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MINUTES OF

SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session in the Board and Senate Room on Monday, 9 July 1984 at 4:00 P.M.

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

Bakvis, Betts, Birdsall, Boyle, Bradfield, Brookbank, Cameron T.S., Chaytor, Christie, Cross, Duff, Egan, Friedenberg, Gratwick, Holloway, Horrocks, Gigeroff, James Klein, Laidlaw, Lee, Leffek, Mahony, Maloney, Manning, Mayer, McFarlane, O'Shea, Ozier, Pross, Rose, Ruf, Scheibelhut, Sinclair, Stern, Stewart, Stovel, Stuttard, Tonks, Varma, Wall, Wood, Yung.

Regrets: Belzer, Blecher, Cohen A.D., Gaede, Gibbling, Gold, Munroe, Shaw L.R., Waterson, Welch.

84:61. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 11 June 1984 were adopted upon motion (Gigeroff/Varma).

84:62. New Members of Senate

The Chairman welcomed the following new members to Senate:

Elected

R. M. MacDonald - Faculty of Dentistry

Full Professors

John A. Armour - Physiology/Biophysics
Kell Antoft - School of Public Administration
Clare F. Beckton - Faculty of Law
Michael Bishop - French
Magda Horackova - Physiology/Biophysics
Gregory R. Ferrier - Pharmacology
Patricia A. Lane - Biology
William H. Moger - Physiology/Biophysics
F.B.St.C. Palmer - Biochemistry
B. Perey - Surgery
John Phillips - Mathematics, Statistics and Computing Science
J.K. Rosales - Anaesthesiology
Geoffrey Rowden - Pathology
Benjamin Rusak - Psychology

Bruce H. Wildsmith - Faculty of Law
Michael Wilkinson - Physiology/Biophysics
Alan Y.K. Yung - Physiology/Biophysics

New Chairpersons

W. B. Barrow - Acting Chair, Community Dentistry
Carol vonFeggelen - Chair, Department of Music

The Chairman also reported on the death of Professor Robert A. Samek, Faculty of Law.

84:63. Question Period

Mr. Gigeroff wanted some indication regarding when equalization grants referred to at the last Senate meeting (Minute No. 84:55 - paragraph 4) might be available. The President replied that the government had provided no further clarification on this matter.

Mr. Bradfield wondered how much money had been collected in the Development Campaign fund by noon on June 24. President MacKay agreed to relay this information to the Chairman of Senate, who would, in turn, communicate this response to the questioner. In this context, Mr. Stuttard questioned **whether these new** monies had all been earmarked or whether there would be a degree of flexibility in allocation. The President responded that various sectors of the university had submitted proposals and that the funds were destined largely for new ventures.

In response to a question from Mr. Bradfield, who wondered what statement had been made at the last meeting of the Board of Governors, President MacKay (in the absence of the two elected Senate observers on the Board) replied that any report would have been to the effect that reasonable progress was achieved but that there was no indication that a collective agreement would be reached quickly. He queried whether such discussion was out of order in a Senate meeting. Mr. Rodger, who entered at a later point in the meeting, confirmed that the report was indeed neutral, and did not reflect either exceptional difficulties or progress.

84:64. Awarding of Degrees

It was agreed, upon motion (Chaytor/MacDonald)

that the following degrees and diplomas be granted effective immediately.

**Doctor of Dental Surgery -
Diploma in Dental Hygiene -**

**Mr. Harry Simms
Ms. Paulette Cormier**

Certificate in Periodontics -

**Ms. Cindy Kuchynski
Dr. Naser Derakhshan**

Further, after a revealing explanatory preamble by Mr. Christie, it was agreed, upon motion (Christie/Boyle)

that Senate award the degree of LL.B. to Mr. James Andrew Fanning effective immediately.

84:65. Reports and Recommendations -- Committees of Senate

A. Committee on Academic Administration

1. Student Grievance re: Awarding of Degree (Minute No. CAA 84:33, 84:39)

Further to a recommendation from the CAA and the student's request, there was a consensus upon motion (MacKay/Betts)

that Senate rescind Neil Erskine's B.A. degree and award him a B.Sc. Degree

B. Academic Planning Committee

I. Proposed Programme Change - Master of Public Administration

It was moved and seconded (Yung/Pross)

that Senate recommend to the Board approval of a one-credit internship as an elective in addition to the present requirements for the 10-credit Master of Public Administration programme.

Mr. Pross elaborated that the proposed programme change would correlate practical work with a series of academic seminars.

The motion carried.

2. Proposed Credit Correspondence Classes - School of Business Administration (Minute No. APC 84:91)

On behalf of APC, Mr. Cross moved that **the proposal concerning credit correspondence**

classes from the School of Business Administration be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scheibelhut.

Mr. Rodger was concerned about the implications of the second paragraph under Financial Arrangement, namely

"The tuition fees to be charged students enrolling in the credit correspondence course will be at least equivalent to fees charged to full-time/ part-time students taking a half credit course at Dalhousie University plus a supplemental to cover the extraordinary costs of printing, mailing, advertising and program administration."

Mr. Scheibelhut identified the problem associated with extra costs of materials and added that many students would be financially supported to some extent by their companies. Mr. Gigeroff asked if the tuition fees should really be considered "more than equivalent" in light of the supplemental, to which Mr. Scheibelhut replied that it was anticipated that incidental costs would be increased and a "break even" proposition was desired. Mr. Rodger believed that this was not a viable explanation as student fees were currently subsidized by taxpayers. He wondered if students whose employers (if any) did not pay a portion of the fees would get a reduced fee and maintained that disparate setting of fees should be considered inappropriate.

The following amendment was moved and seconded (Rodger/Gigeroff)

with approval being subject to fees being set in an equitable manner similar to fees currently set at Dalhousie.

Mr. Rodger, further to Mr. Scheibelhut's request for a definition of the phrase "equitable manner", clarified that fees should be set by procedures which are designed to treat students equitably, not equally, and should not be an exception to general guidelines. Mr. Cross spoke in support of the amendment, on principle, as he was anxious that a precedent not be established. Mr. Gigeroff predicted that the proposed financial arrangements would hinder accessibility for those students not employed by companies.

An amendment to the amendment to the effect

that the word "equitable" be removed

was moved and seconded (Bradfield/Stuttard). Mr. Rodger declared his opposition to the proposed amendment to the amendment and upon vote, it failed.

Vice-President Sinclair sympathized with the question of accessibility but contended that, in the current context of budgetary restraint, access could be reduced if the supply of funds was diminished. Mr. Scheibelhut added that the mailout costs would be substantial, following

which the Chairman clarified the intent of the amendment.

The amendment passed and subsequently, the main motion as amended carried.

Further to a recommendation from Mr. Rodger, there was agreement upon motion (Rodger/Horrocks)

that Senate be given information to allow it to initiate a review of the progress of the programme by the end of June 1989.

3. Proposal for a B.Sc. with Honours in Microbiology (Minute No. APC 84:95)

On behalf of the APC, it was moved and seconded (Stuttard/Cross)

that Senate recommend approval of the proposed B.Sc. with Honours in Microbiology to the Board of Governors.

In response to Mr. Rodger's query, Mr. Stoltz, as undergraduate coordinator of the department concerned, reported that the two departments referred to in the portion of the proposal in which funds are discussed (Item 2) are Biology and Microbiology.

The motion carried.

4. Matters of Information (Minute Nos. APC 84:87, 84:88)

The Chairman reported that the APC had recommended that implementation of the Ph.D. in Philosophy and the programme in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery be approved. These had been labelled as "FOR ACTION" items and required final approval by the Board.

C. Steering Committee

A memo entitled "Policy Regarding Academic Appointments" dated 5 July 1984 was distributed at the meeting. This had been prepared in response to a motion at the 2 April 1984 meeting of Senate that the President's statement entitled "Appointments Department of French" be referred to the Steering Committee for advice. Members concurred that additional time was required to consider the attached documentation. Therefore, it was agreed that the package of materials distributed would be circulated to all members of Senate who normally receive attachments with their agenda. *Two* items were to be added, specifically, the 30 April 1984 letter from Dr. M. Ozier (referred to in the Steering Committee minute excerpt for 3 May 1984) and the original letter from the President dated 2 April 1984.

There was agreement that once members had had an opportunity to review the Steering Committee's statement and accompanying appendices, they could relay concerns, if any, to the Secretary or Senate. The matter could then be returned to the Steering Committee for reconsideration or appear on the agenda of the 13 August 1984 meeting depending on the wishes of the concerned member(s).

D. Honorary Degrees Committee

1. Honorary Degree Candidates -- Tabling of Names (IN CAMERA)

On behalf of the Honorary Degrees Committee, the President tabled the names of four candidates for the Fall 1984 Convocation and presented a brief resumé for each nominee. One of these candidates, previously approved by Senate, who had not been able to attend the convocation at that time, may be approached again. Detailed information on all of these candidates is available for perusal by Senators in the Senate Office.

84:66. Report of the President

The President verbally provided details on the matters itemized below:

- (1) M.P.H.E.C. and provincial governmental recent recommendations regarding funding.
- (2) Meeting of Presidents of Universities in Nova Scotia with the Royal Commission on Post Secondary Education.
- (3) Proposed initiation of sample programme review by M.P.H.E.C.
- (4) AAU Executive Council meeting in June, held in Fredericton.
- (5) AUCC most recent meeting - members agreed that a copy of the AUCC and Board minutes and agenda would be made available to interested Senators in the Senate Office.
- (6) Progress of activated search and appointment committees for a) Vice-President (Policy and Planning), b) Deans of five faculties, c) **Acting** Dean of Continuing Education, d) Associate Vice-President (Research)

(The President had, in accordance with the Joint Board/Senate recommendation C-I, consulted with the APC about this proposed position.)

- e) Interim appointments of Directors for IPA and Part-Time Studies (to be coordinated with item c).

(7) Qualified prospective students (i.e.-top students of two high schools in province).

(8) Dalhousie Fund Campaign - the President reported that groups and individuals, including Alumni, made a commitment of support greater than that in the past, that the Board would begin to determine realistic goals for the campaign in July, which will be made public in October, and that consideration was being given to a special convocation to be held in conjunction with the launching of the campaign.

Individual Senators were invited to react to the last item.

A detailed written report from the President is expected.

84:67. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 P.M.