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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY
MINUTES
OF
SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session in the Board and Senate Room on Monday, 8 August 1983 at 4:00 P.M.

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

Andrews, Belzer, S. Fullerton (representing W. Birdsall), Braybrooke, Brett, Caty, Charles, Chaytor, Cromwell, Cross, Duff, Friedenbergs, Heard, Hill K., Horrocks, James, Kamperman, Klassen, Lewis, Maloney, Manos, Nestman, Pooley, Pross, Rodger, Scheibelhut, Shaw L., Sherwin, Sinclair, Stairs, Stewart (Secretary), Stern, Stuttard, Thiessen, Tomlinson.

Regrets were received from Betts, Fulton, Gold, Overton, Richards, and Tan.

83:69. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Upon motion (Sinclair/Klassen) the minutes of the meeting of 11 July 1983 were approved.

83:70. New Members of Senate

The Chairman introduced and welcomed two new members of Senate, by virtue of promotion to the rank of full professor.

83:71. Question Period

There were no questions.

83:72. Awarding of Degree -- Faculty of Dentistry

It was moved and seconded (Chaytor/Klassen)

that Selinda Horncastle be granted the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, effective immediately.

The motion was approved.

The Chairman drew the attention of members to the 81:78 motion of Senate regarding the awarding of degrees to students from the Faculty of Dentistry.

83:73. Reports and Recommendations - Committees of Senate

A Academic Planning Committee

1. APC and FPC Representatives to Senate Computer Advisory Committee

The Chairman announced the appointments of Mr. William Birdsall as the APC representative and Mr. J. Philip Welch as the FPC representative to the Senate Computer Advisory Committee.

B. Senate Committee on Committees

1. Report on Balloting

The Secretary reported the results of the balloting for the Senate Committee on Committees. The following individuals were elected:

Mary Lou Courtney (Administrative Studies)

Donald P. Cunningham (Dentistry)

Peter Darby (Law)

Gordon Duff (Health Professions)

Kenneth B. Easterbrook (Medicine)

Toni Laidlaw (Arts and Science)

C. Senate Academic Appeals Committee

1. Report of Decision on Appeal of a Student for Re-admission to Faculty of Medicine

The report of the sub-committee of the Senate Academic Appeals Committee regarding the appeal of Mr. Herbert Dickieson against the decision of the Faculty of Medicine

requiring his withdrawal from studies toward a Doctor of Medicine degree was circulated at the meeting. The sub-committee, in closed session, had voted unanimously

"that Mr. Dickieson be permitted to repeat first year studies in the Faculty of Medicine at Dalhousie University, and that every effort be made to facilitate his re-entry into the programme for the Fall term, 1983."

Following a summary of the sub-committee's rationale for the decision presented by its chairman, Mr. Kaill, Mr. Jones explained that this was a matter of report.

Messrs. Rodger and Andrews sought clarification as to whether the committee intended that Herbert Dickieson should be re-admitted by the fall of 1984 at the latest. Mr. Kaill confirmed that this was the case. Mr. Friedenberg queried the jurisdiction of the sub-committee, indicating that he believed that the word "hear" incorporated within the terms of reference did not explicitly reflect the sub-committee's decision-making power. The Secretary indicated that the Committee on Academic Appeals would be meeting with the co-authors of the document, Mr. Brian Crocker and Mr. John McNulty on 7 September 1983 to review the terms of reference previously approved by Senate (Minute No. 83:24). It is the present understanding that the decision of the Academic Appeals Committee need only be reported to Senate.

D. Committee on Academic Administration

1. MAT in French -- Request for Color Designation of Hood

The Secretary conveyed the decision of the CAA (Minute No. CAA 83:44)

that the hood color for the MAT in French be crimson silk bordered with white silk.

E. Honorary Degrees Committee

1. Honorary Degree Candidates -- Voting

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

The Chairman responded to Mr. Andrews' query regarding the number of votes required to negate a nomination, by reading the following excerpt from the 10 December 1973 statement - "approved unless more than one-fifth of the membership present and voting votes disapproval." The Secretary indicated that the Committee on Academic Administration would be reviewing this statement with reference to the 9 August 1982 Guidelines for the Honorary Degrees Committee at its next meeting. Voting then took place on the names of the two honorary degree candidates for the Fall Convocation which

had been tabled at the 11 July 1983 meeting. The Secretary then read the names and abbreviated curricula vitae of five individuals recommended by the Honorary Degrees Committee for consideration by Senate as candidates for honorary degrees at the Special Faculty of Law Convocation arranged for 28 October 1983 to mark the Centennial of the establishment of the Law School. This election was conducted and the Chairman proposed that the results of the balloting would be reported at the next meeting of the Senate.

83:74. Report of the President

Mr. A. Sinclair reported on behalf of the President that the Special Convocation to welcome new students was scheduled to be held on September 8, 1983.

He noted with regret the death of Dr. Ian MacDonald from the Faculty of Medicine. Upon motion (Stuttard/Klassen) it was agreed

that the Secretary of Senate would send messages of condolence on behalf of Senate to the widow and family of Dr. MacDonald.

83:75. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:24 P.M.