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**DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY**  
**Approved MINUTES OF**  
**SENATE MEETING**

Senate met in regular session on Monday, October 24, 2011 at 4:00pm, in University Hall, Macdonald Building.

Present with Lloyd A. Fraser in the chair were the following: Amirault, Bennett, Bouchard, Boudreau, Canning, Castleden, Chen, Cochrane, DasGupta, Garduno, Gibson, M. Gilbert, R. Gilbert, Gorsky, J. Hughes, Johnston, Leach, Leavitt, MacLaren, MacLennan, Magill, Mansour, McLarney, Meynell, Moore, Noble, Oomen, Packer, Pelot, Pierce, Pinder, Rapaport, Robski, Ross, Saulnier, Scrimgeour, Shukla, Singleton, Stadnyk, Summerby-Murray, Susko, Thorburn, Tillotson, Traves, Walls, Watters, Westwood.

Regrets: Becke, Boran, Cox, Crago, Cunningham, Doman, Gardner, Grant, E. Hughes, Macy, Marrie, Mitchell, Rogers, Webster.

Absent: Brooks, Dionne, Farina, Leon, Maes, Matte, Pegg, Schellinck, Shepherd.

**2011:98**

Adoption of Agenda

The October 24, 2011 agenda was **adopted**.

**2011:99**

Consent Agenda

**Senate Learning and Teaching Committee: Admission Modification - Bachelor of Science (Recreation) and Bachelor of Science (Recreation) /Bachelor of Management programs**

**THAT** Senate approve the proposed modification of admission requirements for the Bachelor of Science (Recreation) program.

**Approved by Consent.**

**Senate Learning and Teaching Committee: Admission Modification – Master of Public Administration (Management)**

**THAT** Senate approve the following changes to the admission criteria for the Master of Public Administration (Management) Program:

4 year Undergraduate degree from a recognized university (or a master's degree):

- B average (3.0 GPA on a 4.3 scale)
- 5 years relevant professional experience in the public or non-for-profit service sectors (combined private sector professional experience may be considered on a case by case basis)

Undergraduate degree, grade point average less than B (3.0):

- Minimum grade point average of 2.7

- Minimum of 5 years in a relevant position role in the public or non-for-profit service sectors that is beyond an entry level role (combined private sector professional experience may be considered on a case by case basis)
- Experience and performance evaluation by supervisors (Management Experience Profile Form)
- Proof of continued professional education. Professional designations or certifications would be an asset
- GMAT or GRE score may be submitted for consideration but not necessarily required where evidence of writing, research, analytical and management skills are assessed to be acceptable for admission into a graduate level program

No degree or Undergraduate Degree with grade point average less than 2.7:

- No degree – FULL Prior Learning Assessment Portfolio required (see PLA evaluation guideline)
- GPA under 2.7 – Partial PLA required
- Both full and partial PLA criteria may also included
  - o More than 5 years professional experience in a management or senior level role in the public.
  - o Experience and performance evaluation by supervisors (Management Experience Profile Form)
  - o Proof of continued professional education. Professional designations or certifications would be an asset.
- GMAT or GRE score may be submitted for consideration but not necessarily required where evidence of writing, research, analytical and management skills are assessed to be acceptable for admission into a graduate level program.

**Approved by Consent.**

**SNC: Senate Standing Committee Nominations**

**THAT** the Senate appoint: Linda Cochrane, Faculty of Dentistry, for the term October 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012, and Michael Deturbide, Schulich School of Law, for the term October 1, 2011 - June 30, 2014, to the Senate Appeals Committee (SAC); and Heather Castleden, Faculty of Management, for the term October 2011-June 2012, and Debora Matthews, Faculty of Dentistry, for the term October 2011 – June 30, 2014 to the Senate Academic Programs & Research Committee.

**Approved by Consent.**

**2011:100**

**Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the September 26, 2011 Senate Minutes.

**2011:101**

**Chair of Senate’s Report**

Mr. Fraser highlighted a number of informational matters of interest to Senators, including various reports received by Senate. He noted the request for Honorary Degree nominations for Fall 2012 and Spring 2013, to be submitted to the University Secretariat by November 30, 2011. Mr. Fraser, on behalf of Senate, extended condolences to the family and friends of Dr. F. Gordon Mack, Professor Emeritus and former Head of the Department of Urology, who passed away on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Congratulations were extended to Michael Unger, Faculty of Health Professions, and Axel Becke, Faculty of Science, who were awarded Izaak Walton Killiam Memorial Chairs. Congratulations were also extended to

Peggy Cunningham, Dean of the Faculty of Management, who received the Progress Women of Excellence Award in Education and Research. The School of Business was also congratulated on the receipt of a \$15 million donation from Ken Rowe in support of a variety of projects. Mr. Fraser also noted that Dalhousie University had been named by the Globe and Mail as one of Canada's Top 100 Employers.

Mr. Fraser noted the various items attached to the Senate agenda for information: Senate Honorary Degrees Committee memo; October 2011 Dalhousie University Graduands; Student Services Annual Report 2010-2011; Centre for International Trade & Transportation 2010-2011 Annual Report; Centre for Comparative Genomics and Evolutionary Bioinformatics 2010-2011 Annual Report; and Eco-Efficiency Centre 2010-2011 Annual Report.

**2011:102**

President's Report

Mr. Traves extended congratulations to Anne Leavitt on her installation as President of the University of King's College. He noted the potential impact of the recently announced shipbuilding contract on Dalhousie, particularly in supporting research. Mr. Traves also noted that discussions were ongoing with the provincial government concerning the Memorandum of Understanding; it is anticipated that there will be an announcement in the coming weeks.

**2011:103**

Dalhousie Student Union President Report

Mr. Saulnier updated the Senate on the successful induction ceremony, the robust DSU leadership program and the new Dalhousie University flag.

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Senate Standing Committee Chairs' Report

Senate Planning and Governance Committee

Mr. Fraser reported that the Senate Planning and Governance Committee is currently mapping out the timeline for Senate's consideration of relevant issues relating to the proposed merger of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College and Dalhousie University. It is anticipated that Senate will be requested to approve the establishment of a new academic entity, to make adjustments to the membership of Senate, and to consider various issues involved in harmonizing academic regulations.

Senate Academic Programs and Research Committee

Ms. McLarney updated the Senate on the membership of the committee's newly established Research Sub-Committee: John Newhook (Chair), David Chen, Raphael Garduno, Frank Harvey, Sara Kirk and Dieter Pelzer. Dr. McLarney noted the role of the Associate Deans Academic Council in bringing forward proposed multi-faculty modifications in programs or regulations, and she reported on a minor modification in the Master of Science (Rehabilitation Research) program.

Senate Learning and Teaching Committee:

Mr. Pinder presented a report on a number of items, including the 2010-2011 Annual Reports for the Faculty Discipline Process, Senate Discipline Committee and the Senate Appeals Committee. Mr. Pinder also noted that SafeAssign, the university's new plagiarism detection software is now available within the Blackboard Learning System (Dalhousie OWL site). The new form for the Student Ratings of Instruction (SRI) will be available for use this fall. Mr. Pinder encouraged academic units and instructors to make greater use of the sections available for specific program or course related questions. The Centre for Learning and Teaching will manage the new SRI process.

**2011:105**

Nova Scotia Agricultural College Presentation

Mr. Fraser welcomed Leslie McLaren, Co-President of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College(NSAC) to provide an overview of the College, its academic programs, and its research activities. In her presentation, Ms. MacLaren highlighted the College's importance to Nova Scotia and to Canada. NSAC is one of only eight universities in the country that offers programs in agriculture, and the only independent school offering the program exclusively. The College offers a wide variety of bachelor's programs as well as diploma programs in areas including environmental sustainability, rural growth, and bio-resource innovation. NSAC has a highly diverse student body with students from around the world, with approximately 60% of the students being female. Graduates of the school work in a variety of industries with approximately 90% of Alumni staying within the Atlantic region. The proposed merger of Dalhousie and NSAC will create new opportunities for the development of academic programs and research collaboration. Mr. Fraser thanked Ms. MacLaren for her presentation.

**2011:106**

Update on Dalhousie /NSAC Merger

Mr. Fraser welcomed Ms. Spence Wach to present an update on the merger discussions between Dalhousie University and the Nova Scotia Agriculture College. Since the last report to the Senate in September 2011, the working groups have prepared detailed background information to inform the merger discussions. The Senate will play a role in three main areas: approval on a new academic unit, adjustments to the membership of Senate, and harmonization of academic regulations. Detailed examinations of the two institutions' academic calendars will occur to determine where adjustments to academic regulations will be required.

**2011:107**

Question Period

There were no questions.

**2011:108**

Other Business

Mr. Fraser welcomed Heather Castleden, a new Senator from the Faculty of Management.

**2011:109**

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.