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Senior Leaders Panel: Opening Doors to Collaboration- The Senior Leader's Role

Moderated by:

Dr. Richard Florizone began his term as Dalhousie's 11th president back in July, and he's taken to the role with great enthusiasm. He brings a unique mix of academic and professional skills to Dalhousie, developed through extensive experience with universities, companies and government in Canada and abroad.

Previously, Dr. Florizone was vice-president, finance and resources at the University of Saskatchewan, where he was also a Policy Fellow in the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy. He earned his PhD in physics from MIT and has been a senior adviser to the World Bank Group's International Finance Corporation in Washington, D.C., as well as serving in roles with Bombardier Aerospace, Cambridge University and the Boston Consulting Group.



Dr. Florizone has cultivated a strong belief in partnerships and a capacity for unifying organizations around a clear vision and strategy. In Fall 2013, he wrapped up his "100 Days of Listening" campaign, designed to deepen a collective understanding of the opportunities and challenges facing Dalhousie and identify emerging priorities for further strategic planning. You can find Dr. Florizone on Twitter at @dalpres.

Speakers:

Thomas (Tom) Boran, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry

Dr. Tom Boran obtained his DDS in 1978 and MEd in 1989 from Dalhousie University. Tom was appointed, as a part-time faculty member in 1979 and in 1984 became a full-time academic. He has been Division Head of Patient Care, Acting Department Chair of Dental Clinical Sciences and Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs. Tom is also recipient of the W.W. Wood Award for excellence in dental education in 1996 and 2005.

In 2008, Dr. Boran became Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry. Tom's initiatives as Dean have included enhancing the Faculty's opportunities in dental education, research, outreach and reconnecting with alumni. The result of these initiatives were recognized in 2012 by the American Dental Education Association's ADEA Gies Foundation. The Faculty of Dentistry was honored as the recipient of the 2012 Dr. William J. Gies Award for Outstanding Achievement by a dental education institution. The first Faculty of Dentistry in Canada to receive this prestigious international dental education award.

Åsa Kachan, Assistant Vice-President Enrolment Management & Registrar

Åsa Kachan is Assistant Vice-President Enrolment Management & Registrar at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. In this role, she is responsible for strategic direction and oversight of all the activities related to Undergraduate Recruitment, Admissions, Registration, Scholarships and Financial Aid, Examinations, Student Records, Convocation, and the Student Information System. Under her leadership, Dalhousie's intake has grown steadily since 2004/05 in line with the University's Enrolment Plan. Kachan is a key member of Dalhousie's Enrolment Management Steering Committee, the University Web Steering Committee, as well as the Student Services leadership team. She was a member of Dalhousie's 'Removing the Red Tape' committee honoured nationally for its innovative approach to removing administrative barriers to student satisfaction and success.

Prior to Dalhousie, Kachan served as Director of Admissions and Registrar at the University of Saskatchewan. Åsa Kachan is a regular presenter at ARUCC and AACROA conferences, on topics ranging from Strategic Enrolment Management to Convocation to building a strong team in the Registrar's Office.

Rochelle Owen, Director of the Office of Sustainability

Rochelle Owen has worked in the environment and sustainability field for over 25 years at non-profit, government, and academic institutions. She currently works as the Director of the Office of Sustainability at Dalhousie University. Rochelle uses facilitation, community development, program management, and analytical skills to design programs and involve people in sustainability issues. Rochelle holds a BSc in community health, a Masters in Environmental Studies, and is a LEED Green Associate. She writes sustainability columns for newspapers and magazines.

Robert Summerby-Murray, Dean of Arts and Social Sciences

Robert Summerby-Murray is the Dean of Arts and Social Sciences at Dalhousie University. He received his undergraduate and graduate education at the University of Canterbury in New Zealand and the University of Toronto and holds a PhD in Geography, as well as an associate's diploma in pipe organ performance. Before coming to Dalhousie, he taught cultural and historical geography at Mount Allison University for eighteen years and spent seven years as Dean of Social Sciences. His current academic appointments are in the Department of History and Programme in Canadian Studies and his research focuses on historical geographies of settlement and coastal marshland environments in the Bay of Fundy, industrial heritage in maritime Canada, historical geographical information systems (H-GIS), and the use of archives as narrative. He has continuing interests in the internationalization of university education and is currently working on a project analysing student mobility within the European Union.

Robert has been the recipient of the Association of Atlantic Universities distinguished teacher award and was awarded a 3M National Teaching Fellowship in 2006. While at Dalhousie, he has focused on the priorities of fundraising, internationalization, student engagement, and finding the delicate balance in the budget process between academic needs and financial sustainability. He serves on the Association-Board Committee which provides monthly management of issues relating to the collective agreement between the Board and the Dalhousie Faculty Association.