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# DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

## MINUTES

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## SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session in the Board and Senate Room on Monday, 9 September 1985 at 4:00 P.M.

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

Andrews, Angelopoulos, Atkinson, Betts, Binkley, Blewett, Boyd, Bradfield, Cameron T.S., Caty, Cromwell, Cross M.S., Cross M.L., Czapalay, Dunn, Ferguson, Fingard, Flint, Friedenbergl, Garside, Hennen, Holloway, Horrocks, James, Kennedy, Kocourek, Kwak, MacKay, MacKinnon, Maloney, Mangalam, Manning, Martin M.J.C., McNulty, Mediola, Misick, Murray, Myers, Nicola, O'Brien J.T., O'Shea, Ozier, Parker, Pooley, Ritchie, Rodger, Ruf, Russell, Rutherford, Schroeder, Shaw L.R., Shaw T., Sherwin, Shires, Sinclair, Sodhi, Stephens, Stewart, Thiessen, Tonks, Waite, Welch, Wood, Zinck, Christie (invitee), Traversy (invitee).

Regrets: Bennett, Chaytor, Cohen A.D., Cunningham, Elgeneidy, Fulton. Jones J.V., Klein, MacIntosh, Munroe, Ogden, Waterson, Williams C.

85:095-

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 22 July 1985 were adopted upon motion (Horrocks/Pooley).

85:096.

Question Period

Mr. Kennedy was curious about the situation regarding the appointment of an Assistant Vice-President (Student Affairs), and understood that the President did not make a recommendation to the Board of Governors. In response to his request for specific rationale, the President stated that discussion at the Board meeting convinced him that it was not timely to make a recommendation, particularly as the appropriateness of the office was questioned by some members.

Mr. Bradfield inquired about the implications of the recent fire in the Weldon Law Building with respect to the Capital Campaign drive and the effect on building priorities. The President replied that a major review of building priorities had not yet been initiated. He hoped that the province might be more amenable to suggestions now regarding requests for additional funds, and that other monies might be found which might otherwise not have been available. There had been some small spontaneous gifts to the Law School but these had not impacted on the flow of funds to the Capital Campaign Fund. He noted that a written report to Senators and the Board regarding the Law building fire had been completed for circulation.

Mr. Jones informed Ms. Sherwin that the draft guidelines for departmental academic plans had been forwarded to Deans who were expected to relay them in original or modified form to department/school heads or directors.

The Chairperson took Mr. Andrews question regarding the appropriate mechanism to examine the question of scholarships to help victims of apartheid for referral to Vice-President Sinclair. Mr. Andrews then reminded members of the policy with respect to new buildings which indicated that 1% of capital costs should be devoted to the purchase of art and sought assurance of future implementation of this policy.

Mr. Welch noted that the FPC had not yet scrutinized the Dalhousie - Kings University agreement, in response to Mr. Bradfield's question. Vice-President Shaw clarified, for Mr. Bradfield, that the sale of Hart House had involved an unconditional purchase price and no future involvement by the university was expected.

The President and Mr. T. Shaw referred back to Mr. Andrews question on scholarship aid for apartheid victims. Mr. T. Shaw confirmed that a variety of Canadian institutions had been tasked with facilitating the process and that the Centre for African Studies and the Pearson Institute were willing to work with administration at Dalhousie University on this issue.

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A. Steering Committee (Steering Committee Minute No. 85:041)

Mr. Jones reported, for the information of Senators, that the Steering Committee considered the question of representation from Senate on the University Budget Advisory Committee and **agreed with** UBAC that the numbers should be increased from 3 to 4; **that for the sake of continuity**, Ms. Sherwin and Ms. O'Shea should be asked to continue for one more year; and, that the Committee on Committees should be asked to name two new representatives (one to replace Mr. Misick who had resigned).

B. Committee on Committees

The following individuals were declared elected to the identified committees upon motion, following three calls for further nominations from the Chairperson:

University Budget Advisory Committee (Boyd/Horrocks)

R. E. George (Management Studies)  
B. O'Shea (Health Professions)  
S.B. Sherwin (Arts and Science)  
[1 vacancy to be filled]

Academic Appeals Committee (Boyd/Horrocks)

D. M. Lewis (Arts and Science)  
D. Miles (Dentistry)  
P. B. Waite (Arts and Science)  
[1 vacancy to be filled from Law]

Presidents Council (Boyd/Zinck)

F. M. Bradfield (Arts and Science), R. W. Chambers (Medicine), A. D. Cohen (Medicine), K. Dunn (Arts and Science), P. Pross (Management Studies), D. Williams (Social Work/DFA Executive Committee), Bill Jeffries - Student Union representative (Named by DSU and elected by Senate)

Senate Representative on Advisory Committee on Athletics at Dalhousie (Boyd/Horrocks)

J. C. Pooley (Health Professions)

Mr. Jones noted that the Advisory Committee on Athletics was already active and was seeking written submissions prior to 1 October 1985. The President volunteered to circulate the terms of reference for this committee to members of Senate.

C. Senate Academic Appeals Committee

1. Case of Ms. Janice Younker

Following an introduction from the Chair, in which Senators were advised that Ms. Younker had been informed of the time and place of the Senate meeting, at which the hearing panel's report would be considered, it was moved and seconded (MacKay/Andrews)

**that the decision of the hearing panel be ratified.**

Some members who routinely do not receive all written documentation with Senate agendas requested time to consider the report of the hearing panel. Accordingly, it was agreed that this item would be considered later in the meeting.

D. Academic Planning Committee

1. Mode of Delivery of Programmes

The draft response to Senate re: Mode of Delivery of programmes had been precirculated. Specifically, this statement reads as follows: "Changes in programmes that consist only of alterations in mode of delivery do not require Senate approval, and should be approved at the Faculty level. In the case of graduate programmes, this approval would be sought from the Faculty of Graduate Studies. However, if changes in the mode of delivery incur costs, then the relevant Faculty cost centre assumes this financial responsibility. If programme changes proposed include change in academic requirements, length of programme and/or regulations

in addition to mode of delivery of programmes, then Senate approval is required. In ambiguous cases the Steering Committee will decide whether Senate approval is required."

After some discussion, contributed to by Messrs. Rodger, W. Jones, Bradfield, Cross and MacKay, it was agreed upon motion (Cross/Ritchie)

**that the draft response of the APC be accepted on the understanding that significant or ambiguous changes in mode of delivery would be reported to the Steering Committee.**

## 2. Implementation of B.Sc. (Nursing)

The Chairperson informed Senators that implementation of the B.Sc. (Nursing), which had been identified as a **FOR ACTION** item on the APC agenda on 4 September, had been approved for recommendation to the Board of Governors.

## 3. Implementation of Ph.D. (French)

The Secretary reminded members that the question of funding for acquisitions for the library had been referred by Senate to the APC, FPC, Senate Library Committee and the University Campaign Committee on 27 May 1985. She reported that the APC had sought advice from the Senate Library Committee as to whether that committee would consider this a priority item for funds received from either the Development or University Campaign Fund. The APC had not yet had an opportunity to consider the 15 August 1985 motion of the Senate Library Committee which reads:

**the Senate Library Committee strongly supports in principle the proposed Ph.D. programme in French, and urges that start-up funding be provided from the University Development Fund at the first possible opportunity.**

Mr. Betts wondered if the Library would apply for Development Fund support. A member of the French Department, Mr. Kocourek, stated that the lengthy procedure for considering this programme had been initiated in September 1980 and requested that the matter be resolved by Christmas 1985. Mr. Cross stated that nothing could be done at this stage, except to approve the academic aspects of the programme, in light of the fact that the highly competitive process of application to the Development Fund could not be prejudged and the fund itself could not be encumbered at this time. He recommended referral back to APC. Ms. Binkley commented that this was the first time the programme would be considered for Development Fund support having fulfilled all the requirements (i.e. MPHEC approval).

Mr. Jones suggested that as the Development Fund could not be allocated until all application had been received and that approval of implementation could probably not occur until that time, the matter be sent back to the APC. He agreed with Dean Betts that the matter should be put before an early meeting of that committee.

85:098.

Schedule of Meetings

The proposed list of meetings for Senate and its committees was received for information. Mr. Zinck sought confirmation that a second monthly meeting would be held only if necessary. Mr. Andrews wondered if this depended only on completion of the agenda at the first meeting, to which the Chairperson replied that this might also depend on urgent business received in the Senate Office.

85:099.

University Campaign Committee

The President reported that a number of issues were before the Committee, that the Committee had met on three occasions, that policies and procedures were not yet defined and that forecasts of cash flow were still very tentative. He would report further on behalf of the committee in October.

85:100.

Matter of Information -- Board Responses on Programmes Approved

The Secretary reported that correspondence from Dr. Tingley, Secretary of the Board, indicated that the Board of Governors had approved the programme leading to the Diploma in Aquaculture and this would be recommended to the MPHEC. The Board had also agreed that the Bachelor of Arts with Major or Honours in International Development Studies may now be implemented, as MPHEC approval has been granted.

Mr. Bradfield queried whether residences would be included in the \$10 million from the province. The President responded that the province was anxious to discuss this matter, that there had been no resolution to date, but that he hoped that residence costs were not included.

**85:101.**

Report of the President

President MacKay reported at some length on the following matters:

- 1) He regretted the untimely deaths of colleagues - Dr. Cecil Tuck (Public Administration), Dr. Donald O. Hebb (Psychology) and Christine Irvine (Dean of Women).
- 2) He acknowledged the valuable assistance of volunteers in salvaging the collections from the Weldon Law Building and denial of reports that a new Law building would be erected
- 3) University Government relations

- Research Canada 86 conference at Dalhousie
  - review of funding of the Medical School
  - University met MPHEC deficit adjustment requirements
  - completed three-year programme projection submission to MPHEC
  - AUCC representatives and federal task force review of financial programmes
  - MacDonald Commission Report (He would send excerpts to Chairman of Senate and suggested that the subcommittee to look at Royal Commission Report might also examine the MacDonald report.)
- 4) He commented on the excellent work of Ms. Judith Fingard's advisory committee on the women's centenary.
- 5) He thanked those who had assisted with the orientation of new students
- 6) He announced that over \$8.5 million had been solicited from the private sector in the campaign in addition to the province's \$10 million. Alumni outside of Halifax and major corporations would be targeted at this point in the campaign.

Ms. Blewett requested that the DSU have an opportunity to have input in the University comments on the MacDonald Commission Report. Ms. Fingard informed Senators of the programme for the women's centenary which would be printed in the next issue of the University News.

85:102.

#### Academic Appeals Committee

The Chairperson noted the presence of Ms. Younker and Mr. Evans, the Chairperson of the SAAC hearing panel. He reiterated, as in the past, that the purpose of identifying the report as an agenda item was not to rehear the case but rather to ratify the decision of the hearing panel. If ratification did not happen, the two remaining options were to refer back to the hearing panel with a request to hear further evidence or to refer to the SAAC with a request that a new hearing panel be set up.

Mr. Evans presented the conclusions and recommendation of the hearing panel outlined on pages 9 and 10 and referred briefly to the rationale delineated in the body of the report. The recommendation was that the appeal of Ms. Younker be dismissed.

Mr. Andrews, as a member of the Faculty involved, withdrew his seconding of the original motion and Ms. Caty seconded the motion.

Mr. Bradfield raised a question which was partially answered at the bottom of page 7 of the report and Ms. Younker sought clarification of the timing of the rationale presented by the Faculty of Arts and Science during the hearing.

After some further discussion by Messrs. Hardy and Bradfield and Ms. Angelopoulos, the motion was put to a vote and carried.



(The following individuals abstained from voting: Betts, Andrews, Tindall, Evans, Cromwell, Cross, Garside, Martin, Sodhi).

85:103-

Other Business

Mr. Kennedy asked for a progress report from the Presidential Search Committee. Mr. Jones stated that the committee was currently narrowing" the list of candidates and welcomed suggestions. Procedures for the ne~t stage of the search process were being developed and would be reported to Senate in the near future.

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Honorary Degree Candidates -- Report on Voting (In Camera)

The Secretary reported that all four candidate~ nominated had been approved.

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Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.