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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

OF

SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session in the Senate and Board Room on Monday, 11 August 1986 at 3:00 P.M.

Present with Mr. W.E. Jones in the chair were the following:
Angelopoulos, Atherton, Beazley, Binkley, Boyd R.J., Bradfield,
Braybrooke, Cameron, S., Caty, Chaytor, Cohen A.D., Comeau, Cromwell, Cross L., Darby,
Easterbrook, Fingard, Forgay, George, Ghose, Graham, Hennen, Hersom, James, Jones D.W.,
Kwak, MacDougall, MacKay W.A., MacRae, Maloney, Mangalam, Manning, Marfels, Myers,
O'Brien D.W.P., Ozier, Parker, Pooley, Schwenger, Sherwin, Sinclair, Smith, Stewart (Secretary),
Waite, Waterson, Wien, Wiens, Wood, Yogis, Christie (invitee).

Regrets: Jones J.V., Laidlaw, O'Shea, Precious, Shaw, Stern, Storey, Wassersug.

86:085

Mr. Jones welcomed the new President of Mount Saint Vincent University, Dr. Naomi Hersom to the Senate meeting. He announced that consideration of the recommendation from the hearing panel of the Senate Academic Appeals Committee concerning the case of Mr. Hanwant Benawra would need to be deferred until the 8 September meeting of Senate when Dean Betts and/or Associate Dean Andrews could be present.

86:086

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 14 July 1986 were approved upon motion (Pooley/Sinclair) with the following amendment recommended by Mr. Pooley to Senate minute 86:081:3, paragraph 2, line 8; namely, replace "were the social sciences (arts designation)", with "with a social science orientation had a M.A. designation".

86:087

Question Period

Vice President Sinclair reported that a two page response to Mr. Bradfield's repeated query regarding budgeting source(s) for Ritchie and Associates had been handed to Mr. Bradfield and the Secretary at the beginning of the meeting. It was agreed that this document entitled "Ritchie and Associates, Procedures to Account for Savings" could be circulated to Senate members prior to the September meeting.

86:088

Honorary Degrees Committee

Voting on Honorary Degree candidates for the Fall Convocation took place "In Camera" by secret ballot.

86:089

Ad Hoc Committee to Consider Appeal of Senate Discipline Committee - In Camera

The Secretary had consulted with the Vice President of the Dalhousie Student Union regarding the composition of the Committee. This led to the addition of a student, Sean Casey, to the membership of this ad hoc committee. Further, Ms. Caty had been asked to replace Mr. Cromwell, who had found it necessary to resign.

This replacement was ratified by Senate upon motion (Pooley/Sinclair).

86:090

Awarding of a Degree - Faculty of Dentistry & Law

It was agreed upon motion (Graham/Chaytor)

that Casimir Francis Browne and Lynn Nan Lamont be awarded the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery.

There was agreement upon motion (Yogis/Darby)

that Mr. Straka, who had completed the requirements of third year law by passing a supplemental examination, be awarded the Bachelor of Laws degree.

There was some debate participated in by Messrs. R. Smith, D. Jones, J. Pooley and President MacKay about the possibility of establishing a precedent and about the unique needs of professional Faculties with respect to licensing.

86:091

Installation of Dr. Clark

Mr. Wien, as chairperson of the organizing committee, commented that the symposium was scheduled for November 7-8, 1986 and was focussed on the theme "Revolution and Knowledge:

Atlantic Canada's Future in the Post Industrial Society". The symposium organizing committee has been working since June. Senate members were encouraged to participate in the symposium and to submit ideas to the organizing committee. He acknowledged that the committee had been aware of the timing of the third Killam lecture, in response to Mr. Waite's question.

86:092

Committee on Committees

There was a consensus upon motion (Sinclair/Hennen) that the recommendation of the Committee on Committees to appoint D.V. Chaytor (Dentistry) as a replacement for M. Stewart (Nursing) for the period September 1, 1986 to December 31, 1986 be approved.

There was agreement upon motion following the requisite three calls for further nominations that the following individuals be elected as members of the committees specified.

Academic Planning Committee - (Boyd/Caty) - J. Ritchie (1 year term)

Financial Planning Committee - (Boyd/Cromwell) - W.B. Cotter (2 year term); K.S. Wood (3 year term)

Academic Appeals Committee - (Boyd/Cromwell) - G. Jackson and E. Lambie

Senate Representative on the Staff Relations Committee of the Board - (Boyd/James) - L. Maloney

Senate Computer Advisory Committee - (Boyd/Myers) - W.F. Birdsall (1 year term)

Senate Representative on the Ombud Advisory Committee (Boyd/James) - W.F. Hare (1 year term)

There was agreement that consideration of the nomination of a new Senate member to the Advisory Committee on Public Relations be postponed to ensure that there was representation from all Faculties. According to Ms. Caty, the Faculties of Medicine and Dentistry were not represented, contrary to the Committee's terms of reference.

86:093

Steering Committee

It was agreed upon motion (Wien/Cromwell)

that the Steering Committee's nomination of Paul Pross, to replace Professor George Zinck as a representative from the Faculty of Management Studies to serve on the Committee on Committees for a three year term, be accepted.

86:094

Academic Planning Committee

The report of the APC Ad-Hoc Sub-Committee on Dalhousie Campaign - Academic Excellence and Research had been precirculated for the information of Senators. The APC had been charged with advising on the disbursement of the campaign funds for academic excellence and research. Mr. D.

Jones, who was the new representative of APC on the University Campaign Committee, spoke briefly to the six page report. It was agreed that this document be received for information.

86:095

Committee on Academic Administration

The President reported that he had communicated to Mr. Durling of MPHEC, Senate's request for further information on the implications to the enrollment driven portion of the MPHEC grant by the proposed change in names of the graduate degrees in the School of Recreation, Physical and Health Education. He had not yet received a response but noted that the recommendation needed to go to the Board of Governors and return to Senate for approval of implementation in any case.

It was agreed upon motion (MacKay/Maloney)

that the motion be taken off the table and that the School of Recreation, Physical and Health Education be permitted to change its graduate degree designations to M.Sc. (Kinesiology), M.A. (Leisure Studies), and M.S. (Health Education).

The chairperson observed that consideration of implementation would be considered a Senate agenda item rather than a FOR ACTION item on an APC agenda.

86:096

Physical Planning Committee

Correspondence from President MacKay, dated 7 August 1986, responded to a motion of Senate (Senate Min. 86:056:2) that a university wide classroom utilization and booking policy be developed. The letter noted that the Senate FPC had undertaken a review of policy in this area, that the President's office would continue to examine the question of classroom booking and would seek to develop a University-wide system. In the interim, the current arrangements "whereby the costs of scheduling classrooms for the Faculty of Dentistry are covered by university sources generally" were considered by President MacKay to be "a reasonable compromise." Ms. Caty expressed grave concern regarding the serious classroom booking problems which the Faculty of Health Professions, and in particular the School of Nursing, encountered in their arrangements with the Faculties of Medicine and Dentistry. Frequently classroom space was unsafe, was an obstacle to implementing teaching and learning principles, and was inconsistently available because Nursing classes had lowest priority. There was general support for Ms. Caty's comments expressed by Messrs. Bradfield, Braybrooke, Smith and Cohen and Ms. Sherwin. Mr. Sinclair stated that they were aware of this problem, which was difficult to deal with under the current system, and, would be considered at length.

86:097

Senate Advisory Committee on Computing

The "Annual Report to the President and Senate for the year 198586" submitted by the Senate Advisory Committee on Computing had been circulated with the agenda for information and discussion on September 8, 1986.

86:098

President's Report

President MacKay verbally reported on the following items of potential interest to Senators:

(1) A grant had been received from the Secretary of State to support the Transition Year Program.

(2) A sizeable grant from a private organization would contribute to the funding of a program of professional training for native peoples.

(3) An agreement between CIDA and Dalhousie University had been signed regarding funding of the extension of the IRES program (six million dollars over a three year period).

(4) The MPHEC had approved an increase in funding for the Faculty of Medicine.

(5) The Federal proposal regarding research funding was still an outstanding issue.

(6) Vice President Sinclair and Acting Vice President Haley were working to coordinate the recommendations of the Ritchie & Associates Report which affected staff, and to expedite the process.

(7) Physical plant development of Henson College would not proceed until late Fall.

(8) Plans for the proposed refurbishing of the Law School were proceeding. It was anticipated that the library would be integrated into the new addition.

(9) He and the Officers of Senate had had several discussions about the role of the President with respect to Senate. He hoped that an appropriate role [perhaps officer] would be agreed to in years ahead and that Senate might work toward smaller committees which occupied less faculty time.

On a more philosophical note, the President hoped that Dalhousie would celebrate its strengths, which resided in the quality of students and faculty, both publicly and privately. He looked with

confidence to the future and believed that past progress had occurred. At the conclusion of his remarks there was a round of applause.

86:099

For Information

Two items of correspondence had been circulated for information.

(1) Mr. Tingley's letter of 18 July 1986 to the Secretary conveyed the Board of Governors approval of the renaming of the Institute for Resource and Environmental Studies to the School for Resource and Environmental Studies.

(2) Correspondence dated 14 July 1986 from Dean Leffek to the Secretary reviewed efforts to financially facilitate women pursuing studies for advanced degrees.

86:100

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m. and members attended a reception in honour of President MacKay.