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**DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY**

***APPROVED MINUTES***

**OF**

**SENATE MEETING**

Senate met in regular session on Thursday, 14 May 1998, at 10:00 a.m. in the University Hall, Macdonald Building.

Present with Mr. C. Stuttard in the chair were the following:

Abi Daoud, Apostle, Archibald, Bell, Binkley, Bishop, Bleasdale, Bradfield, Chiasson, Egan, Farmer, Faulkner, Fooladi, Furrow, Guppy, Hooper, Kay-Raining Bird, Kipouros, Lee, MacInnis, MacKenzie, McIntyre, Morehouse, Morrissey, Neumann, Phillips, H. Powell, Ricketts, Rosson, Ruedy, Russell, Ryall, Scassa, Taylor, Tindall, Traves, Ugursal, Wallace, White, Wrixon.

Regrets: Camfield, Coffin, Crocker, Hyndman, Kimmins, Patriquin, C. Powell, Robertson, Tomblin Murphy.

**98:066.**

Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Stuttard noted that under Other Business Mr. Traves would be presenting a Notice of Motion. The agenda was then adopted as circulated.

**98:067.**

Minutes of Previous Meeting

At page 7, line 23, "coming out of SPPC", was deleted, and the minutes of April 28, 1998 were adopted as amended.

**98:068.**

Awarding of Degrees

**College of Arts and Science**

On behalf of the College of Arts and Science, the Provost, Mr. Taylor, proposed that degrees and diplomas be awarded as follows:

Bachelor of Arts .....	398
(Distinction 7, Honours 57, First Class Honours 26)	
Bachelor of Arts Advanced Major Conversion .....	11
Bachelor of Arts Honours Conversion .....	10
(Honours 8, First Class Honours 2)	
Advanced Diploma in Costume Studies .....	5

Diploma in Costume Studies .....	22
Bachelor of Education .....	10
Bachelor of Music .....	10
Bachelor of Science.....	436
(Distinction 24, Honours 62, First Class Honours 30)	
Bachelor of Science Advanced Major Conversion.....	16
(Distinction 1)	
Bachelor of Science Honours Conversion .....	9
(Honours 6, First Class Honours 2)	
Diploma in Engineering.....	44
	<b>TOTAL 971</b>

### **Faculty of Graduate Studies**

On behalf of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Dean Ricketts proposed that degrees be awarded as follows:

Doctor of Philosophy .....	35
Master of Arts .....	21
Master of Science.....	60
Master of Nursing .....	9
Master of Social Work .....	5
Master of Environmental Studies.....	5
Master of Business Administration .....	55
Bachelor of Laws and Master of Business Administration .....	1
Master of Education.....	5
Master of Health Services Administration.....	9
Bachelor of Laws and Master of Health Services Administration.....	1
Master of Laws .....	5
Doctor in the Science of Law (JSD).....	1
Master of Development Economics .....	5
Master of Library and Information Studies.....	31
Bachelor of Laws and Master of Library and Information Studies.....	1
Master of Public Administration .....	15
Bachelor of Laws and Master of Public Administration.....	3
	<b>TOTAL 267</b>

### **DALTECH (Graduate Degrees)**

Master of Applied Science.....	13
Master of Applied Science/Master of Urban Planning .....	1
Master of Architecture (First Professional) .....	28
Master of Computer Science .....	6
Master of Engineering .....	5
Master of Environmental Design Studies.....	1
Master of Science.....	2
Master of Urban and Rural Planning .....	10
Doctor of Philosophy .....	10
	<b>TOTAL 76</b>

## **DALTECH (Undergraduate Degrees)**

On behalf of DalTech, the Acting Principal, President Traves, proposed that degrees be awarded as follows:

Bachelor of Environmental Design Studies .....	1
Bachelor of Computer Science .....	30
(Distinction 10)	
Bachelor of Engineering.....	206
(Distinction 54)	
	<b>TOTAL 237</b>

## **Faculty of Dentistry**

On behalf of the Faculty of Dentistry, Dean MacInnis proposed that degrees and diplomas be awarded as follows:

Doctor of Dental Surgery .....	29
(Distinction 4)	
Diploma in Dental Hygiene.....	40
	<b>TOTAL 69</b>

## **Faculty of Law**

On behalf of the Faculty of Law, Dean Russell proposed that degrees be awarded as follows:

Bachelor of Laws .....	140
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## **Faculty of Management**

On behalf of the Faculty of Management, Dean Rosson proposed that degrees and diplomas be awarded as follows:

Bachelor of Commerce .....	102
Diploma in Public Administration.....	3
	<b>TOTAL 105</b>

## **Faculty of Health Professions**

On behalf of the Faculty of Health Professions, Dean McIntyre proposed that degrees and diplomas be proposed as follows:

Diploma in Health Services Administration .....	10
Bachelor of Physical Education/Bachelor of Education.....	9
Bachelor of Physical Education.....	3
Bachelor of Science (Health Education) . . . . .	
. . . . .	8
Bachelor of Recreation .....	28

(Distinction 2)	
Bachelor of Science (Kinesiology) .....	40
(Distinction 3)	
Bachelor of Science (Kinesiology) - Honours.....	7
(Distinction 1, University Medal 1)	
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Distinction 4) .....	74
(Basic 52; Post RN (Bsc/RN 22)	
Diploma in Outpost & Community Health Nursing .....	1
Bachelor of Science (Occupational Therapy).....	34
(Honours 10, First Class Honours 9, University Medal 1)	
Bachelor of Science (Pharmacy).....	62
(Distinction 4, University Medal 1)	
Bachelor of Science (Physiotherapy) .....	48
(Distinction 6, University Medal 1)	
Bachelor of Social Work.....	27
(Distinction 3)	
	<b>TOTAL 351</b>

**Faculty of Medicine**

On behalf of the Faculty of Medicine, Dean Ruedy proposed that degrees be awarded as follows:

Doctor of Medicine .....	87
Bachelor of Science (Medical) .....	9
	<b>TOTAL 96</b>

Mr. Ruedy was pleased to note that all three of Dalhousie’s first transfer students from the International Medical College in Malaysia had successfully completed their studies and were among those graduating with an M.D. degree.

Mr. Traves moved:

**That Senate approve the awarding of degrees to the candidates identified in correspondence to the Secretary.**

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Mr. Bradfield moved:

**That the appropriate Dean or Provost of the College of Arts and Science, the Acting Principal of DalTech, and the Registrar, in consultation with the Chair of Senate, be authorized to add to and remove from the graduation list the names of any students omitted from or included in the list through demonstrable errors on the part of the University or one of its officers, or other reasons, and that any such additions or deletions be reported to Senate.**

The motion was **CARRIED**.

**98:069.**

Nomination for Chair of Senate

Mr. Kipouros, Vice-Chair of Senate, assumed the Chair for this item. On behalf of the Senate Nominating Committee, Ms. Guppy moved:

**That Colin Stuttard be elected to serve a second term, 1 July 1998 to 30 June 2001, as Chair of Senate.**

After the requisite three calls for further nominations, the Chair declared Mr. Stuttard elected. Mr. Stuttard thanked members for their support.

**98:070.**

Change to Terms of Reference of Senate Committee on Instructional Development

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Instructional Development, Mr. Lee moved:

**That in the terms of reference of the SCID (Composition), the words “four members” be deleted and replaced with the words “one member from each Faculty and Henson College, except the Faculty of Graduate Studies.”**

Mr. Stuttard reminded members that this proposed change to the Constitution would require a two-thirds majority to pass. Mr. Ricketts understood that the Faculty of Graduate Studies would not have a representative on the Committee, on the grounds that the representatives from the other Faculties would be involved in both graduate and undergraduate instruction. However, he asked for reassurance that this Committee, and the University community in general, would keep in mind that graduate teaching was important, involving a different methodology and different skills, such as those required for supervision and for teaching seminars. These aspects of instructional development were often ignored. Mr. Lee assured Mr. Ricketts that he personally, and SCID as a whole, shared the concern that the Committee focus on both the undergraduate and graduate levels of instruction.

The motion was **CARRIED** without dissent.

**98:071.**

Appointment of Ombudsperson and Assistant Ombudsperson

On behalf of Mr. McKee, Vice-President (Student Services), Mr. Traves moved:

**That Senate approve the appointment as Ombudsperson of Ms. Mary Hamblin, a third-year student in the combined Bachelor of Law/Master of Business Administration program; and the appointment as Assistant Ombudsperson of Ms. Fatina Elkurdi, a second-year student in the Bachelor of Science program.**

The motion was **CARRIED**.

**98:072.**

President's Report

Mr. Traves congratulated Professor Pat McGrath, of the Psychology Department, recently appointed an MRC distinguished research professor, an appointment which carried with it substantial financial support for his research; and Tony Schellinck, from the School of Business Administration, recognized by the Financial Post as a distinguished business educator for the Atlantic region. Mr. Traves also congratulated Senator Tim Lee who had been awarded the Alumni Association Award for Teaching Excellence.

**98:073.**

Other Business

Since no one had requested the addition of Question Period to the Agenda, Mr. Stuttard assumed the meeting could proceed to Other Business, and asked Mr. Traves to present his Notice of Motion. Mr. Traves provided Senators with background concerning his proposal for an amendment to the "Senior Administrative Appointments" document, as it pertained to the appointment of an Acting Principal for DalTech. As Senators knew, in the absence of a permanent Principal for DalTech the President had been serving as Acting Principal. During that time he had been engaged in on-going discussions concerning the reorganization of the administrative structure at the College, and in particular the responsibilities of the Office of Principal. Those discussions had included the Deans and Councils of the Faculties at DalTech, the Academic Council, the Board of DalTech, and the Alumni Association. Differences of opinion within DalTech appeared to reflect different visions of the mission of the College, and of its relationship to Dalhousie University. Before bringing forward any proposals for restructuring and defining its strategic directions, the College required additional time to reach a consensus on what the President perceived to be substantial issues. To that end, he proposed an interim measure on which a considerable number from the various DalTech constituencies appeared to agree. At the next meeting of Senate he would move:

**That notwithstanding Clause 1.3.8 of the Senior Administrative Appointments document, which addresses Acting Appointments, Senate agrees that the term of an Acting Principal of DalTech may extend for a period of up to two years.**

The interim arrangements he would be proposing would include creation of a Management Committee consisting of the Deans of the three DalTech Faculties and the Associate Principal (Research), one of whom would serve as Chair of the Management Committee and Acting Principal. The Management Committee would choose its Chair/Acting Principal, and the President would take their recommendation for that appointment to the Board of Governors. These arrangements would last for no longer than two years, during which time the Management Committee would facilitate discussion within the DalTech community, and ultimately bring forward to Senate and the Board proposals for the long term. The President would circulate more information on the background to these issues prior to the next meeting of Senate, which he believed was July 8<sup>th</sup>. Were consideration of the interim arrangements to be delayed beyond July 8<sup>th</sup> he was concerned that DalTech would be unable to deal with a number of important budgetary issues that were normally the responsibility of the Principal of the College. In response to Mr. Traves' question as to whether the meeting could proceed to consider this item immediately, Mr. Stuttard explained that he interpreted the Senior Administrative Appointments document to be part of the Senate by-laws, and as such required the Notice of Motion given earlier by Mr. Traves.

Ms. Bleasdale noted that the first meeting of Senate in June was scheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup>, not the 8<sup>th</sup>, and movement to the 8<sup>th</sup> could hold up the business of the Honorary Degrees Committee which, like other Committees, was working to a deadline of June 15<sup>th</sup> for submission of Senate business. She was also concerned that the Academic Council be given adequate opportunity to provide its formal position on the proposal, and that records of formal consultations at DalTech be available to Senators prior to consideration of this matter. She appreciated that Senate would have ample opportunity to debate the issues involved, but was anxious to give the Academic Council the same opportunity, since the proposal most directly affected members of DalTech. Mr. Traves, Chair of the Honorary Degrees Committee, believed that Committee had some flexibility. Mr. Stuttard pointed out that the 8<sup>th</sup> was the second Monday in June, and as such would be an appropriate time for the next meeting, if members were agreeable. Mr. Kipouros advised Senators that the Academic Council would not be able to complete discussion of the proposal by June 8<sup>th</sup>. The Chair was on sabbatical leave; the Secretary had retired; and no secretarial support was available. He would, however, attempt to bring together the Steering Committee of the Council. Mr. Stuttard argued that such issues as consultation with the Academic Council would no doubt form part of the Senate deliberations, and concerns could be raised by Senators from DalTech, as well as from other parts of the University.

Mr. Traves moved:

**That the next regular meeting of Senate be held on June 8, 1998.**

Mr. Bradfield wondered whether a significant number of Senators would be in Ottawa attending the Congress of Social Sciences and Humanities.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Returning to discussion of the Notice of Motion, Mr. Traves explained that over the past year the Academic Council had experienced difficulties securing a quorum for its meetings. Even the meeting of the previous day, May 13<sup>th</sup>, had lost its quorum before members were able to vote on the proposed interim arrangements. However, in a straw vote taken at the end of the meeting members had endorsed the proposal by a two to one majority. Following that meeting, the DalTech Board had approved the proposal by a vote of 10 to 2. At the Faculty level, Computer Science had approved the proposal as a permanent solution, and Architecture, meeting in Committee of the Whole, had also responded favourably. Engineering had taken a different view, proposing its own more elaborate plan for restructuring of the College. Given time, he believed the Faculties would be able to work through their differences and arrive at a consensus with which most members could live happily.

**98:074.**

*In Camera: Rescinding of a Degree*

The result of the *in-camera* session was that Senate agreed to rescind the LLM degree awarded to Mr. Aaron Tetteh-Ahinakwa at the Fall 1997 Convocation.

**98:075.**

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.



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Secretary

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Chair