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DALHOUSIE      UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

OF

SENATE      MEETING

Senate met in regular session in the Board and Senate Room on Monday, 9 August 1982 at 4:00 p.m.

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

Atherton, Axworthy, Bennett, Bingham, Braybrooke, Brett, Brookbank, Cameron D.M., Cameron T.S., Comeau, Duff, Ettlenger, Flemming, Fraser (Philip), Friedenber, Friedrich, Hames, Horrocks, Hoyt, James K.M., Jones J.V., Jones W.E., Josenhans, Kemp, Kent, King, Klassen, Laidlaw, Lee, Leffek, MacKay W.A., Maloney, McAllister, McNulty (Secretary), Misick, O'Shea, Ozier, Pooley, Pronych, Richards, Scheibelhut, Sinclair-Faulkner, Sprott, Stewart, Tan, Tingley, Tonks, Walte, Waterson, Young, Yung.

Regrets: Blecher, Bradley, Chaytor, Fingard, Fulton, Gold, Gwyn, Hatcher, Moffitt, Stuttard.

82:61.      New Members of Senate

The Chairman introduced and welcomed new members of Senate elected or appointed to Senate since the last meeting.

82:62.      Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 12 July 1982 were approved upon motion (King/Jones).

82:63.      Question Period

Mr. Erskine presented the following statement from Mr. Rans, President of the Student Union:

"When the T.Y.P. (Transitional Year Programme) was established it was designed to include 10 Black students, 10 native Indian students a year. It is my understanding that the T.Y.P. budget for 1982-83 provides enough funding for only 2 new Black students.

Recently the University decided to raise the academic standing of the programme by appointing an Associate Professor in the French Department to the position of Director. In keeping with this laudable decision it would only seem logical to prevent the program from becoming imbalanced and for the University to provide support for at least 10 new Black students for the coming year. This would enhance Dalhousie's image with the Black community in this city and might, in the long run, encourage others to become benefactors to this particular programme.

The amount of additional money needed is estimated at \$30,000 to keep the program operating at its normal level, and to preserve the right balance between native and Black students in the programme.

I understand that Vice-President Robbie Shaw is currently trying to find some money in the University Budget to resolve this crisis for the programme.

I encourage Neil Erskine and Colin Hames to lend student support to Robbie Shaw's efforts and voice this support during the question and answer period at Senate on Monday where this will be brought up."

Mr. Erskine asked the President whether any progress had been made in ensuring that the Transition Year Programme (TYP) was adequately funded.

The President replied that the 1982-83 budget for the programme has not been reduced, but that because of higher costs, particularly for salaries, the money available for student scholarships is reduced. The President pointed out that there has yet been no indication from the government of the 1982-83 funding level, and until that is resolved no further financial commitment can be made.

Mr. Braybrooke commented that some of the recommendations of the Senate Review Committee on the TYP have been implemented, and the programme has now been reformed. But, he added, these changes have meant that the budget residue left to pay bursaries is reduced.

The President emphasized that the University must keep its options open at this stage, but that it was his hope that funds would be found to maintain an adequate level of support for Black students. He stated that he was reluctant to seek funds outside of the university until the present financial situation is resolved one way or the other.

Mr. Comeau commented on the President's reply to his question concerning "lay-offs" (Minute No. 82:54), stating that he was pleased to have such reassurance. The President mentioned that one person may in fact be laid off, adding that it may work in the best interests of both the individual and the University.

82:64. Reports and Recommendations -- Committees of Senate

A. Steering Committee

1. Student Appeal - Mr. K. J. Miller

It was moved and seconded (Jones/Horrocks) that

**Mr. Miller's request be referred to a sub-committee of three to hear the appeal and make recommendations to Senate.**

The motion was carried.

Upon motion (Jones/Horrocks) the following people were nominated to serve on the sub-committee:

Mr. J. G. Duff - Pharmacy

Mr. T. W. Kent - Administrative Studies

Mr. J. Pooley - Recreation, Physical and Health Education

There being no further nominations, the three were declared elected.

B. Academic Planning Committee

1. Dalhousie - Mount Saint Vincent University Agreement

The President moved, seconded by Mr. Klassen, that the matter be tabled. He pointed out that the appropriate Senate Committees of Mount Saint Vincent had not yet had a chance to consider the new draft agreement currently before Senate.

The motion was carried.

2. Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Programme

Upon motion it was agreed to recommend to the Board that the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. programme be approved for a ten-year trial period.

C. Committee on Academic Administration

1. Petition of a Student for Re-Admission to the Faculty of Law

It was moved and seconded (MacKay/Kent) that

**Mr. James Patrick Hearn's petition for re-admission to the University be granted and that he be admitted to a special two-year programme leading to the LL.B. degree.**

It was pointed out that this motion was made upon the recommendation of the Faculty of Law.

The Chairman also noted that Mr. Hearn had intended to be present but had been unable to make appropriate plane connections from Newfoundland.

The motion was carried.

D. Honorary Degrees Committee

1. Honorary Degree Candidates -- Tabling of Names

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

The names of two honorary degree candidates were tabled. Files on both are available in the Senate Office. Voting on the candidates will take place at the next meeting of Senate.

82:65 Schedule of Meetings 1982-83

Upon motion (Horrocks/Scheibelhut) the 1982-83 schedule of Senate meetings, including the dates of Convocations, was approved.

82:66. Report from the President

The President stated that he would submit a report to the Secretary dealing with matters reported both at this meeting and last month's meeting.

He reported on a number of budget uncertainties including the following:

- (a) Written assurance for funding of the programme in Occupational Therapy has not yet been received.
- (b) There is continued uncertainty about the funds removed from the budget of the Faculty of Medicine resulting from the government's reorganization of responsibilities.
- (c) The changed method of payment of university grants has resulted in increased carrying charges for the university.
- (d) The realization of endowment funds through the sale of certain assets has been temporarily delayed by the parties to the sale.

The President also reported on a number of recent and upcoming activities taking place at Dalhousie, including the following:

- (a) The Special Convocation to welcome new students will be held at noon on Wednesday, 8 September 1982. The President expressed the hope that members of Senate would attend and reported that Mr. P. B. Waite had agreed to address the Convocation.
- (b) The Elder Hostel Programme in which senior citizens were given the opportunity to participate in non-credit classes was successful in the opinion of both the participants and the organizers.
- (c) The programme organized for Zimbabwe civil servants who were on campus for three weeks was considered to be a rewarding experience for all concerned.
- (d) A number of meetings and conferences have been held on aspects of ocean management, law, and sciences, organized through the Department of Oceanography and outside sponsoring agencies.

82:67. Guidelines for Senate Committees, Procedures, etc.

The Secretary reported that various Senate guidelines contain some minor "sexist" references and requested that approval be given to correct them.

It was moved and seconded (Horrocks/Laidlaw) that

**the Secretary be given authority to correct "sexist" references in all Senate guidelines and procedures, as long as the substance of such guidelines and procedures is not changed.**

The motion was carried.

82:68. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.