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Dear Dr Baylis, Dr Downie, Dr. Noble, Dr. Warwick:


I have had the opportunity to review your complaint against the members of the "Class of DDS 2015 Gentlemen." In determining whether the complaint has been properly brought under the Dalhousie University Code of Student Conduct, I have considered the basis for the allegation and the application of the Code as set out in Section B. APPLICATION.

While I agree with your contention that the conduct complained of could be determined to be "alleged to adversely affect, disrupt or interfere with another person's reasonable participation in Dalhousie University programs or activities" as stated in Section B (b) of the Code, Section B also contains a limiting clause that states "However the Code will not apply to conduct that:

(ii) is subject to action as an alleged failure to meet standards of professional conduct as required by a college, faculty or school."

The "Class of DDS 2015 Gentlemen" Facebook Page is currently under review by the Faculty of Dentistry Academic Standards Class Committee for DDS 4, which has responsibility for evaluating students on professionalism and authority to make recommendations on their findings. It is my judgment that the matter is "subject to action as an alleged failure to meet standards of professional conduct" as required by the School of Dentistry and therefore not eligible for consideration under the Student Code of Conduct. It will therefore not be referred to the Senate Discipline Committee for a formal hearing. I appreciate your patience as I have taken time to give your complaint its due consideration, given the seriousness and complexity of the matter.

Sincerely,


Anne Forrestall
Vice-Provost, Student Affairs (Acting)