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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session in the Board and Senate Room on Monday, 22 July 1985 at 2:00 P.M.

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

Beazley, Belzer, Bennett, Betts, Binkley, Birdsall, Bradfield, Caty, Chatt, Cohen A.D., Comeau, Cross, Cunningham, Fingard, Gratwick, Holloway, Horrocks, Huber, Leffek, MacKay, Mangalam, O'Brien D.W.P., O'Shea, Ozier, Pooley, Rosen, Ruf, Rutherford, Sherwin, Sinclair, Stephens, Tan M.H., Thiessen, Tindall, Tonks, Varma, Welch, Winham, Yung, Zinck.

Regrets: Andrews, Chaytor, Elgengidy, Gold, Goldbloom, Maloney, Stone, Waterson.

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Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the 27 May 1985 meeting were approved upon motion (Horrocks/Cohen) .

The minutes of the meeting of 10 June 1985 were approved upon motion (Horrocks/Cohen) with two changes to 85:075 noted by the President line 13 - **foreign** student fee **differential** and line 18 - **35** million dollar goal.

The minutes of the meeting of 24 June 1985 were approved upon motion (Horrocks/Cross).

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New Members

The chairperson welcomed the following new members of Senate:

Elected Representatives

Richard P. Beazley (Recreation, Physical and Health Education)

Marian Binkley (Sociology and Social Anthropology)

Full Professors

Russell J. Boyd (Chemistry)

W. Carl Breckenridge (Biochemistry)

James W. Brown (French)

Albert G. Buckley (Mathematics, Statistics and Computing Science)

Amare Chatt (Chemistry)

John W. Downie (Pharmacology)
David A. Hopkins (Anatomy)
Bohumil M. Horacek (Physiology and Biophysics)
David A. Huntley (Oceanography)
Gerald Johnston (Microbiology)
Raymond M. Klein (Psychology)
Franco S. Mediolli (Geology/Marine Geology)
Ian A. Meinertzhagen (Psychology)
Catherine Mezei (Biochemistry)
Lars S. Osberg (Economics)
Judith A. Ritchie (Nursing)
Hans R. Runte (French)
Patrick N. Stewart (Mathematics, Statistics and Computing Science)
Donald B. Stoltz (Microbiology)

Chairmanships

James C. MacKinnon (Engineering)
Gilbert R. Winham (Political Science)

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Question Period

Mr. Comeau asked the President about the nature and purpose of the construction between the Old Archives and the Life Sciences Centre. President MacKay believed that the links were being refurbished in terms of heating and other services for the Department of Mathematics. The President took notice of Mr. Bradfield's question for response at the next meeting of Senate regarding whether the Dalhousie price of the sale of Hart House would be affected by the outcome of the city's rezoning appeal.

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Reports and Recommendations -- Committees of Senate

A. Academic Planning Committee

1. Schedule for Academic Planning

The Chairperson introduced the proposed schedules by stating that the agenda had been compacted this year in an attempt to influence the budget for 1986-87. Ms. Sherwin requested that specific guidelines for units be prepared as soon as possible.

It was agreed upon motion (Cunningham/Welch)

that the "Proposed Timetable for Preparation of the University Academic Plan" be adopted.

2. Academic Implications of Relocation of Biomathematics Group

Mr. Jones informed Senators of the suggestion (outlined in Mr. Ruf's correspondence of 6 June

1985) that an interim departmental survey, to be carried out at the Faculty level, would provide an opportunity for review of the academic issues posed by the move. This had met with APC's approval on 12 June 1985.

3. Mission Statement

The document "A Mission Statement for Dalhousie University" (approved by APC on 11 July 1985) was introduced by Mr. A. Cohen as a synthesis of the original statement with the feedback received from a number of sectors of the university. He outlined the sections of the statement and expressed appreciation to Mr. Stairs for his assistance in the final redrafting stage.

Mr. Belzer believed the second last line of page 8 should have the word "have" replace "hag", and was concerned about the veracity of the second last line of paragraph one on page 4. Mr. Mangalam queried whether the charter of the university originally represented a mission statement and Mr. Gratwick wondered what was replaced by the new document. The President stated that the university was created by statute and that there was no charter or statement of mission included therein. The Chairperson noted that the roles and goals statement prepared for MPHEC had provided some guidance. Ms. Sherwin preferred a more concise, direct and positive statement and Mr. Pross believed the document lacked a sense of style. The President was concerned that the Mission Statement spoke generally of the values of higher education, which could be adopted by any university, and maintained that it should focus more specifically on Dalhousie University. Mr. Jones reminded members that earlier attempts of APC to be more specific had encountered some resistance in Senate. Mr. Cohen stressed that the specificity of goals and objectives would take lead from the planning processes moving upwards through the system. The President thought that the mission of Dalhousie was its current activities and stressed that planning had occurred in the past, in his view.

Ms. Ozier wondered if there was a special mission for Dalhousie or if it was simply another general purpose institution. Mr. Cross stated that the latest revision represented an attempt to prepare a general philosophical statement (in line with feedback received) although it was not necessarily one to which everyone would subscribe. Mr. Belzer had a different reaction than Ms. Ozier, contending that the document distinguished Dalhousie's turf with respect to the emphasis on research. Ms. Sherwin identified ambivalence between the descriptive and normative parts of the document, and some lack of logic.

Mr. Cohen, responding to Mr. Mangalam's question, stated that the document was intended for both internal and external use. Mr. Mangalam believed that it was not as "inspired" or "informed" as would be desirable.

The Chairperson drew the discussion to a close by thanking members for their comments and suggesting that specific recommended revisions be forwarded to the Secretary of Senate. These could be considered by APC prior to a Senate meeting in September.

Mr. Thiessen contended that the document did not help departments prepare for unit plans and preferred that APC spend time on developing specific guidelines for this purpose.

B. Committee on Academic Administration

1. Jurisdiction of AAC

The Secretary verbally reported that the CAA had completed their lengthy deliberations on this

complex issue and that a written report should be expected by the September or October meeting of Senate.

2. Appointment of Ombud and Assistant Ombud

It was agreed upon motion (MacKay/Cunningham), with reference to the 31 May 1985 correspondence from E.T. Marriott and CAA's recommendation, that Mr. Greg Cooper be appointed Ombud and that Ms. Wendy E. MacGregor be appointed Assistant Ombud for the 1985-86 term. The President of the Student Union, following usual procedure, had also recommended these appointments.

3. Engineering Physics

Mr. Betts outlined the historical evolution of this issue and noted that this unfinished business could now be concluded.

It was agreed upon motion (Betts/Horrocks)

that the degree programme in Engineering Physics at Dalhousie be terminated effective immediately.

There was a further consensus upon motion (Betts/Horrocks)

that, in future, the President of Dalhousie University (as well as the President of TUNS) sign the parchment for graduands.

C. Steering Committee

1. Nominations for Committee on Committees

Following three calls for further nominations, the following faculty members were declared elected to the Committee on Committees upon motion (Horrocks/Holloway):

L. O'Brien (to replace P. Darby)
D.G. Pentz (to replace D. Cunningham)
R.J. Boyd (to replace T. Laidlaw)

The Chairman reported that Mr. Boyd had agreed to act as Chair of this Committee.

2. Committee on Committees

The following individuals were declared elected, to the committees named, upon motion (Cunningham/Caty), following three calls for further nominations from the Chair.

Academic Planning Committee

W.F. Birdsall (Library)
A.D. Cohen (Medicine)
F. Wien (Social Work)

K. Dunn (Mathematics, Statistics and Computing Science)
D. Jones (Dentistry)
J.T.C. Kwak (Chemistry)
E. Scott (Business Administration)
F. Woodman (Law)
D. Nance (Anatomy)
J.B. McCabe (Recreation, Physical and Health Education)

Physical Planning Committee

R. Evans (Law)
R. Beazley (Recreation, Physical and Health Education)
R. George (Business Administration)

Financial Planning Committee

J. Scheibelhut (Business Administration)
P. Stern (Nursing)
P. Huber (Economics)
J. Flint (History)

Steering Committee

N. Horrocks (Management Studies)
T. Cromwell (Law)
M. Ozier (Psychology)

Senate Library Committee

J. Stuart Grossert (Chemistry)

Public Relations

R. J. Wassersug (Anatomy)
R. P. McBride (Biology)
D.B.I. Kiang (Physics)

Committee on Interuniversity Cooperation

D. D. Betts (Arts and Science)

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Presidential Search Committee

Ms. Fingard stated that feedback had been sought from a variety of sources on some of the proposed names, that the list was still flexible and would be narrowed down in September, and that Senators could feel free to contact members of the committee. The Chairman, in response to Mr. Cross and Ms. Ozier's questions, noted that the list which included approximately 70 names, would not be released publicly.

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Report of the President

The President reported verbally on numerous matters of interest which he hoped to relay in writing at some future date. Mr. Bradfield questioned whether a response had been received from MPHEC on definition of interest payments as capital expenses (The answer was no) and whether there was a university policy on funding for Endowed Chairs (1/2 million dollars each was estimated by the President).

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Matter of Information

Mr. Betts memo of 2 July 1985 on "special half-credit classes in 1984-85" had been precirculated to members for information.

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Other Business

1. Case of Remi Lavallee

Mr. Sinclair's memo of 17 July 1985 was considered, following which it was agreed upon motion (Betts/Holloway)

that Mr. Remi Lavallee be retroactively awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree.

2. Ms. Yvonne Baskett's name had been added to the list of Graduands for the degree of Bachelor of Nursing, as it had been omitted due to an oversight at the School of Nursing.

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Honorary Degrees Committee -- Voting (In Camera)

Voting on four candidates proposed by the Honorary Degrees Committee took place in camera, following a brief summary of their resumes by President MacKay. The Chairman appointed Messrs. N. Horrocks and A. Cohen as scrutineers.

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Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 P.M.