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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

OF

SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session in the Board and Senate Room on Monday, 11 January 1982 at 4:00 p.m.

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

Barron, P., Barry, C., Belzer, Bennett, Betts, Bingham, Bradley, Cameron, D.M., Charles, Chaytor, Duggal, Egan, Farmer, Fitzgerald, Friedenber, Graham, Gwyn, Hames, Heard, Horrocks, Jacobson, Jones, D.W., Kent, Kerans, Klassen, Kocourek, Leffek, Maloney, Manos, Martin, M.J.C., McNulty, Monk, O'Shea, Pooley, Rodger, Runte, Segelberg, Stewart, Thompson, Tingley, Tonks, Varma, Waite, Yung, Mercer (invitee).

Regrets were received from Blecher, Fulton, Gold, Hatcher, Johnson, Jones, W.E., Josenhans, King, Malatjalian, Scheibelhut.

82:01. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Upon motion (Horrocks/Fitzgerald) the minutes of the meeting of 14 December 1981 were adopted as circulated.

82:02. Question Period

The Chairman, following up a question of Ms. Ozier's at the last meeting (Minute No. 81:96), asked the Vice-President (Administration and Finance) for a verbal report on the financial situation.

Vice-President Shaw reported briefly that: (1) a Variance Report Analysis had been done on the current budget, which indicated that current expenses are more or less "on track" (i.e. as budgeted, including a \$5 million deficit); (2) projected alternatives for non-academic cuts in the budget will be distributed to the Financial Planning Committee for comment and discussion; (3) work is proceeding on the 1982-83 budget, with a draft budget expected by mid-February.

Mr. Kerans asked a question about an advertised seminar he saw in the local paper and was referred to the appropriate Dean for information.

Ms. Ozier asked what the words "as necessary" actually meant in the third paragraph of Minute No. 81:96, and she indicated that she would like to interpret them liberally as meaning Senate would be kept informed of any financial developments.

Mr. Andrews referred to a statement in the press that the report of the Economic Council of Canada has said that in the Council's view higher education had taken all the financial cuts it could take, and he asked if the university had any comment. Vice-President Shaw indicated that he would be happy to reply when he had

received a copy of the report.

82:03. Reports and Recommendations -- Committees of Senate

A. Committee on Academic Administration

1. Change of Title of a Programme in the Faculty of Health Professions

The matter had been referred to the Committee on Academic Administration "for action", and the Chairman reported that the title of the Diploma in Outpost and Public Health Nursing had been changed to the Diploma in Outpost and Community Health Nursing (Minute No. CAA 82:02).

B. Academic Planning Committee

The Chairman reported informally to Senate on current activities of the Academic Planning Committee. He stated that a sub-committee had been established to provide guidelines for the process of academic planning, and outlined three premises under which the Committee was operating: (1) the planning process was seen as proceeding from departments to faculties to Senate, with departments deciding initially on priorities; (2) given the multiplicity of programmes at Dalhousie, it is the Committee's intention to focus on those programmes currently under pressure to expand or contract; and (3) the planning process and the budget process are seen as being inextricably linked.

In response to questions from the floor, the Chairman indicated that the preliminary report of the subcommittee would be made available in the Senate Office for the information of members.

C. Honorary Degrees Committee

1. Honorary Degree Candidates -- Tabling of Names

On behalf of the Honorary Degrees Committee, Mr. Waite explained the composition and operating procedures of the Committee. He tabled the names of 11 Honorary Degree candidates. Information on all of the candidates is on file in the Senate Office and is available to members.

82:04. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.