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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

OF

SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session in the Board and Senate Room on Monday, 14 December 1981 at 4:00 p.m.

Present with Mr. A. M. Sinclair in the chair were the following members:

Betts, Bradley, Cameron T.S., Chambers, Chaytor, Crowley, Dunn, Farmer, Fillmore, Friedenber, Graham, Gupta, Haley, Horrocks, Jamieson, Jones W.E., Lewis, Maclean, Manos, Martin S., McNulty, Morgan, O'Shea, Ozier, Parks, Pronych, Rodger, Runte, Shaw, Sprott, Stewart, Stovel, Thompson, Tingley, Tonks, Varma, Wangersky, Young, Yung.

Regrets were received from Andrews, Belzer, Egan, Fulton, Gold, Jacobson, Johnson, Josenhans, Kent, and Malatjalian.

81:94. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Upon separate motions (Morgan/Heard), the minutes of the meetings of 2, 9, and 16 November 1981 were approved.

With the addition of the following names, inadvertently omitted from those present at the meeting, the minutes of the meeting of 27 November 1981 were approved:

R. M. Martin, G. M. McKenzie, P. Monk, S. Nakajima, S. T. Norvell, M. Ozier, J.R.E. Parker, S. E. Sprott

81:95. New Member of Senate

The Chairman welcomed a new member of Senate.

81:96. Question Period

In response to a question asked at an earlier meeting (Minute No. 81:69), the Chairman reported that Mr. Sykes, the Director of Planning and Development, had ordered bronze letters to have the name on the door read "Senate and Board Room" or "Board and Senate Room", whichever is decided upon.

Ms. Ozier asked if Senate could have regular reports during question period from the Vice-President (Administration and Finance) regarding progress being made toward solving the current financial situation.

The President reported that his office will continue to work with the Senate Financial Planning Committee and the officers of Senate, and reports will be made to Senate as necessary, particularly on any progress made to solve the university's financial problems.

81:97. Reports and Recommendations -- Committees of Senate

A. Steering Committee

1. Representation of University Librarians on Senate

Mr. Jones moved, seconded by Mr. Heard, that

**the appropriate procedures be initiated to vote the University Librarian, the Law Librarian, and the Health Sciences Librarian to Senate membership by virtue of their office.**

The motion was carried.

It was agreed to note on the mail ballot that a majority of the total Senate membership must vote in favour in order to add the three chief librarians to the Senate membership.

2. Case of Alleged Plagiarism in a Ph.D. Thesis

On behalf of the Steering Committee (Minute No. S.C. 81:73), Mr. Graham moved, seconded by President MacKay, that

**the Senate agenda be altered to permit consideration of a case of alleged plagiarism in a Ph.D. thesis.**

The motion was carried.

Mr. Graham moved, seconded by Mr. Heard, that

**an ad hoc committee be struck to investigate a case of alleged plagiarism in a Ph.D. thesis in English and to report back to Senate with recommendations for its disposition. In view of the failure of the University Legal Advisor to respond to the Steering Committee's request for advice over a period in excess of five months, the Committee is urged to act as expeditiously as possible.**

The motion was carried.

Upon motion (Graham/Heard), it was agreed that the committee consist of three members of Senate to be appointed immediately.

It was moved and seconded (Graham/Heard) that the committee consist of:

**J. E. Flint - History**

**W.K. Josenhans - Physiology & Biophysics**

**P.J. Wangersky - Oceanography**

**with the committee to select its own chairman, to investigate the matter, and to report back to Senate as**

**quickly as possible.**

The motion was carried.

B Academic Planning Committee

1. B.Sc. with Honours in Computing Science -- Recommendation for Implementation

It was moved and seconded (Jones/Ozier)

**that the B.Sc. Programme with Honours in Computing Science be implemented.**

The motion was carried.

C. Committee on Academic Administration

1. Matter of Report

(a) Inter-Institutional Co-operation in the Metropolitan Area

The Chairman reported that two proposals for interinstitutional co-operation, which had been referred to the Committee on Academic Administration "for action", had been approved (Minute No. CAA 81:68).

D. Honorary Degrees Committee

Upon motion (MacKay/Pronych) the date of the Fall Convocation was set for Friday, 22 October 1982 at 2:00 p.m., and a Special Convocation to mark formally the opening of the new dental facilities was set for Friday, 18 June 1982 at 4:00 p.m.

81:98. Report on Joint Meeting -- Representatives of the Board and Senate

The Chairman reported briefly on the joint meeting held on 22 October 1981. The main item of discussion was the current financial situation, including whether financial constraint should be declared, and the problem of interim financing. No formal recommendations were made but the Chairman reported it was a useful exchange of views.

81:99. Joint Meeting -- Representatives of the Board and Senate  
(21 January 1982)

The Chairman noted that the next joint meeting would be held on 21 January 1982. Members were requested to forward any agenda items to the Secretary.

81:100. Deaths of Members of Senate

The President noted with regret the deaths of Professor A. R. Bevan and Professor L. V. Balogh. The Secretary was instructed to write expressing the sympathies of Senate to their families.

81:101. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.