THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE of Dalhousie University

Bicameral governance structure:
Dalhousie University operates under a bicameral governance structure, which means it has two governing bodies:

The Board of Governors — the senior governing body responsible for overall management of the university, with particular responsibility for property, revenues and finance.

The Senate – the senior academic governing body responsible for overseeing the academic and research activities of the university.

The Board of Governors

The Board of Governors is responsible for the overall conduct, management, administration and control of the property, revenue, business and affairs of the university. The Board’s basic responsibility is to represent the interests of the university in directing its affairs and to do so within the statutes relating to Dalhousie University. This includes:

• appointing the president and other senior officers of the university, and fixing salaries, compensation and terms of employment for all employees, and pension plans for retirees
• overseeing the university's finances, investments and pension plans
• setting tuition and other fees
• construction and maintenance of buildings, equipment and capital assets
• overseeing the setting of the university’s long-term vision, mission and strategic direction and monitoring progress toward achievement of its goals.

The Board delegates the day-to-day management of the university to the president and the senior administration.
**The Senate**

The Senate is the university’s senior academic governing body and is responsible for the internal regulation of the university, subject to the approval of the Board. Its responsibilities include:

- approving new academic programs and modifications to existing programs
- granting degrees and diplomas awarded by the university
- overseeing the reviews of faculties, centres and institutes
- granting honorary degrees
- setting academic regulations (including qualifications for admission)
- establishing policies governing academic integrity, academic appeals and student conduct
- establishing academic dates for each academic year.

Senate consists of elected members from the faculties and the libraries, elected student representatives, senior academic administrators and a representative of the University of King’s College.

**Committees of Senate**

![Diagram of Senate Committees]

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