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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

OF

SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session on Friday, 10 October 1986 at 4:00 P.M. in the Senate and Board Room.

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

Andrews, Angelopoulos, Betts, Borwein, Boyd R., Caty, Christie, Clark, Cohen A.D., Cromwell, Dykstra, George, Gesner, Jones D.W., Manning, McNulty, Murray, Myers, O'Brien D.W.P., Oore, Ozier, Parks, Retallack, Ritchie, Rodger, Seth, Shaw, Walker, Waterson, Wien, Winham, Wood, Yung, Zakariasen, Christie (invitee).

Regrets: Dolan, Friedrich, Gratwick, Hennen, Hersom, Laidlaw, MacDougall, MacMullin, Maloney, Mason, McDonald D., Pooley, Precious, Sharp, Sherwin, Tonks, Wassersug, Welch.

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Mr. Jones called the meeting to order and obtained the agreement of Senate to change the order of the agenda by placing item 9 before item 8 and for additional changes should they be necessary because of a lack of time.

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Minutes of the Meeting of 8 September 1986

The minutes of 8 September 1986 were approved upon motion (Rodger/Waterson).

86:129. In Camera

Report on Honorary Degrees for Installation Convocation

Mr. Jones announced the names of two persons selected to receive Honorary Degrees at the convocation for the installation of Dr. Clark scheduled for November 8.

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Awarding of Degrees, Prizes and Medals

On the recommendation of the Deans or their delegates of the various Faculties, the following degrees and diplomas were awarded upon motion:

Faculty of Medicine (Wien/Wood)

Doctor of Medicine ----- 1

Faculty of Law (Christie/Cromwell)

Bachelor of Laws ----- 4

Faculty of Arts and Science (Betts/Zakariasen)

Bachelor of Arts ----- 76

(Distinction 3, Honours 4, First Class Honours 2)

Bachelor of Arts Honours Certificate ----- 6

(Honours 6)

Bachelor of Science ----- 82

(Distinction 2, Honours 2, First Class Honours 2)

Bachelor of Science Honours Certificate ----- 4

(Honours 4)

Bachelor of Education ----- 5

Certificate in Costume Studies ----- 1

Certificate in Educational Administration ----- 4

Diploma in Engineering ----- 21

Dean Betts of the Faculty of Arts and Science explained that no University Medal had been awarded in Psychology at the Spring Convocation.

It was moved (Betts/McNulty)

that Miss Elaine Armstrong be awarded the University Medal in Psychology.

The motion carried.

Faculty of Dentistry (Zakariasen/D. Jones)

Certificate in Periodontics ----- 2

Faculty of Graduate Studies (Parks/Wien)

Doctor of Philosophy ----- 24

Doctor in the Science of Law (J.S.D.) ----- 1

Master of Arts ----- 40

Master of Business Administration ----- 12

Master of Development Economics ----- 2

Master of Education ----- 14

Master of Environmental Studies ----- 3

Master of Health Services Administration -----	1
Master of Laws -----	4
Master of Nursing -----	2
Master of Public Administration -----	3
Master of Science -----	57
Master of Social Work -----	15

Faculty of Health Professions (Ms. D. Tamlyn/Myers)

Bachelor of Nursing (Post RN) -----	21
Diploma in Outpost and Community Health Nursing -----	4
Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy -----	1
Bachelor of Science in Health Education -----	1
Bachelor of Physical Education -----	4
Bachelor of Recreation -----	5
Bachelor of Science (Occupational Therapy) -----	1
Bachelor of Social Work -----	7
(Distinction 2)	

Faculty of Management Studies (George/Wood)

It was moved and seconded (George/Watsonson)

that the Dean of the appropriate Faculty and the Registrar be authorized to add to the graduation list the names of any additional students which have been omitted from the graduation list due to errors on the part of the university or one of its servants.

In response to a question from Mr. Rodger, graduates from the School of Human Communication Disorders were found in the list of those granted Master of Science degrees.

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Question Period

Ms. Ozier recalled that Dalhousie had opposed the proposal for a Council on Higher Education as recommended by the Nova Scotia Royal Commission on Post Secondary Education. She reported that on October 7 at a meeting of representatives of the Nova Scotia Council of University Faculty Associations and the Minister of Education, the Minister stated that the Presidents were "on side" and that he assumed they would have consulted widely. She then quoted a newspaper report which stated that the formation of the Council was indeed likely. She then raised three questions:

- 1) What is the President of this university "on side" with?
- 2) What was the process of consultation?
- 3) What is the Senate's response to be?

President Clark responded that he has had no consultations nor has he been asked. He said there had been discussions during the

summer and that the Presidents had been asked for proposals that they would find acceptable should the recommendation be implemented.

Ms. Ozier stated that the Minister had said he would inform the Presidents. She therefore asked Dr. Clark to "let us know as soon as he knows". President Clark reported that he and the other Nova Scotia Presidents will be meeting with the Minister on October 24, but that he has no indication that this will be anything other than a normal meeting.

Further discussion established that Dalhousie's response had been approved by the Board of Governors and a discussion paper on the Council on Higher Education had been sent to the Premier and various Ministers on August 27.

In response to a question raised at the September 22 meeting, Mr. B. Christie tabled a letter listing the membership of the Micro-Computer Sub-Committee of the Senate Advisory Committee on Computing. The membership is as follows:

Randy Barkhouse, Academic Computing UCIS  
Chris Blewett, Student  
Brian Christie, Analysis and Planning (Chair)  
Chuck Dirksen, Business Administration  
Peter Jones, UCIS  
Don Trotter, Administrative Computing, UCIS  
Mike Wright, Financial Services

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#### Report of the President

The President commented on demands placed on senior officers for fund raising efforts. He noted that there was wide-spread agreement on the need for this activity, but that it does take away from his other responsibilities.

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#### Symposium on the Occasion of the Installation of Dr. Clark

Mr. Wien, Chair of the Organizing Committee, reported that emphasis has now shifted to publicity and that arrangements were being made for publication of the proceedings through the Institute for Research on Public Policy. Brochures advertising this symposium were distributed at the end of the meeting.

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#### Changes in Composition of Statutory Committees

##### (a) Role of President and Chair of Senate on Statutory Committees

The Chair reviewed the history of Senate's interest and the role of the President in Senate and called for a motion which had been prepared by the Steering Committee.

It was moved that (Wien/Cromwell)

The President of the University shall be an ex-officio member of

the Steering Committee  
the Academic Planning Committee  
the Financial Planning Committee  
the Physical Planning Committee

The Vice-President (Academic) shall be an ex-officio member, voice without vote, but with vote in the absence of the President, of the Academic Planning Committee.

The Vice-President(Finance and Administration) shall be an ex-officio member, voice without vote, but with vote in the absence of the President, of

the Financial Planning Committee  
the Physical Planning Committee.

The Chair of Senate shall be an ex-officio member of

the Financial Planning Committee  
the Physical Planning Committee  
the Committee on Academic Administration.

The Chair of Senate may delegate his/her membership to the Vice-Chair of Senate for any or all meetings of the above Committees.

Mr. Andrews asked if the Vice-Chair is a member of the identified committees by other means would the Vice-Chair then exercise two votes. It was established through discussion that this was not the intent.

An amendment was moved (Rodger/Watson)

that the following phrase be added to the end of the last sentence:

"on the understanding that the Vice-Chair of Senate shall not have two votes on any of these committees."

The amendment was carried.

Ms. Ritchie questioned the legitimacy of changing the Constitution without a mail vote and the Chair informed her that it has been done in the past, based on the fact that notice of motion had been given by the circulation of the motion with the agenda.

(b) Ex-Officio Membership of Dean of Henson College on Committee on Academic Administration

The Chair then explained that the composition of the Senate Committee on Academic Administration had not been changed to accommodate the Dean of Henson College when the College had been created.

It was moved and seconded (Wien/Wood)

that the composition of the Senate Committee on Academic Administration be altered so as to include the Dean of Henson College as an ex-officio member.

The motion carried.

(c) Integration of changes into the Constitution--Motion by Messrs. Wien and Cromwell

The Chair reminded Senate that Messrs. Graham and Stairs had already been asked to look at the numbers of elected members of Senate and that it seemed appropriate to ask them to make necessary changes to accommodate the two motions just passed and at the same time, identify any other changes that are required. Mr. Andrews expressed concern about the lack of limitation on this request. A motion to amend the original motion with the insertion of the word "editorial" was accepted as a friendly amendment (Wien/Cromwell)

that Messrs. Graham and Stairs, original drafters of the present Constitution, be asked to make such editorial changes as are necessary to accommodate the above and to recommend to Senate other editorial changes that may be required.

The motion carried.

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Committee on Committees -- Nominations to Senate Committees

A memorandum dated September 19, 1986 from Mr. R. Boyd, Chair of the Committee on Committees, included several nominations to Senate Committees, and had been circulated with the agenda. After the requisite three calls for further nominations, the following individuals were elected by acclamation.

University Budget Advisory Committee (UBAC) (Boyd/Ozier)

G.R. Chesley (Business Administration)

Physical Planning Committee (Boyd/Wood)

C.R. Dipchand (Business Administration)

Committee on Academic Administration (R. Boyd/A. Cohen)

L. Holt (Recreation, Physical and Health Education) - 1988

D.J. Patton (Business Administration) - 1988

J.G. Rutherford (Anatomy) - 1987

Mr. Jones pointed out that the elected members of the Committee on Academic Administration become members of the Honorary Degrees Committee ex officio.

Academic Appeals Committee (R. Boyd/A. Cohen)

P.V. Girard (Law) - 1989

R.A. Street (Business Administration) - 1989

Senate Representatives on Advisory Committee on Public Relations (R. Boyd/Caty)

M. Horackova (Physiology and Biophysics)

W.A. MacInnis (Dentistry)

Dalhousie Representative on the Senate of Mount Saint Vincent University (R. Boyd/Wood)

D.J. Myers (Henson College)

Senate Computer Advisory Committee (R. Boyd/Ozier)

J. Bankier (Law)

Discussion revealed the need for clearer identification of the source or constituency of the members on the Computer Advisory Committee.

Senate Representative on the Ombud Advisory Committee (R. Boyd/Ozier)

K. Waterson (Transition Year Program) - 1989

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Issue Agenda - Report

An update on the Issue Agenda had been prepared by Ms. M. Stewart and had been circulated with the agenda.



Various points on the aging of the faculty and mandatory retirement were discussed. Ms. Ozier informed the meeting that the Dalhousie Faculty Association is preparing a travelling workshop on flexible and forced retirement and on pension benefits. She extended an invitation to both members and non-members of the Dalhousie Faculty Association.

The status of the reports on the various issues was discussed. While progress was reported, firm dates for presentation to Senate were not established.

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#### Jurisdiction of Senate Academic Appeals Committee

The report of the sub-committee on the Jurisdiction of the Senate Academic Appeals Committee to the Committee on Academic Administration had been circulated with the agenda. Included with that report had been an excerpt from the minutes of the Committee on Academic Administration containing a motion defining the jurisdiction of the Senate Academic Appeals Committee. The President noted that because of other commitments, both authors Mr. I. Christie and Mr. R. Tonks were now absent. The Chair acknowledged this but stated the desire to place the report before Senate for discussion.

Most of the discussion focused on the motion. Many useful questions and comments were put forward. Speakers included Messrs. Rodger, McNulty, Ms. Waterson, Messrs. Clark, Andrews, Huber, Murray, Ms. Ozier, Ms. Caty, and Ms. Ritchie. Among the points made were the following.

- 1) The proposal does not make provision for the Committee to address matters of substance.
- 2) The first paragraph is in conflict with the Act. It was suggested that it be changed so that it incorporates a statement that Senate delegates its authority to the Senate Academic Appeals Committee.
- 3) Would the Committee's own rules be subject to appeal to Senate?

The President replied that while it would be Senate's prerogative to require that, the implied answer is no.

- 4) Delegation of Senate's authority to a committee was disturbing to some.
- 5) The frequency of reporting should be specified.
- 6) The word appealable in paragraph 1 should be changed.

- 7) The phrase "in fair time" in 6b may not have a clear meaning.
- 8) Reporting should be scheduled and the content identified.
- 9) The meaning of 6a.1 may not be clear.
- 10) Concern that in general the drafting may not be careful enough.
- 11) Appeals procedures at each level within the university should be defined to minimize duplication of effort on the part of students and faculty.
- 12) The document does not carefully reflect the concern of the Faculty of Medicine and other professional faculties where fitness for the profession is a requirement that must be determined by the faculty. Given that it appears that the Senate Academic Appeals Committee will have authority to approve or disapprove of faculty procedures, there is a potential for disagreement between the committee and the faculty concerned. Disputes of this nature should be able to be brought before Senate.
- 13) An expression of possible remedies for appeals on the basis of academic merit is needed.
- 14) What is the meaning of the word "defect" in paragraph 8?

The Chair thanked the Senators for their comments, questions and suggestions and invited additional comments in writing to the Secretary. The drafters of the document and the Committee on Academic Administration will be asked to consider all comments and bring a revised document to Senate for consideration.

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Remaining Agenda

It was moved (Rodger/Wien)

That all other questions on the agenda be postponed to a further regular meeting of Senate November 10, 1986).

The motion was carried.

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Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 P.M.

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Secretary

Chair