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Misogyny at Dalhousie Dentistry School Requires Serious Action

HALIFAX – The Association of Nova Scotia University Teachers (ANSUT) is deeply concerned about the sexually violent, misogynistic expressions exposed among male students at Dalhousie University’s Faculty of Dentistry in recent weeks. ANSUT takes a harassment-free, violence-free, sexism-free environment to be essential to quality education, and is committed to opposing all such forms of oppression on our campuses.

We would therefore like to issue our vocal support for all faculty, students, and staff at Dalhousie who stand bravely and firmly against the unacceptable conduct that has now been made broadly public.

We would also like to strongly encourage Dalhousie President Richard Florizone to attend carefully to the many criticisms of the “restorative justice process” he plans to implement to address this matter. The disappointment resonating around the province, especially now that it is known that Dalhousie was aware of these problems as early as July 2014, is entirely justified. On these grounds, we applaud professors Françoise Bayliss, Jocelyn Downie, Brian Noble and Jacqueline Warwick for filing a formal complaint under Dalhousie’s Student Code of Conduct.

Additionally, since the men responsible for these appalling messages have not yet been named, we wish to express our support for the Nova Scotia Dental Association and the Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia as they deal with this difficult situation according to their mandates.

ANSUT looks forward to working with faculty, students, staff, and other citizens of Nova Scotia in promoting campuses and communities that do not accept, for any reason, sexual harassment, sexual violence, and misogyny.

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