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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

OF

SENATE MEETING

Senate met in special session in the Senate and Board Room on Monday, 3 March 1986 at 4:00 P.M. Present with Mr. W.E. Jones in the chair were the following:

Andrews, Angelopoulos, Belzer, Betts, Blair, Boyle, Bradfield, Cameron D.M., Cameron T.S., Chambers, Chandler R.F., Christie, Cross M.S., Czapalay, Egan, Field, Fingard, Graham, Holloway, Horrocks, Huber, Jeffery, Mangalam, Martin, Mezei C., Mezei M., Murray, Myers, Nicola, O'Shea, Ozier, Pross, Ritchie, Sinclair S., Stairs, Stewart, Storey, Stuttard, Tonks, Welch, Wood, Yung.
Regrets: Bennett, Cross M.L., Stern, Tan M.H., Waite, Waterson.

86:017.

Report on Honorary Degrees 1986

Correspondence dated 20/2/86 from President MacKay, Chairperson of the Honorary Degrees Committee, had been precirculated. The motion contained therein was moved by Vice-President Sinclair in the President's absence and seconded by Mr. Stairs.

That Senate confirm that honorary degrees continue to be awarded by Dalhousie University including Spring Convocations in 1986 and that Senate agree to vote at its meeting on March 10, 1986 on candidates for honorary degrees to be awarded at Spring Convocations in 1986.

After considerable discussion, contributed to by Messrs. Bradfield, Stairs, W. Jones, Andrews, A. Sinclair, Belzer, Christie and Ms. Ozier, an amendment was moved by Mr. Andrews and seconded by Mr. Belzer namely,

that the following words be added to the original motion "that Senate request the Honorary Degrees Committee to reconsider the nomination of for an Honorary Degree in the spring of 1986, if necessary consulting with those members of Senate who had earlier indicated their support of this nomination."

Ms. Fingard, Stewart, Angelopoulos, Boyle and Messrs. Welch, Andrews, Stuttard, W. Jones, Maloney, Huber, Betts, Tonks and

Stairs spoke to the amendment.

An amendment to the amendment was proposed by Mr. Welch and seconded by Mr. Myers, namely

that the words "additional names included" be inserted after "reconsider".

Messrs. Chandler and Belzer commented on the amendment to the amendment. The amendment to the amendment failed.

Messrs. Winham, S. Cameron, Pross, Martin and Andrews raised points about the amendment. The amendment failed.

Messrs. Huber, Martin and Hennen and Ms. Ozier participated in some further debate, at which point an amendment moved by Mr Christie and seconded by Ms. Ozier

inserting the words "not already approved" after the word "candidates"

was accepted as a friendly amendment by the mover and seconder of the main motion.

Following comments by Messrs. Bradfield, Welch and Egan, it was agreed upon motion (Egan/Ritchie)

that the main motion be split into two motions; the first one ending at 1986 (line 3).

The first motion carried.

The second motion (including the friendly amendment) also **passed**.

The Chairperson indicated that ballots would be distributed at the 10 March 1986 meeting of Senate.

86:018.

Report on Disciplinary Matters from Meeting of 13 January 1986

Correspondence from President MacKay dated 13/2/86, circulated with the agenda, reported the steps he had taken to consult with the Senate Discipline Committee, the President of DSU and the Chairperson of Senate and his decision not to accept the recommendation made to him to suspend the student from the University. He had appended a summary record of the facts of this case.

86:019

Report of the Royal Commission on Post-Secondary Education

A relevant motion from FPC was distributed at the meeting. Ms. Ritchie, as Chairperson of the APC

subcommittee which prepared the 25/2/86 Draft Discussion Paper on the Report of the Royal Commission on Post-Secondary Education, agreed to respond to questions raised by Senators about each section. Mr. Myers wondered if Senators could have an opportunity later to propose alternative wording rather than making amendments at the meeting. Mr. J. Murray believed that the Report of the Royal Commission neglected the philosophical importance of research to the University and the essential role of the University (not the government) in laying down its own objectives.

Mr. Tonks stated that regional programs at Dalhousie should receive detailed consideration in the discussion paper and agreed to draft a few sentences to add to those at the bottom of page 4. Mr. Welch expressed concerns about the Highlights which had been distributed for information. Mr. Andrews raised a question regarding the use of the word "incompetence". He queried whether Senate wished to condone a core curriculum as a means of standardizing Nova Scotia universities. Mr. Huber commended the subcommittee on its work and considered the differentiation of fees for programs controversial. Ms. Ozier then recommended that the following two objections be made at the beginning of the discussion paper; namely, that Dalhousie opposes the formation of the Nova Scotia Council and that Dalhousie opposes the notion that user gain - user pay applies to students. These statements would be based on the belief that universities should make their own objectives and that financial accessibility is important. Mr. Sinclair and Mr. W. Jones suggested that the Dalhousie University response should be completed by 1 April 1986, before decisions were made about the Council. In response to Mr. Welch's query, the Chairperson thought that the FPC report could be considered at the 10/3/86 meeting of Senate.

Messrs. Andrews and Betts expressed unhappiness with the inadequate time to prepare for final discussion of the draft on 10 March 1986. Messrs. D. Cameron and W. Jones believed that it was important to move with dispatch. According to Mr. Betts, the "core curriculum" or 20-credit major for the Faculty of Arts and Science at Dalhousie had been the subject of prolonged debate which had lasted 3 years. Mr. Huber clarified that the core curriculum proposed by the Royal Commission would include all first year programs of all universities not **just arts and science**. The Chairperson suggested that Ms. Ritchie be made aware of specific concerns and recommended changes in the next few days, so that revisions could be incorporated prior to the 10/3/86 meeting. Mr. J. Graham expressed the view that the Royal Commission made a valid point about striking a balance between instruction and research costs, providing public funding is maintained and hardship is not placed on those who cannot afford an increase. He hoped that the response would acknowledge the strengths of the report and provide constructive criticism regarding weaknesses and gaps.

86:020

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 P.M.

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SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session in the Senate and Board Room on Monday, 10 March 1986 at 4:00 P.M.

Present with Mr. W.E. Jones in the chair were the following:

Andrews, Angelopoulos, Belzer, Betts, Bishop, Blair, Blewett, Boyd R.J., Boyle, Bradfield, Breckenridge, Cameron D.M., Cameron T.S., Chambers, Caty, Chandler, Cross M.S., Czapalay, Duff, Easterbrook, Egan, Ferguson, Field, Fingard, George, Geldart, Graham, Gratwick, Gray M., Hennen, Hoyt, Huber, James, Jeffery, Jericho, Kiang, Kocourek, Kruezer, Langstroth, Lazier, Leffek, Manning, Martin, Mezei C., Mezei M., Murray, Nicola, Norvell, O'Shea, Ozier, Pedersen, Pereira, Pooley, Pross, Ritchie, Sherwin, Sinclair A.M., Stairs, Stern, Stuttard, Tonks, Varma, Welch, Winham, Wood, Yung, Zinck, Christie (invitee), Traversy (invitee).

Regrets: Cohen A.D., Cromwell, Cross M.L., Horrocks, Jones J.V., Konok, MacKay W.A., Maloney, Stewart M., Tan M.H., Waite, Waterson.

86:021

Minutes of Meeting of 10 February 1986

Mr. Bradfield asked when Senate would be provided with an account of "Question Period" which was omitted from minutes of the January meeting of Senate. The Chair affirmed the intention to circulate this item.

Approval of the minutes was then moved (Pooley/Mangalam) and passed.

86:022.

Question Period

Ms. Nicola gave notice of motion to ask for Senate's endorsement of a letter to the Federal Finance Minister, Mr. Wilson, regarding tax deductions for Educational expenses. The Chair indicated that this item could be taken up at the next meeting of Senate.

Mr. Bradfield asked whether it was true that the President's Office did not have a budget

envelope, and whether any other units were in that situation. Mr. Sinclair responded that as far as he was aware, all units, including the President's Office, do have envelopes, but he would check this again.

Mr. Mangalam suggested that Senate should organize regular convocations to allow faculty to address the university community on serious questions that confront Humanity, such as the danger of nuclear war, of environmental degradation, and of national bankruptcy. Senate agreed to refer this question to its Steering Committee.

Mr. Bradfield requested that the Discipline Committee report to Senate on why it could not handle the case referred to at the last special meeting of Senate (March 3, 1986, minute no. 86:018).

86:023.

Honorary Degrees 1986

In accordance with the motion passed at the last meeting of Senate (Minute 86:017), the Chair announced that the voting on candidates for Honorary Degrees would be conducted In Camera. However, before the ballots were distributed, Ms. Fingard raised her concern over the procedures used to select candidates and particularly the exclusion of one well-supported nominee. She trusted that her concern would lead to a review of the Honorary Degree procedures. The Chair subsequently gained concurrence of the meeting to refer the matter to the Steering Committee.

In response to a request from the floor after ballots had been distributed the Chair agreed to read from notes to remind Senators of the special qualities of each candidate on the ballot. The vote was then taken. At the end of the meeting the result was announced: five candidates were approved.

86:024.

Senate-Level Inter-University Committee on Cooperation

The role of this committee was raised by Mr. Sinclair who indicated that each of the participating institutions was being asked to consider this question. He asked for suggestions to be directed either to himself or to Mr. Betts, the other Senate representative on the Committee.

86:025.

Redistribution and Development Funds

After a brief introduction, the Chair invited questions about the APC's report on Redistribution and Development funds. Mr. Betts asked for the significance of the total amounts requested, given that each Faculty could have requested more than it did. The Chair responded that the amount was included simply for information. Mr. Andrews suggested that the figure indicated

that the amounts available were too small. Mr. Storey asked whether APC could give any advice or guidelines regarding faculty replacements - was there any general policy? - to which the answer given, in short, was no. Mr. Bradfield wondered whether consideration of funding for the Dal Legal Aid Clinic occurred before or after the Provincial Government's cut. The answer was "Both", - the Dean of Law had been asked to write to APC after the Government's announcement and before APC made its final recommendation. The Chair was unable to answer Mr. Andrews' query regarding the possibility that the government may have been aware of the Dean's application.

Ms. Fingard expressed appreciation of the funding allocations made to the library.

86: 026 .

Implementation of Ph.D. in French

The Chair noted that \$15,000 had been included in the Library's allocation from the Development Fund to facilitate the purchase of books required for the Ph.D. program in French, the implementation of which was then approved through the requisite motion (Ritchie for APC).

86 : 027 .

Response to the Royal Commission on Post-Secondary Education

On behalf of the APC, Ms. Ritchie moved and Ms. C. Blewett seconded the motion:

that the Discussion Paper on the Senate's response to the report of the Nova Scotia Royal Commission on Post-Secondary Education be accepted.

During the subsequent discussion Ms. Ozier commented that a committee representing NSCUFA had met with the Minister of Education, Mr. McInnis and had been given the impression that the Minister's only concern was with a N.S. Council on Post-Secondary Education, and that he would be asking University Presidents for comments only on three possible types of Council viz. inside or outside MPHEC or to oversee University of Nova Scotia. She wondered whether the APC subcommittee was discussing this with the President, and whether Dalhousie's opposition to a Council could be highlighted in the report. Ms. Ritchie responded that the Committee was unaware of this view. Mr. Sinclair was also unaware of the focus on these three options, but suggested that a subcommittee of University Presidents (including Mr. MacKay) would concentrate on the possibility of a Council within MPHEC. After a considerable amount of further discussion involving the Chair and Messrs. Andrews, Betts, Zinck, Huber, Welch, Pross and Graham, Mr. Welch, seconded by Ms. Caty, moved an amendment to delete the last line of paragraph 3 on page 9 of the report. After further discussion (Sinclair, Andrews, Belzer, Bishop) the motion was passed.

Mr. Welch then moved, seconded by Ms. Sherwin, a further amendment, to delete the second

part of the first sentence in the third full paragraph on page 10. This was also passed. Mr. Huber continued the discussion, with further contributions from Messrs. Jones, Murray, Zinck, Andrews, Betts, Pross, and Ms. Ozier and Sherwin, until the usual closing time of 6:00 P.M. was reached. The Chair then announced that the present meeting and this discussion would resume on March 24, and that a revised draft of the Discussion Paper incorporating the agreed changes and modifications suggested by the discussion so far would be distributed to Senators in time for the resumption of this meeting.

86: 028 .

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

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SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session in the Senate and Board Room on Monday, 24 March 1986 at 4:00 P.M.

Present with Mr. W.E. Jones in the chair were the following:

Andrews, Belzer, Betts, Birdsall, Blewett, Boyd R.J., Cameron T.S., Casey, Caty, Chandler, Fentress, Fillmore, Fournier, George, Ghose, Graham, Haley, Horrocks, Huber, Jeffery, Jones D.W., MacKay W.A., Maloney, Murray, Nicola, Ozier, Pedersen, Pooley, Pross, Radjavi, Ritchie, Schroeder, Shaw L.R., Sinclair, Storey, Stuttard, Swaminathan, Tonks, Varma, Welch, Wien, Yung, Christie (invitee), Traversy (invitee).

Regrets: Beazley, Cohen A.D., Czapalay, Fulton, Konok, Precious, Stern, Stewart, Tan M.H. Waite, Waterson.

86:029.

Secretary Pro Tem

By consent Mr. Horrocks was appointed Secretary for the meeting.

86:030.

Reports and Recommendations -- Committees of Senate

A. Academic Planning Committee

1. Draft Response to Report of the Royal Commission on PostSecondary Education

A new draft, dated March 17, 1986, was presented for further discussion. The amendments proposed during previous discussions were shown in bold type.

86:031.

Visit of Dr. H. Clark

President MacKay introduced Dr. H. Clark, President Designate, who was visiting the campus for a few days. On the invitation of Mr. Jones, Mr. Clark spoke briefly. He said that in recent weeks he had been very impressed by the high regard and respect in which Dalhousie is held. He looks forward to working with Senate to further enhance this.

86:030. Continued

Ms. Ritchie, Chairperson of the APC subcommittee, resumed examination of the revised draft. In the section on fees, pages 11-12, Mr. Andrews observed that the present wording might be taken to imply that higher quality students were also wealthier. Ms. Ritchie agreed to reword this section. In the same section Mr. Graham said he believed that in the second paragraph the sentence beginning "More fundamentally..." was arguing against the view of the Royal Commission that students are the main beneficiaries of higher education. He moved, seconded by Mr. Swaminathan, deletion of this sentence. Motion carried.

On page 12, paragraph one, Mr. Huber proposed ending the last sentence at community and deleting the remaining words. No **second** for this motion was forthcoming. Mr. Graham observed that increased funding from other than provincial government was not addressed in this document. He felt that we should be looking at other means of financing higher education. Ms. Ritchie said this matter had been discussed by the drafting committee but the Senate had removed their comments.

Ms. Blewett asked for reference to the contingency repayment loan scheme to be included in paragraph 3 on page 12. Mr. Jones said this would be done. Mr. Huber expressed concern at the last sentence in this section and Ms. Ritchie said she would adjust this. Reverting to paragraph one on page 12, Mr. Welch felt that the sentiments here were misguided. He moved, seconded by Mr. Ghose, the deletion of the two sentences beginning "There is some sympathy... (and) The proposed policy..." Mr. Betts opposed the motion which was defeated.

Mr. Huber queried the figure of \$1 million mentioned on page 18 in the discussion of the Core Curriculum. Mr. Betts clarified that this was a "soft"- figure determined by the Dean's Office and it should be made clear that it was a "per annum" sum. Mr. Graham said he felt we should be doing a better job for undergraduate students. President MacKay suggested the addition of some extra words to reflect the University's concern in this area. This was agreed to.

Ms. Ozier commented on page 19 that she thought the sentence in paragraph three "No similar concern with equipment in the universities is exhibited" was incorrect in that the Commission did mention outdated equipment. In the next sentence, "The Commission provides no rational basis..." she wanted it to be made clear that we do not want the policy for financial support to be the same. Two sentences later she suggested changing "any criteria" to read "its criteria". Mr. Jones said he would have the response checked for any reference to equipment and if necessary amend the response. (Later in the meeting Mr. T.S. Cameron confirmed **that it is mentioned** by the Commission.) The other two matters raised by Ms.

Ozier would be changed in the Response.

Ms. Ritchie observed that the section on "Recruitment of Women" on page 21 might be strengthened by inclusion of details of scholarships. Reverting to page 19 and the section on "Occupational Education" Mr. Huber gave his opinion that we sounded somewhat negative on this topic. In his opinion, Dalhousie, unlike some other universities, does not have any "bird" disciplines. Mr. Jones said that this section would be re-examined by the drafters. Ms. Ritchie identified some typos on page 23.

The response, as amended, was then put to the vote and adopted. A copy will go to the Board of Governors at its next meeting.

2. Motion re Proposed Council on Higher Education from Financial Planning Committee

Mr. Welch introduced this motion from the FPC. Mr. Andrews recommended the insertion of the work "proposed" to follow the powers in paragraph c. Ms. Ozier and Mr. Belzer proposed additional editorial changes. Ms. Ozier suggested that paragraph (d) should come first as paragraph (a). Mr. Huber thought that paragraph (d) should become (c). Mr. D. Cameron felt that the substance of the entire motion had been dealt with in the Response just adopted. He moved, seconded by Mr. Betts that the motion be tabled. This motion was defeated.

Mr. Andrews expressed his unease with paragraph (b) as any such Council could be expected to have political appointees; how was "non-political" being defined in this context? He also found this paragraph in conflict with the Response just adopted and moved, seconded by Mr. Ozier, the deletion of paragraph (b). This motion was carried. Mr. Andrews asked that the minutes record his support for respecting "the autonomy of the universities" in the paragraph now deleted.

Mr. Wien questioned the disposition of the motion vis-a-vis the Response just adopted. Mr. Jones said it would go to Ms. Ritchie for her committee's consideration. Mr. Graham said that the Royal Commission is not asking for powers for the Nova Scotia Council on Higher Education that the second sentence in paragraph (c) implies. He moved, seconded by Mr. George,

that this sentence be deleted.

President MacKay said he read the Report of the Royal Commission differently and it does propose powers for the Council that this sentence implies. Mr. Stuttard and Mr. Huber said that the matter is already covered in the Ritchie Response on page 5. The motion to delete the sentence was defeated.

Mr. D. Cameron observed that the bulk of paragraphs c and d were in the Ritchie Response and paragraph b of the FPC motion has been deleted. The motion to adopt paragraphs a, c

and d of the FPC motion was then called and defeated.

86:032.

Point of Privilege

Mr. Welch was recognized on a point of privilege. He drew attention to the Dalhousie Gazette of 20 March 1986 which reported on an in camera session of the Senate. He said that all senators are aware of the confidentiality requirement when in camera matters are discussed. Accordingly he moved, seconded by Mr. Pooley,

that the publication of this report in the Dalhousie Gazette be referred to the Senate Steering Committee to explore what actions and recourse are open to Senate including obtaining legal advice.

Mr. Stuttard said he was opposed to the confidential discussions on honorary degrees so he would vote no on the motion. Mr. Pross said he was opposed also to confidential discussions but felt that confidentiality of existing in camera sessions had to be honoured.

The motion was **carried**.

86:030.

B. Committee on Academic Administration

1. CAA Sub-Committee Recommendations for Disposition of Recommendations Contained in the 1984/85 Ombud's Report

On behalf of the CAA, Mr. Sinclair moved that item one be referred to the Committee on Grade Assessment. Mr. Betts noted that this sub-committee did not wish to deal with this matter. The motion to refer was defeated. Mr. Sinclair moved that item two be referred to the Senate Steering Committee. Agreed.

Mr. Sinclair moved that items three and four be referred to the CAA. Agreed. Mr. Sinclair noted that in due course reports on these matters will come before Senate. Mr. T.S. Cameron said that in its examination of one case of alleged discrimination the CAA should seek the views of the department concerned.

2. Non-University Social Work Transfer Credits

Mr. Sinclair moved on behalf of the CAA the motion

that the CAA recommend approval of the first four recommendations included in the report of the Faculty of Health Professions sub-committee on Social Work transfer credits to Senate.

Mr. Stuttard suggested that in recommendations two and three the Dalhousie practice of using "classes" rather than "courses" should be adopted.

The motion was **carried**.

86:033-

Notice of Motion -- Dalhousie Student Union

Mr. Taylor spoke in support of the sentiments in his letter of March 5, 1986 noting that his name would be deleted as signatory if the letter was adopted by Senate. It was moved by Ms. Blewett and seconded by Ms. Nicola

that Senate adopt the letter.

It was pointed out by Mr. Graham that Mr. Beatty is no longer the appropriate Minister to be named in the letter. Mr. Andrews pointed to some spelling errors and stylistic infelicities. Ms. Blewett said the letter would be modified to remedy these deficiencies and would be sent through the Officers of Senate. The motion to adopt was carried.

86:034.

Report of the President

President MacKay commented on federal government changes in transfer payments; federal government changes in funding for research councils which are now seen as being much more dependent upon contributions from the private sector which may or may not be forthcoming; the level of funding for 1986/87 from the province was not yet known; the Nova Scotia University Presidents have been meeting with the Premier, the Minister and the Deputy Minister of Education on the Royal Commission Report. The President was a member of a sub-committee preparing a response which would address four issues:

1. those items best dealt with at provincial level;
2. those items better dealt with on a regional basis;
3. how to coordinate the above effectively, and
4. the role of autonomy vis-a-vis any body appointed in response to the Royal Commission.

Many items in the Royal Commission Report needed examination at Dalhousie; the MPHEC report on funding for the Faculty of Medicine had been received recently. The university now needs to meet with the Ministers concerned and their deputies. An underfunding of at least \$2 1/2 million is seen; the MPHEC was recommending reducing enrollments in Dentistry. Dalhousie expanded its facilities at the request of the four provinces and the present building

is not yet at full capacity; an interuniversity agreement on teacher education has been signed; the NOVANET proposal for university libraries is being pursued and finance being sought; following on this we are also reviewing other co-operative arrangements between metropolitan universities, e.g Interuniversity Services Incorporated; we are reviewing the biomedical engineering programme with TUNS; as there is a date conflict President MacKay will attend the King's Encaenia and Vice-President Sinclair will present the degrees at the NS Agricultural College; subject to approval by the Board of Governors the building housing Mathematics, Statistics and Computing Science would be renamed the Chase Building. Official opening ceremonies and a visiting speakers programme is planned for next week; the Pearson Institute had been successfully inaugurated recently; Mr. Waite had delivered an Inaugural Lecture as MacCullough Professor recently as had Mr. Fraser earlier on assuming the Munro Chair. This practice of Public Lectures by holders of named Chairs should be continued and perhaps expanded to include Killam Professors; a recent reception honouring those who had recently retired and those who had served 25 years or more had been very successful and would be repeated for those unable to attend initially; the names of the honorary degree recipients would be reported once acceptances had been received; and the President expressed thanks to all those who had assisted with drafting the response to the Royal Commission report.

86:035

Change of Name of Department

Mr. Jones announced for information the Board of Governors had approved the change of name of the Department of Religion to the Department of Comparative Religion.

86:036.

Availability of Documents

Mr. Jones drew attention to the "For Action" item on the agenda of the April 7, 1986 meeting of the Senate Committee on Academic Administration concerning Admission of Registered Nurses to the Bachelor of Science (Nursing) degree programme and said that interested senators could review the documents concerned in the Senate Office.

86:037. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 P.M.