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**DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY  
APPROVED MINUTES  
OF  
SENATE MEETING**

Senate met in regular session on Monday, June 14, 2010 at 2:00 p.m., in University Hall, Macdonald Building.

Present with Lloyd A. Fraser in the chair were the following: Barker, Barrett, Bennett, Canning, Cochrane, Cox, Crago, El-Hawary, Frank, Gantar, Gilbert, Harman, Hughes, LeForte, Lovett, Macy, Maes, MacLennan, McLarney, Moore, Pinder, Robinson, Ross, Rutherford, Ryan, Saulnier, Shaver, Shepherd, Shukla, Smith, Thomas, Watters.

Regrets: Adshade, Camfield, Campbell, Ciabattoni, Croll, Garduno, Gassmann, Karabanow, Kroeker, Lee, Leon, Marrie, MacLaren, McConnell, Mechoulan, Milson, Mitchell, Nicholson, Pelot, Saunders, Singleton Szumilas, Thorburn, Thornhill, Traves, Wedge.

Absent: Barkhouse, Boran, Couban, Cunningham, El-Masry, Fanning, Farina, Hewitt, Hymers, McClure, Pegg, Sadek, Sorge-English, Webster.

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**Adoption of Agenda**

Quorum was not attained at the beginning of the meeting and it was decided that an informal meeting would proceed with a hope to achieve quorum as there were numerous important decision items on the agenda.

Mr. Fraser noted that he had provided Senators with a written summary of the Chair's Report covering: Senate Feedback Survey; the SAPBC Program modifications that have been approved; the Postgraduate Medical Residency Programs; the SAPBC Senate Reviews of Faculties; and the Student Rating of Instruction. He then announced at the meeting the death of Mr. Brian Beaver, a member of the Dalhousie community and, on behalf of the Senate and the University, Mr. Fraser extended his condolences to the friends and family of Mr. Beaver. Mr. Fraser then congratulated Ms. Carolyn McLarney, Vice-Chair of Senate (Academic Programs) for winning the Teaching Excellence Award for the Faculty of Management. Mr. Fraser reminded Senators that the Graduand lists for Dalhousie and the Nova Scotia Agricultural College were appended to the Senate meeting materials.

Mr. Fraser then invited Mr. Alan Shaver, Vice-President, Academic & Provost, to discuss the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) Report XLII Operating Budget for 2010-2011. Mr. Shaver highlighted the recommendations of the report first by noting that there have been some predictions made regarding increased enrolment that have been allocated in the budget. Furthermore, regarding the investment of endowments, some long-term planning has been discussed in order to ensure these investments are protected; some strategic moves have been discussed to ensure the competitive advantage of the endowment funds.

Mr. Shaver noted that the original estimate of a \$10 million pension fund shortfall has now been estimated more closely to \$12 million. Work is still underway to seek solvency relief from the Provincial government; however, for now the assumption placed in the budget is that approximately \$5 million in relief will be received. There will still be the remaining \$7 million burden to be found before the final budget is presented

to the Board of Governors, who will only accept a balanced budget. If there is no relief obtained, then the BAC will reduce the strategic initiative fund in order to get the funds needed.

Recommendation 6 speaks to the budget cuts, in which every 2% budget cut generates approximately \$2 million dollars. There is interest in increasing the budget cut in order to plan ahead for another future economic recession and the uncertainty of the next Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The proposed cut would be an additional 1%. Related to this, recommendation 6 also suggests that the Dean of each Faculty proactively prepare for next year's budget by economizing this year. Furthermore, there are new constraints being placed on recurring employments.

Recommendation 7 addresses the strategic initiatives, and thanks to increased funding received last year, a carryover of approximately \$5.1 million was allocated to the 2010-2011 budget. There are some recurring commitments that must be paid from the strategic initiative fund, but there is also increased interest in investing these funds in capital campaigns to generate income from this spending.

As noted in other BAC presentations, a preliminary budget for 2011-2012 has also been prepared in order to try and prepare for future economic and market uncertainty or recessions. There are still a number of lines to be completed in the 2011-2012 Budget, but it is good to have some initial budgeting in mind.

Mr. Fraser thanked the members of Senate for their attendance throughout the academic year and wished all members a good summer. Mr. Fraser then thanked Mr. Jure Gantar, Acting Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, and Mr. Phillip Saunders, Dean, Schulich School of Law, for serving on Senate. Mr. Fraser also acknowledged Mr. Mo El-Hawary, former Chair of Senate and long-standing member of Senate, for his dedication to the Senate.

Mr. Shaver also thanked the Dalhousie Senate and its members for being an open forum for his learning and development during his time as Vice-President, Academic & Provost. He added that he appreciated the patience of the Senate and its members, and reiterated his belief in the importance of the Senate as the University's highest academic decision-making body.

The informal meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.