

SENATE
Approved Minutes of the Meeting held on
Monday, September 11, 2023 at 3:00 p.m
Hybrid
Windsor Foundation Room (Room 170) CHEB & Remote Link via Microsoft Teams

The Senate met in regular session on Monday, September 11, 2023

Present

L. Spiteri (Chair), R. Affoo, A. Aiken, T. Akay, O. Akinkugbe, O. Bankole, S. Berge, A. Bernard, S. Bishop, D. Black, E. Black, J. Blustein, R. Chang, V. Chappe, S. Chitnis, I. Coutand, B. Davis, K. Dilcher, P. Doyle-Bedwell, L. DuBois, Y. El Hiani, H. El Naggat, R. Ezekiel, M. Farrimond, M. Fournier, M. Goudreault, D. Grantham, D. Gray, S. Harding, F. Harvey, G. Horne, G. Ilie, D. Jakeman, M. Keinast, A. Kermanshahi-pour, N. Kiepek, S. Kirk, M. Knakriah, Y. Kotlyarova, M. Leonard, L. Macdonald, C. Macdonald, C. McLarney, R. Meagher, B. Merritt, F. Naghibi, M. Pacurar, Y. Pan, N. Patil, L. Philmore, A. Rau-Chaplin, T. Richard, R. Sampangi, L. Sarson, S. Seth, M. Sharaput, D. Silvio, V. Simedoh, M. Smit, S. Stone, M. Vandenburg, D. Westwood, S. Wildeman, E. Yiridoe

Regrets

D. Anderson, J. Andrews, K. Brooks, G. Gagnon, W. Lahey, S. McKibbin, T. Perrot, T. Rajack-Talley, K. Rosen, R. Zaiotti

Absent

G. Adolphe-Nazaire, M. Ali Ulku, C. Brown, A. Doucette, O. Dryden, N. Ezzeddine, E. K. Yiridoe, C. Lake, Y. Liu, C. Macy, P. Marignani, H. Niu, R. Orji, A. Rudnick, D. Tyers

Guests

John Hope (General Counsel & University Secretary), Sapna Natarajan (Student Minute Taker), Judith Ng'ethe (Associate Secretary of Senate), Nakita Strowbridge (Senate Coordinator)

The Dalhousie University Senate acknowledges that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People and pays respect to the Indigenous knowledges held by the Mi'kmaq People, and to the wisdom of their Elders past and present. The Mi'kmaq People signed Peace and Friendship Treaties with the Crown, and section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 recognizes and affirms Aboriginal and Treaty rights. We are all Treaty people.

We recognize that African Nova Scotians are a distinct people whose histories, legacies and contributions have enriched that part of Mi'kma'ki known as Nova Scotia for over 400 years.

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was **approved** as presented.

2. Consent Agenda

2.1 Approval of Draft Minutes of June 12, 2023 Senate Meeting

THAT the draft minutes of the June 12, 2023 Senate meeting be approved as circulated.

Approved by **CONSENT**.

2.2 Senate Nominating Committee: Senate Standing Committee Nominations

THAT the Senate approve the list of nominees under each of the standing committees as presented.

Approved by **CONSENT**.

2.3 Senate Nominating Committee: University Tenure and Promotion Appeal Panel Membership

THAT Senate approve the following appointments to the University Tenure and Promotions Appeal Panel, for the terms indicated:

Name	Faculty	Term
Jean Hughes	Faculty of Health	July 1, 2022-June 30, 2025 (renewal)
Tessema Astatkie	Faculty of Agriculture	July 1, 2022-June 30, 2025 (renewal)
Constance MacIntosh	Schulich School of Law	July 1, 2022-June 30, 2025 (renewal)
Patricia Doyle-Bedwell	Faculty of Open Learning & Career Development	July 1, 2023-June 30, 2026 (renewal)
Stephen Brooks	Faculty of Computer Science	July 1, 2023-June 30, 2026 (renewal)
Irene Sadek	Faculty of Medicine	July 1, 2023-June 30, 2026 (renewal)
Arunika Gunawardena	Faculty of Science	July 1, 2023-June 30, 2026 (renewal)
Joyline Makani	University Libraries	July 1, 2023-June 30, 2026 (renewal)
Stephen Parcell	Faculty of Architecture & Planning	July 1, 2023-June 30, 2026 (renewal)
Pierre-Luc Michaud	Faculty of Dentistry	July 1, 2023-June 30, 2026 (new)
Isabel Mello	Faculty of Dentistry	July 1, 2023-June 30, 2026 (new)
Ya-Jun Pan	Faculty of Engineering	July 1, 2023-June 30, 2026 (new)

Approved by **CONSENT**.

2.4 Senate Planning and Governance Committee: Academic Amnesty Request for Global Youth Climate Strike - September 15, 2023

THAT Senate approve that all individuals involved in synchronous teaching delivery at Dalhousie University on September 15, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., allow students who wish to participate in the Global Youth Climate Strike to do so without academic penalty due to their absence, subject to the following:

- 1. Students are to inform their professors at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance (by 11:00 a.m. on September 14, 2023) if they plan on missing an assessment in order to attend the event.**
- 2. Make-up assessment(s) will be at the discretion of course instructors, subject to appropriate faculty regulations.**
- 3. For the inclusion of students travelling from and to the Truro or Yarmouth campuses, no specific time is provided.**

Approved by **CONSENT**.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Senate Faculty Reappointment to Board of Governors – Ahsan Habib

It was reported that following Senate approval on June 12, 2023 of the reappointment of Ahsan Habib to the Board of Governors as a faculty representative, the item had been forwarded to the Board of Governors for its consideration and approval.

3.2 Proposed Renaming and Restructuring of Research Centre – Atlantic Institute of Criminology

The meeting was informed that following approval of the renaming of the Atlantic Institute of Criminology to the Clairmont Centre for Community Safety Research at the Senate June 12, 2023 meeting, the proposal was approved by the Board of Governors on June 27, 2023.

3.3 Black and African Diaspora Studies (BAFD)

The meeting was informed that following approval of new and modified programs relating to Black and African Diaspora Studies by Senate at its May 8, 2023 meeting, the programs were approved by the Board of Governors on June 27, 2023.

3.4 Proposal for New Program: Master of Nursing: Advanced Practice - Mental Health & Addictions, Faculty of Health and FGS

The meeting was informed that following approval of the Master of Nursing: Advanced Practice – Mental Health & Addictions program by Senate at its May 8, 2023 meeting, the proposal was approved by the Board of Governors on June 27, 2023.

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4.1 Introduction of Cheryl Fraser, Chair, Board of Governors

Senator Spiteri provided an overview of the background and experience of Cheryl Fraser, appointed as Chair for the Board of Governors earlier in the year. Cheryl Fraser's regrets were noted.

4.2 Introduction of Kim Brooks, President and Vice-Chancellor

Senator Spiteri provided an overview of the background and experience of Senator Kim Brooks, appointed as Dalhousie's 13th President and Vice-Chancellor Chair of the Dalhousie Board of Governors in July.

Senator Harvey read a statement on behalf of Senator Brooks. Senator Brooks' statement noted the importance of Senate and welcomed back all Senators for the new academic year.

5. Reports

5.1 Chair of Senate's Report

The Chair of Senate's Report was included in the Senate meeting package for review. Senator Spiteri informed the meeting that the primary focus of Senate would be working on the

recommendations of the Governance review. Senator Spiteri emphasised that any changes and approvals would undergo the usual approval process.

5.2 Questions for Reports

There were no questions for reports.

6. Senate Orientation and Rules of Procedure

Senator Spiteri and J. Hope presented the Senate and Senate standing committee orientation.

The presentation outlined the statutes relating to Dalhousie University; the bicameral governance structure of Dalhousie University; the roles and composition of both the Board of Governors and Senate; Senate jurisdiction, principles, and values; Senator responsibilities; the role of the Senate Officers; the role of the Senate standing committees; the Senate schedule; a typical Senate agenda; and recent Senate Planning and Governance (SPGC), Senate Academic Programs and Research Committee (SAPRC) and Senate Learning and Teaching Committee (SLTC) business.

N. Strowbridge provided an overview of the Senate Brightspace page and how to navigate Brightspace to access current and archived Senate meeting packages and information.

7. Question Period for Orientation

Responding to a query from a Senator regarding the Third Century Promise strategy, Senator Harvey assured Senators that Dalhousie remained committed to the strategy.

In response to a question regarding Senate's role in the Okanagan Charter, Senator Harvey clarified that Senate's main role was academic quality assurance. Senator Harvey however noted the advantage of Senate receiving periodic updates regarding the Okanagan Charter.

8. Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.