proposed program and has dedicated funds that can support students; The following was discussed:

- The presenters clarified that most students will likely have a philosophy and/or psychology background. The University of Alberta and McGill University have psychiatry research masters program where students might decide to do this PhD program. The department is willing to work with students who show interest in the program but come from a diverse background to ensure that they are prepared to enter the program.
- The presenters confirmed research methods will be mostly centred on statistics, but assignments will be developed specifically around student's research needs. The program will teach students both statistical analysis and qualitative analysis.

**THAT the Senate approve the program proposal for the PhD in Psychiatry Research in Faculty of Medicine as presented.**

The motion **CARRIED**.

##### **4.2 New Program Proposal: Master of Digital Innovation, Faculty of Computer Science**

Presenters A. Rau-Chaplin and C. Blouin explained that the program was created to combine two degrees that are no longer considered relevant. The program will combine concepts from computer science and management to provide students with skills to be successful after graduation. The two past programs have attracted students that currently work in a variety of fields. The new program will produce students who meet the needs of an evolving workforce by having a background in digital technology and management, understood through the lens of change and innovation. The Faculty of Computer Science

will partner with other departments to achieve an interdisciplinary approach. Presenters note that students can complete certificates while in the program that reflect their specific field of interest.

Senate had no questions or clarifications following the presentation.

**THAT the Senate approve the program proposal for the Master's in Digital Innovation, Faculty of Computer Science as presented.**

The motion **CARRIED**.

## **5. Senate Learning and Teaching Committee**

### **5.1 Classroom Recording Protocol**

D. Bourne-Tyson spoke to the rationale for Classroom Recording Protocol, which is to aid student success while protecting intellectual property of faculty members. It was noted that any accommodation policy related request will override this protocol. The following was discussed:

- Multiple Senators expressed concern that Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) and Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) were not consulted during the development of this protocol.
- It was clarified that there are studies which show that recorded lectures help students with learning especially where students have learning challenges but no accommodations, and where English is not their first language.
- On the question of disciplinary procedures for students violating the protocol, it was that although there are not formal processes, the student code of conduct could apply if a faculty member felt that disciplinary action was warranted.

**Moved** by Senator Westwood and **Seconded** by Senator Diallo:

**THAT Senate postpone the approval of the Classroom Recording Protocol until the DFA and DSU are consulted.**

The motion **CARRIED**.

## **7. Reports**

### **7.1 Chair of the Senate's Report**

Senator Hewitt requested senators to respond to a survey in relation to the topics to be discussed at the Think Tank sessions in the Winter term. He also apprised the senate about SPGC engaging the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) on consultation around university academic priorities.

Senator Harman noted that there has been significant interest in the Forum on Embedding Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Learning and Teaching at Dalhousie, scheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup>. The forum will be livestreamed so that all faculty who are not able to attend, have access to the discussion. The forum will be followed by calls for proposal, and there is interest in making this forum an annual event.

Senator Siegel invited senators to nominate themselves or fellow senators to chair one of the eight Teaching Award committees. She noted that this is an exciting opportunity for Senators to acknowledge faculty members' unique contribution to the institution.

## **7.2 Questions for Report**

There were no questions on the reports.

## **8. Question Period**

Senator Blustein asked for clarification on the appropriate honorifics for addressing colleagues and guests in Senate meeting who are not Senators. Senator Hewitt noted that there is no prescribed approach to addressing guests, however, a formal approach can be considered, if desired.

## **6. Presentation of Lloyd Fraser Award**

Senator Hewitt welcomed former Chair of Senate, Lloyd Fraser to present the second Lloyd Fraser award for demonstrating excellence in leadership to former Senator Mike Smit. Senator Hewitt commended former senator Smit on his exceptional leadership and outstanding negotiation skills in working on the fossil fuel divestment process with the Board. L. Fraser spoke to the opportunity that Senate provides all member to be leaders in the Dalhousie community. M. Smit thanked Senate for the award and spoke to the importance of the role of senate to address issues at the university and to resolve them through collegial dialogue.

## **9. Other Business**

### **9.1 United Way Presentation**

Senator Hewitt introduced United Ways presenter, Nicole Cameron. N. Cameron spoke to the role of the United Way, talked about some of their current work in HRM. and shared a testimonial video of that illustrates how donations to the United Way have impacted one individual in Halifax. Senators were encouraged to donate to the United Way as part of Dalhousie's current campaign.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.