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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

OF

SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session in the Board and Senate Room on Monday, 12 April 1982 at 4:00 p.m.

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

Andrews, Axworthy, Belzer, Betts, Bradley, Brookbank, Byham, Cameron D.M., Charles, Chaytor, Comeau, Cross, Duff, Egan, Farmer, Fingard, Friedenber, Gesner, Graham, Gwyn, Haley, Hare, Horrocks, Jacobson, Jamieson, Jones W.E., Josenhans, Kamra, Kent, King, Klassen, Leffek, Lewis, MacDonald, Maloney, Mangalam, Manos, Martin S., McNulty, Monk, O'Shea, Ozier, Pooley, Shaw, Smith, Stovel, Tingley, Varma, Waite, Yung.

Regrets were received from Bingham, Blecher, Dickson, Friedrich, Gold, Hatcher, MacKay W.A., Pronych, Young.

82:17. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Two corrections were made to the minutes of the meeting of 8 March 1982: (1) Minute No. 82:14.B.3 should read "Proposed Master of Development Economics -- Faculty of Graduate Studies", rather than Faculty of Arts and Science; and (2) Regrets were sent in for A.J. Young but were not recorded. With these changes the minutes were approved upon motion (Cameron/Horrocks).

82:18. Question Period

Mr. Pooley raised the question of why students in a number of classes had been exposed to examinations on the entire term's work during the last week of classes. He pointed out that this conflicted with university regulations. It was agreed to refer the matter to the Committee on Academic Administration to consider and to make recommendations as to how best to inform faculty of, and to enforce, the regulation pertaining to tests and exams during the last week of classes.

Mr. Axworthy asked the following questions:

(1) Have any decisions been made with regard to the budget which could conceivably be seen as academic in nature? Mr. Cameron replied that administrative guidelines had been provided to faculties for assistance in the current financial situation, but that what recommendations or decisions might have academic implications he did not have sufficient detailed information to evaluate at this time.

(2) Will Senate be informed of such implications? The Vice-President (Academic and Research) stated that he will be submitting a report on the academic implications of the 1982-83 budget, as requested by the Senate Academic Planning Committee, as soon as possible after the university is informed of its revenue status by the Nova Scotia government.

(3) Have any decisions been made about replacements for faculty members? Mr. Cameron replied that no decisions have been made as yet, pending receipt of more revenue information.

(4) Have any decisions been made which could be regarded as being in harmony with the report of the Senate Financial Planning Committee which had been rejected by Senate?

Mr. Cameron pointed out that the report contained some attitudes and viewpoints which most would not have objection to, and that to act contrary to everything in the report would contradict many long-standing practices and principles.

Considerable discussion followed on a number of points including the following: -

- (1) whether replacements were being denied on the basis of a budget which does not exist;
- (2) the impression that financial cuts which already have been made do have academic implications;
- (3) when exactly the report of the Vice-President (Academic and Research) will be forthcoming.

82:19 Reports and Recommendations -- Committees of Senate

A. Academic Planning Committee

1. Changes in the Department of Education Programmes -- Faculty of Arts and Science

It was moved and seconded (Haley/Horrocks) that

the B.Ed. Elementary Sequential Programme and the B.Ed. Programme for Vocational Teachers be discontinued, as recommended by the Faculty of Arts and Science.

The motion was carried.

Upon motion (Haley/Horrocks) the programme leading to a Diploma in Educational Administration was approved.

2. Amendments to Faculty Regulations Governing Procedures for the Appointment of Chairmen

Upon motion (Haley/Klassen) the following changes in paragraph 8 and 10 of the regulations were approved:

Paragraph 8. Term of Appointment to read as follows:

(a) Recommendations for appointments may be 3,4, or 5 years.

(b) In arriving at its recommendations, the Advisory Committee shall take into account the ability and willingness of the prospective Chairman to serve the proposed term.

(c) In the case of 3 year term appointments, the Chairmanship review procedure will start in September of the 3rd year in office. In the case of 4 or 5 year appointments, the Dean will send letters to Department members in September of the 3rd year, asking whether there are compelling reasons for an early review. If the Dean is satisfied that the appointment can continue, the review procedure will start in the September of the

last year of the Chairman's term in office.

Paragraph 10. Reappointment

Only in exceptional circumstances will a Chairman serve for more than 6 years consecutively.

3. Proposal for an Atlantic Institute of Criminology

Mr. Kaill moved, seconded by Mr. Egan, that

the proposed Atlantic Institute of Criminology be established at Dalhousie University.

Mr. Kaill outlined the proposal, pointing out that the intent was to establish a centre modelled on six other similar centres in Canada. In response to questions he stated that a graduate programme in Criminology is being considered, possibly to begin four or five years in the future. He also stated that funding has already been committed by various sources for the first three years of operation of the Centre.

An amendment was moved and seconded (Graham/Cross) that

the Centre be reviewed if its funding appears not to be forthcoming after the first three years of operation.

The amendment was carried.

The motion as amended was carried.

B. Committee on Academic Administration

1. Student Appeal -- Ms. Andrea McBeth

Vice-President Klassen, as a member of the Committee on Academic Administration, reviewed how the matter had proceeded to date. He moved, seconded by Mr. Kent, that

Recommendation 1 of the Report of the Sub-Committee on the Appeal of Ms. Andrea McBeth be approved.

Recommendation 1:

"We recommend that the original mark of 50.25% given by the examiner to Ms. McBeth's supplemental examination in Torts (written on June 8/81) be allowed to stand without further review, and that she therefore be considered to have satisfied the requirements for her course in Torts."

The motion was carried.

It was moved and seconded (Klassen/Kent) that

Recommendation 2 of the report be approved.

Recommendation 2:

"We recommend that Ms. McBeth be subject to the "normal" requirements of second year, including class attendance and the taking of examinations under the number system, but that in the courses in which she is registered the Law School prepare in advance of the examination an answer guide modelled on that used for the Criminal Law exam."

An amendment was moved and seconded (Charles/Stewart) that

Recommendation 2 terminate after the word "system".

The amendment was carried.

The recommendation as amended was carried

Upon motion (Klassen/Kent)

Recommendation 4 of the report was approved.

Recommendation 4:

"We recommend that Senate clarify Ms. McBeth's status in relation to the four year rule at the Law School and that the period under appeal not be applied against the time available to her in which to complete her degree."

The Chairman pointed out that Recommendation 5 of the Report has already been implemented and that the Secretary of Senate and the Registrar were working together to implement Recommendation 3.

2. Joint B.Ed. Programmes Between the Nova Scotia Teacher's College and Dalhousie University

Upon motion (Klassen/Betts) it was approved in principle that B.Ed. graduates in the joint programmes should use the same hood as Dalhousie University students awarded B.Ed. degrees.

C. Honorary Degrees Committee

1. Honorary Degree Candidates

(This matter was considered as the last item of business at the meeting.)

Upon motion (Jones/Chaytor) the normal one-month waiting period for voting on honorary degree candidates was waived.

Voting took place on two honorary degree candidates for the Special Convocation to be held on Friday, 18 June 1982 to open officially the new dental facilities. Both candidates were approved.

82:20 Proposal for a Convocation Ceremony to Mark the Beginning of the Academic Year

Mr. Donahoe, Dean of Men, introduced the proposal. He pointed out that it had the approval of the Student Services Council and approval in principle from the Dean's Council, the President of the Student Union and the Alumni Executive.

It was moved and seconded (Klassen/Pooley) that

Senate approve the proposal for a Convocation ceremony to be held on Wednesday, 8 September 1982.

After considerable discussion relating to cost, organization and function, it was moved and seconded (Smith/Stovel) that

the item be referred to the Academic Planning Committee for clarification and reference back to Senate.

An amendment (Horrocks/Waite) to refer the matter to the Committee on Academic Administration, rather than to the Academic Planning Committee, was defeated.

The motion was carried.

82:21 Proposed Holiday on 16 April 1982

The Chairman reported that, in response to queries, the Committee on Academic Administration had considered whether 16 April 1982, the date when the Canadian constitution is officially transferred to Canadian parliamentary jurisdiction, should be declared a university holiday. In view of the difficulties this would create in the examination timetable of the university, the Committee recommended that no holiday be declared for that day and that examinations proceed as scheduled.

82:22 1982-83 University Budget

Mr. Axworthy, stating that in view of the difficulty in getting information on the implications of the budget, moved, seconded by Mr. Andrews, that

the President be requested to refer all decisions presently under consideration by the Administration, which, if implemented, will affect academic programmes at Dalhousie University, to Senate at its next meeting.

A number of points were raised relating to the academic ramifications of the budget process and the information on the budget and its implications which is presently available or will be made available.

Upon vote the motion was carried.

82:23 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.