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# DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

## MINUTES OF

### SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session in the Board and Senate Room on Monday, 11 February 1985, 4:00 P.M.

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

Andrews, Angelopoulos, Atherton, Barkow, Betts, Birdsall, Birkett, Bradfield, Braybrooke, Cameron D.M., Caty, Cohen A.D., Cromwell, Cross, Dempster, Dunn, Field, Fingard, FriedenberG, Gigeroff, Gold, Gratwick, Hatcher, Hennen, Horrocks, Huber, Josenhans, Kerans, Lee J.O., Leffek, Lewis, MacKay, Martin, Morrison, Norvell, O'Brien D.W.P., O'Shea, Ogden, Paquet, Patterson, Rodger, Scheibelhut, Shaw L.R., Shaw T., Sherwin, Sinclair, Stern, Tindall, Tingley, Tonks, Van Feggelen, Waterson, Wien, Young, Zentilli, Zinck, Christie (invitee).

Regrets: Jones J.V., Konok, Larder, Maloney, Munroe, Ozier, Tan, Welch, Williams C.

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#### Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 14 January 1985 were approved upon motion (Horrocks/Van Feggelen). Mr. FriedenberG noted that his name had been omitted from the list of attendees. The minutes of the meeting of 21 January 1985 were distributed.

**85:018.**

#### Question Period

Mr. Shaw read a lengthy statement in response to a question raised at an earlier meeting related to the current capital campaign. This was circulated at the conclusion of the meeting.

Ms. Allen questioned the President as to why a student had been sent as a delegate to a US Airforce seminar on Canada - US Relations. The President responded that the student had indicated strong interest in attending this conference. Ms. Allen requested that in future the DSU be notified and consulted ahead of time.

A question raised by Mr. Bradfield regarding the student referendum to donate student fees to the capital campaign fund, will be referred to the Chairman of the FPC, who had sent his regrets for the meeting. Mr. Rodger, wished to have clarification from Mr. Welch of the membership of FPC, referred to in 85:03, page 3, third last line of the 14 January 1985 minutes.

The Chairman clarified for Mr. Andrews that he had asked members of the general public to leave a recent meeting of Senate, not members of the university community. Mr. Shaw indicated that the Annual Fund in 1984 had exceeded its goal of 1/4 million dollars, in

response to a further query from Mr. Andrews.

Mr. Kerans sought information about the annual costs to the university of the institution of the Office of President Emeritus. Mr. Shaw noted that this was an item on the agenda of the next FPC meeting.

Mr. Barkow asked how a strike situation such as the one day strike recently resulting from contract negotiation breakdown could be avoided in the future. President MacKay stated that he welcomed advice from DFA and individual members of the university community on this issue.

Mr. Bradfield asked if the penalty clause imposed by United Equities would be in effect as long as Hart House was occupied. Mr. Shaw replied that this would be true until the house was vacated in May.

Ms. Sherwin requested an update on the search for a Vice-President (Planning and Resources). The President reported that he had received oral advice from the committee last week, that he would be consulting with the APC and that the results would be publicized in the near future.

Mr. Andrews asked whether any steps were underway to prepare the necessary university response to the anticipated report of the Royal Commission on Post Secondary Education. The President replied that he had given some thought to this matter and believed that the University would be in a good position to respond to the report.

**85:019.**

Request to Rescind a Degree -- Faculty of Graduate Studies

Correspondence from Dean Leffek dated 23 January 1985 had been precirculated. It was moved and seconded (Leffek/Horrocks)

**that the MPA degree conferred on Douglas John  
Russell at the Fall Convocation 1984 be rescinded.**

Dean Leffek added that this had been due to a technical error in the School of Business Administration and a breakdown in communication.

He would take steps to ensure that this did not occur in the future, Ms. Allen and Waterson and Messrs. Rodger were reassured by Dean Leffek and the Registrar, that there would be no record of this action on the student's transcript and that the original document would be destroyed. Mr. Andrews wondered whether this error had been detected by the Student Information System and Mr. Young spoke in favour of correcting errors.

The motion carried.

85:020.

Senate Computer Advisory Committee

The Chairman reminded Senators that the original terms of reference, the new terms of reference proposed by the Senate Advisory Committee on Computing and the 11/1/85 letter from Mr. D. Cameron had been precirculated. In addition, a 6/2/85 letter from Mr. Cameron, appending a document "Consolidation of Motions re: Computer Advisory Committee with existing terms of reference of the Senate Advisory Committee" were distributed at the meeting.

Item #5 in the "Consolidation of Motions re Computer Advisory Committee with Existing Terms of Reference of Senate Advisory Committee" had been passed at the Senate meeting of 21 January 1985.

Mr. Rodger moved, on behalf of the Senate Advisory Committee,

**that the Committee, guided by Senate policies, advise the President on new acquisitions of and significant changes in computing hardware, software, facilities and services for teaching, research, and administration in Dalhousie and this shall include staffing needs and communication needs for computing. Before any additional substantial expenditures on computing services and facilities are approved, the Committee shall be informed and its advice sought.**

Mr. D. Cameron confirmed the PAC support of this addition to the terms of reference. Mr. Hatcher was concerned about the centralization of authority on computing which could interface with Faculty goals and objectives and institute an unnecessary level of bureaucracy. Mr. Rodger replied that it was not the intention of the committee to interfere with Faculty processes but added that the committee could be consulted about major research related acquisitions. Mr. Cameron thought that it was unlikely that the committee, which would have its "hands full" trying to guide university policy in the general sense, would create an obstacle for the Deans. Mr. Cross spoke in support of the broadest interpretation of the motion.

Mr. Rodger, in response to Mr. Field's comment about grant applications which require a letter from the university and might be passed on by the Assistant Vice-President (Research) to the committee, stated that the committee would consider all matters referred to it. Mr.

Dempster spoke in support of the motion, which was then put to a vote and carried.

It was agreed upon motion (D. Cameron/Dempster)

**that the Committee shall foster the orderly development of high quality computing and information systems and services for teaching, research, and administration within the University.**

It was moved and seconded (D. Cameron/Dempster)

**that the Committee shall meet regularly and at least four times a year, and shall report its activities to Senate, as directed by Senate but at least annually.**

Following points raised by Messrs. Rodger and Andrews regarding the phrase "**at least four times** a year", the phrase "**at least quarterly**" was accepted as a friendly amendment by the mover and seconder.

Mr. Rodger then drew members attention to the two different proposals regarding "Composition" from the SAC and the PAC. The main point of contention was the selection of the Chairperson. He moved, on behalf of the committee

**that four members elected by Senate. plus one member appointed by the Academic Planning Committee, one appointed by the Financial Planning Committee, with one of these six to serve as chairperson. and one member appointed by the Dalhousie University Computer Users' Group, two students, one of whom shall be a graduate student, the Executive Director of University Computing and information Services, the Director of Computing Science, neither of whom shall have a vote, and four other people, who would have a special interest in administrative computing to be appointed by the President.**

Mr. Hatcher proposed that the wording be altered to reflect a restriction on membership, such that no more than two members could come from any one Faculty. Mr. P. Jones indicated his intention to rejuvenate the Computer Users Group, in response to Mr. Field's question.

It was moved and seconded ( D. Cameron/Dempster)

**that the words "including persons with a special interest in administrative computing" should replace the second last line "and four other people, who would have a special interest in administrative computing" .**

The amendment carried.

A second amendment was moved by Mr. D. Cameron and seconded by M r. Dempster, name  
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**to strike the phrase "with one of these six to serve as chairperson" and replace it with a sentence at the end which reads "the Chairperson shall be elected by and from the voting members of the Committee".**

Mr. Rodger expressed his reservations about the proposed amendment, wondering if Senate would have the same faith in the committee.

The motion carried.

Mr. Hatcher moved, seconded by Mr. D. Cameron

**that after the word "committee" i n 1 i ne 3 the words "with no more than 2 of 6 members coming from any one Faculty should be included.**

After Messrs. Betts, Andrews, and Rodger i dent i f i ed potent i a 1 problems in implementation due to cross appointments between Faculties, in particular with the Faculty of Graduate Studies, the motion was withdrawn and a separate motion was proposed by Mr. D. Cameron/Hatcher

**that the "consolidation" version of the terms of office be approved with the addition that the Committee on Committees shall seek to ensure in its nominations broad representation from the Faculties of the University on this committee.**

Messrs. Young and Zinck spoke in favour of this amendment which would promote proportional representation, and facilitate the work of the Committee on Committees. Messrs. Rodger and Huber expressed concerns about the amendment.

The motion carried.

Mr. Rodger wished to have noted the assumption, agreed to by the President, that other members not appointed by Senate, would also serve for terms no longer than three years.

85:021

Reports and Recommendations -- Committees of Senate

**A. Academic Planning Committee**

1. Procedures for Discussion of Unresolved University-Wide Issues

Mr. Jones relinquished the chair to Mr. Horrocks for this item.

Mr. Jones moved acceptance of the document "Procedures for Discussion of Unresolved University-Wide Academic Issues", noting that this was the first of a series of documents Senate had agreed to consider. The major thrust was the decentralization of academic planning, the role of Senate in academic planning and relevant procedural guidelines. Mr. Huber thought this was a useful document. However he hoped that it was not the intention to preclude urgent/critical issues identified in Senate meetings being considered by a committee named by Senate or referred to a standing committee of Senate, without initially going through the Steering Committee. Messrs. Horrocks and Jones confirmed that matters considered urgent by Senate could be considered directly by Senate. Mr. Rodger agreed with their views.

The motion carried.

2. Proposed M.Sc. in Psychology

It was moved and seconded (Horrocks/Leffek)

**that Senate approve the degree of M.Sc. in Psychology; this degree to have the same programme and requirements as the present degree of M.A. in Psychology.**

The motion carried.

**B. Committee on Academic Administration**

## 1. 1983-84 Annual Ombuds Report

Mr. Sinclair reviewed the suggestions of the CAA regarding the implementation of the recommendations of the 1983-84 Annual Ombuds Reports:

that the report would be forwarded to Senate with the suggestion that the recommendations would be implemented as follows:

1. Student Advocacy service - Agreed
2. Academic Appeals
  - a) Internal Faculty Procedures - Refer to all Faculties
  - b) The SAAC and Senate - Refer to the CAA sub-committees of Deans Leffek and Charles
3. Collective Grievances - Refer to all Faculties for consideration
4. Disciplinary Proceedings - Refer to Senate Discipline Committee
5. Evaluation Methods - Refer to all Faculties
6. Fees - Refer to Administration
7. Notification to Returning Students of Significant Changes to the Calendar - Agreed

Members concurred with the President's recommendation that #1 be referred to the DSU, and that #4 also be referred to the Registrar; and, with Mr. Gigeroff's recommendation that the DSU be included along with Administration implementing #6.

The report with these recommendations was received for information and accepted.

## 2 Implementation of Senate Resolution

Mr. Sinclair reported on the action taken by the CAA with respect to the motion referred from Senate re Half Credits awarded based on Christmas Grades in 'R' Courses in this Academic Year (Minute No. CAA 85:010). He added that detailed information had been communicated to chairpersons and to teaching staff. He referred finally to the motion passed by the CAA which would empower a subcommittee to deal with difficulties in implementation as they arose.



Mr. Rodger asked if a student who applied and was not satisfied with the decision, could appeal. Mr. Sinclair agreed that this was indeed possible.

85:022.

Report on Balloting -- Committee to Advise the Board on the Appointment of a President for September 1986

The Secretary advised members that the following individuals, listed in alphabetical order, were elected by preferential mail ballot to serve on the Committee to Advise the Board on the Appointment of a President for September 1986:

Mr. Alan Andrews  
Ms. Judith Fingard  
Mr. William Jones

The Secretary relayed a communique from Mr. Tingley, Secretary of the Board of Governors, which advised that Peggy Weld, George Cooper and James Cowan had been appointed by the Board as representatives on this committee.

Mr. Braybrooke welcomed the news that a committee to search for a new president had been formed and welcomed its readiness to hear from individual Senators and others concerned about the future of leadership in the university. He said that President MacKay had done something substantial by announcing that he would not be a candidate for reappointment, to raise hopes that there would be a substantial change in policies with the incoming President. Mr. Braybrooke pointed out, however, that there was something like 17 months before the incoming President would take office. Would the university get through this period without engendering a disastrous strike? Or would the respite go unused? He asked whether President MacKay believed that he was in a position to assure Senate that there would be a change of outlook, a change in style, and a change of heart during this period, with decisions that inspired common purpose in dealing with our problems, budgetary or otherwise.

The President stated that times had been difficult for Senate members and Standing Committees of Senate, but furthermore, for the President who was simultaneously expected to serve a host of communities. He asked Mr. Braybrooke to give him a copy of his statement and promised to address his questions at the II March 1985 meeting of Senate. At the same time, he would report on his goals for the remaining months of his term of office.

Mr. Bradfield asked at what stage in the proceedings would the Advisory Committee report to Senate. Mr. Jones stated that the committee would be asked to propose procedures to keep the Board and Senate up to date. Mr. Wooton's query about the budget for flying in

candidates for interviews will be answered when the committee has this information.

85:023.

Report on Senate Representatives on Board Committees

The list was distributed at the meeting. The Chairperson noted that Mr. Haley had not yet been replaced on the Board Committee "Relations with Other Institutions"; that both members on the Pension Committee were DFA appointments, not Senate representatives (although they were members of Senate); and added that the names of the Board members on CAA, Computer

Advisory Committee and the Library Committee were Dr. Henry Roper, Mr. D. Ritcey and Mrs. Peggy Weld respectively.

It was agreed upon motion (MacKay/Josenhans)

**that Mr. Wien resume his role as Senate representative on the Staff Relations Committee.**

Mr. Andrews asked if there was any established method of reporting by Senate representatives on Board committees and in turn by Board members on Senate committees. Mr. Jones stated that the question was currently under discussion by such groups as the APC, Steering Committee and President's Council. Mr. Huber was confused about the situation with the Investment Committee, which the Chairperson agreed was complex. The matter had been discussed by the Steering Committee and the President's Office at length and should be resolved at the Steering Committee meeting on 12 February 1985. Further to a concern raised by Ms. Waterson, it was moved and seconded (Horrocks/Waterson)

**that the Committee on Committees be authorized to appoint a replacement for Mr. Haley on the "Relations With Other Institutions" until his return in approximately five months.**

85:024.

Honorary Degree Candidates -- Voting (In Camera)

- President MacKay reminded members of the centenary of the first woman graduate and briefly summarized the resumes of the individual candidates.
- The President assured Ms. Fingard that additional candidates could be considered for the Fall Convocation.
- The voting on the candidates (15 for the Spring Convocation and 2 for the Fall) took place.

- The Chairperson appointed Mr. Lewis and Ms. Fingard as scrutineers.

85:025.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.