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**DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY**

**MINUTES**

**OF**

**SENATE MEETING**

Senate met in regular session in the Senate and Board Room on Monday, 14 July 1986 at 3:00 P.M.

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

Andrews, Antoft, Angelopoulos, Beazley, Betts, Bradfield, Braybrooke, Cameron T.S., Caty, Easterbrook, George, Haley, Hennen, Huebert, James, Jones D.W., Kwak, Leffek, LoLordo, MacDougall, MacKay W.A., Myers, O'Shea, Pooley, Pross, Retauack, Ritchie, Rodger, Sinclair, Smith, Stewart (Secretary), Storey, Varma, Wiens, Wood, Christie (invitee).

Regrets: Bennett, Cohen A.D., Jones J.V., Konok, Murray, Precious, Schwenger, Wassersug, Writer, Zachariasen.

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Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 9 June 1986 were accepted upon motion (Angelopoulos/Braybrooke) with the addition of the word "bank" preceding "interest" in Senate Minute 86:069, pg. 2, l,10.

The minutes of the meetings of 16 June 1986 and 23 June 1986 were approved upon motions (Varma/D. Jones).

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Introduction of New Members of Senate

The chairperson welcomed the following new members of Senate:

Philip Belitsky (Urology)  
John Crocker (Pediatrics)  
Ronald Huebert (English)  
Allan MacDonald (Surgery)  
Eileen MacDougall (Business Administration)  
Dwight Nance (Anatomy)  
Philip Pacey (Chemistry)  
Kenneth Renton (Pharmacology)  
Geoffrey Rowden (Pathology)  
Roger Stephens (Chemistry)  
Graham Taylor (History)  
John Tibbles (Pediatrics)

Mary Turner (History)  
Jacob Verpoorte (Biochemistry)  
Richard Wassersug (Anatomy)  
Roderick Wasylshen (Chemistry)  
W. Desmond Writer (Anaesthesiology)  
William Wrixon (Obstetrics & Gynaecology)  
Kenneth Zachariasen (Dentistry)  
Marcos Zentilli (Geology)

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#### Question Period

Mr. Bradfield commented on the extra grants donated to the library at MSVU and asked whether there was any hope that the government would be equally generous to Dalhousie. Mr. Sinclair believed that this was unlikely. Mr. Bradfield then requested a response to his earlier question about source(s) of budgetary allocations for the costs of Ritchie & Associates. Mr. Sinclair indicated that Mr. Wright had prepared a statement which would be circulated to Senate shortly.

86:081

#### Reports and Recommendations -- Committees of Senate

##### A. Committee on Academic Administration

##### 1. Appointment of Ombud & Assistant Ombud

Correspondence from Dean Marriott which proposed the names of the Ombud & Assistant Ombud and supplied information regarding their respective backgrounds had been circulated.

It was agreed upon motion (Sinclair/Hennen)

**that Senate approve the appointment of Ms. Wendy MacGregor as Ombud and Mr. Rory Rogers as Assistant Ombud.**

##### 2. Convocation Dates

A precirculated list of proposed Convocation dates for the next two year period up to and including the Spring Convocation of 1988, approved by CAA, was accepted upon motion (Sinclair/Bradfield). There was a consensus that the sequence outlined would be acceptable for Convocations over the next decade or two. Mr. Pross requested that the Faculty of Management Studies be permitted to have their Convocations in the Rebecca Cohn

Auditorium. A question was raised regarding the date of the Fall Convocations for 1986 and 1987. It was determined that the dates listed are correct.

3. **Change in Name of Degree Designation for the School of Recreation, Physical and Health Education**

It was moved and seconded (Sinclair/Leffek)

**that Senate approve the change in name of graduate degrees in the School of Recreation, Physical and Health Education to M.Sc. (Kinesiology), M.A. (Leisure Studies), and M.A. (Health Education).**

Supportive documentation had been appended indicating the rationale for the proposed change and relaying the approval of the CAA and the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Messrs. Sinclair and Leffek assured Mr. Braybrooke that all students could be accommodated within the new degree programmes. Mr. Rodger expressed grave reservations about the lack of detail regarding the costs involved in changing from a science to an arts designation. It was moved and seconded (Rodger/Varma)

**that the proposal be referred back to the Committee on Academic Administration.**

Ms. Caty and Mr. Leffek referred to the confusion regarding criteria for designation of a science degree. The President indicated that if the motion was defeated he would be prepared to seek formal advice from MPHEC and report back to Senate. Mr. Pooley reported that the School had been persuaded that the theoretical underpinnings of the graduate level degrees at Dalhousie and other Canadian universities. Mr. Beazley reiterated that the proposed degree designations more accurately reflected the current focus and course requirements of the programmes involved. Mr. Braybrooke queried the amount of money per capita that would be lost. Mr. Sinclair thought that this would be approximately \$1500 per student. Mr. Betts commented on the different weightings for undergraduate and graduate degrees. Mr. Beazley then noted that approximately 15 new students evenly split throughout the three programs would be involved each year. Mr. Leffek reminded Senators of the earlier protracted debate in Senate when the MPE was changed to a M.Sc. degree.

The motion to refer was defeated. It was agreed upon motion (MacKay/Braybrooke)

**that the President seek clarification regarding the definition and criteria for a science designation and the costing formula and that the motion be tabled until this information is available.**

B. Steering Committee

1. Revised Regulations Concerning Appointments, Tenure and Promotion

These will be circulated with the next agenda and discussed in September. Written comments could be forwarded to the Steering Committee.

86:082

Recommendation re President's Council

A recommendation from the Council "that the [President's] Council continue, but that regular meetings not be held, rather it should meet only as required", was incorporated in correspondence from Mr. Tingley.

It was moved and seconded (MacKay/Sinclair)

**that the President's Council continue under the conditions outlined in the letter**

Mr. Jones reviewed the relationship between Senate and the President's Council (i.e. 7 representatives elected by Senate serve on the Council) for Mr. Andrews. The President reminded Senators that the council had been constituted as a result of the recommendations of the Joint Board-Senate Committee on Restraint and Renewal. Mr. Andrews wondered if any new appointments had been made. The chairperson confirmed that a few changes in membership had occurred and President MacKay added that the membership of the committee could be reconsidered. Mr. Braybrooke thought the motion was premature and wondered if Council could meet with the incoming President and, following that meeting, decide whether to put the current motion or a different motion forward to Senate.

It was moved and seconded (Braybrooke/Leffek)

**that the motion be amended to the effect that the President's Council should meet with the incoming President to discuss its role and future.**

Ms. Ozier suggested that the amendment should make clear that recommendations for continuation or otherwise and for changes, if any, in the terms of reference would be brought back to Senate.

The amendment passed and the main motion as amended carried.

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## Report of the President

President MacKay conveyed to Senators the appreciation of the recent honorary degree recipients. He reported that the University Capital Campaign had been successful in raising \$ 25 million from the public and private sectors. He was gratified that students, staff, faculty and members of the board had supported the goals of the campaign. He had met with -the - Minister of Education regarding efforts to "rebuild" the Weldon Law Building, and with MPHEC officials regarding funding for\_ Medicine. A subcommittee of University Presidents had sought to work out arrangements regarding the Report of the Royal Commission on Post Secondary Education. There was no indication that the discussion document from the federal government on research funding, expected in June, was available. Dr. Clark would be assuming the position of President on 19 August 1986. An announcement regarding the appointment of a Vice President (Finance) is expected shortly.

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### C. Honorary Degrees Committee

#### 1. Proposed Special Installation Convocation

The President informed Senate that the convocation would be scheduled for early November and that a group was working on plans for a symposium. The chairperson reported the names of the members of the planning committee namely, Fred Wien (Chair), G. Cooper, J. Fingard, R. Fournier, W. Jones, S. MacFarlane, D. Myers, L. Osberg.

A specific announcement regarding the symposium is expected next month. The President noted that Dr. Clark would like one or two honorary degrees to be awarded at the Installation Convocation. He suggested that the officers of Senate and the Honorary Degrees Committee members be given the authority to consult with Dr. Clark regarding names of potential recipients for honorary degrees.

#### 2. Tabling of Candidates for Honorary Degrees - Fall 1986

The President on behalf of the Honorary Degrees Committee tabled the names of three individuals and verbally conveyed a brief resume on each. Detailed documentation is available in the Senate Office for perusal by interested Senators. It was agreed that an individual previously approved by Senate for the Spring Convocation, who was unable to attend, should be reinvited.

Following discussion by Messrs. Bradfield, MacKay and Andrews, it was agreed upon motion (MacKay/Wood)

**that the officers of Senate, the Honorary Degrees Committee and Dr.**

**Clark be given the authority to select recipients of Honorary Degrees for the Installation Convocation and report back to Senate.**



B. Steering Committee

2. Appeal of Decision of Senate Discipline Committee [In Camera]

A recommendation from the Steering Committee with respect to - an appeal of a decision of the Senate Discipline Committee had been precirculated.

As per this memo, it was moved and seconded (MacRay/Storey)

**that Senate appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to hear the appeal of a student in the School of Business Administration to the ruling of the Senate Discipline Committee**

**that Messrs. T.S. Cameron (Chemistry), R.L. Comeau (Economics) and T.A. Cromwell (Law) be asked to be members of the Ad Hoc Committee and that Mr. R.L. Comeau be asked to Chair the committee.**

Ms. Ozier suggested that the Vice President of the Dalhousie Student Union be consulted by the Secretary of Senate regarding the composition of the committee.\* The chairperson informed Mr. Pross that the recommendations of the ad hoc committee would be reported to Senate.

\* [Subsequent discussions with the Vice President of the D.S.U. resulted in the addition of a student Mr. Sean Casey to the Ad Hoc Committee.]

The motion carried.

86:085.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.