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**DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY**  
**MINUTES OF SENATE MEETING**

SENATE met in regular session in the Senate and Board Room on Monday, 11 April 1988 at 4:00 P.M.

Present with Mr. F.C. Wien in the chair were the following:

Angelopoulos, Betts, Birdsall, Bradfield, Byham, T.S. Cameron (Acting Secretary), I.M. Christie, Clark, Easterbrook, Greenfield, Kennedy, Leffek, MacDougall, Mangalam, Munroe, D.W.P. O'Brien, Pooley, Retallack, Richards, Ritchie, Sastri, Shaw, Sinclair, Smith, Tamlyn, Tonks, Varma, Walker, F.M. White, Winham, Wood, Zayid.

Regrets: A.D. Cohen, Egan, Goldbloom, J.V. Jones, W.E. Jones, Konok, Maloney, Schwenger, M.J. Stewart, M.H. Tan, Writer, Zakariasen.

Before the main business of the meeting, the Chair noted that the Secretary was ill and unable to attend. It was agreed that Mr T.S. Cameron would act as secretary for the meeting.

88:043

Minutes of the meeting of 14 March 1988

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 1988 were approved upon motion (Sinclair/Angelopoulos) with one amendment. In item 88:035 line 17, "Representatives of the Board..." was replaced by "Senate representatives to the Board..".

88:044

Question Period

Mr Pooley raised the issue of tests and examinations being scheduled during the last two weeks of term. He cited an incident of a student in his class, who was unable to attend the final and crucial lecture of the class because of a requirement to take three such tests and examinations on that same day. These three were worth 10%, 20% and 50% of the final grade of the respective classes. Mr. Pooley read out the appropriate section 1/4 19.2c of the Calendar concerning the setting of tests in the last two weeks of term. He noted that according to the Calendar, such tests were not permitted if they covered the work of the whole term but he accepted that the professors in the cases he was citing were probably not, technically, in violation of this section. However, it seemed that while the letter of the regulation was intact the spirit of the regulation was being flouted and Mr. Pooley asked if the CAA would re-examine the regulation. The Chair agreed to place the issue on the Agenda of the CAA.

Mr Sinclair, in answer to a question raised by Mr. Pross at the previous meeting (88:032), responded that the present process for recording faculty research grants was much simpler than other methods which, it had been suggested, might have some influence on SSHRC funding. He did not think the possible gain in funding was worth the effort of the alternative methods. He undertook to circulate the details with the minutes.

Mr. Bradfield asked whether Assistant Vice-President John Mabley would be replaced after his resignation from the Development Office or whether the Development Office itself would be reorganized. The President replied that this

question was under review, that he anticipated there would be some reorganization of the Development Office so as to include the Alumni Office and that he would report on this at a later date.

88:045

#### Report of the President

The President distributed a written report (appended) which made reference to five items: Symposium on Undergraduate Education, the Transition Year Program, Undergraduate Education, the Budget and the Dalhousie Statutes. He briefly outlined the details in the report. On the fourth item he noted that the budget would be brought to Senate at the 10:00 a.m. meeting on May 6 and not on May 20 as reported. On the fifth item he added that the change to the Dalhousie Statutes had received a first reading in the Provincial Legislature on March 28. It was now necessary to publish an announcement of the change before the second reading could occur. The publication was being organised.

88:046

#### Proposed Brock Chisholm Centre for International Health

The Chair reported that this proposal had been reviewed by APC and FPC and had been circulated with the agenda. APC had some concern that a significant portion of the interests of the proposed centre would be a duplication of those of the Pearson Institute but had been reassured on this point by the Acting Director of the Pearson Institute who had also added his support to the proposal. The FPC had been concerned by the financial implications of the proposal (about \$40K per year for infrastructure with additional time release for Faculty) and these concerns were contained in the motion which was moved (Winham) on behalf of APC:

**that the proposal to establish the Brock Chisholm Centre for International Health be approved with the proviso that no additional costs (including salary or time release costs) be incurred until external funds are obtained or until a firm commitment by the three Faculties involved is obtained to underwrite the costs.**

Mr. Tonks spoke in favour of the motion. He noted that the Centre had the support and agreement of the Faculties of Dentistry, Health Professions and Medicine and to show their support these three Faculties had agreed to underwrite the costs of the Centre. However he did not believe this placed them in much financial jeopardy since, in anticipation of the Centre, Dalhousie had been approached to become one of four centres in Canada (the others being Calgary, Laval and McMaster) for the coordination of International Activities in Health. There was funding available for this which should cover the costs of the initial years of the centre. He had also been approached to see if there was any interest in putting health teams in Malawi for a period of four to six years. The income from such projects as this would help maintain the centre.

Mr. Tonks did note that there were already faculty with time release working on projects related to International Health Activities. He assumed that the motion did not affect these. The Chair gave this assurance.

The Chair summarised the financial aspects of the motion, repeating that it offered the centre three options: to operate as a shell organisation without cost, to operate with costs but fund them from external sources, or to operate with costs with explicit agreement from the Faculties to fund that cost.

On a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Proposed M.A. in International Development Studies

The Chair introduced the proposal which had been circulated with the agenda. He noted that this was a proposal to establish an interdisciplinary M.A. and added that the proposed program had been extensively reviewed by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and by the APC.

It was moved (Zayid/Tonks)

**that Senate approve the M.A. in International Development Studies with the implementation subject to a satisfactory review of the library holdings.**

Mr. T. Shaw spoke in favour of the motion. He explained that the M.A. program would build on the success of the joint Dalhousie/St. Mary's University undergraduate program but would not have shared resources. The major elements of the program were summarised in the proposal and he emphasized that the program was constructed from existing classes and no new ones were required.

Mr. Leffek reported that the Faculty of Graduate Studies had been slow to approve the proposal, since it had not been clear initially how (and by whom) the program would be administered. Recommendation from the Faculty had come only when it had been established that responsibility for the administration of the program would be the sole responsibility of the Department of Political Science. It might be that the program would be run by an interdisciplinary committee, but the Faculty wished it understood that the appointment of the committee was the responsibility of the Department of Political Science.

Mr Winham, Chair of the Department of Political Science, confirmed that his department had accepted responsibility for the administration of the program and questioned why the Pearson Institute was also included as an associated unit under section IB of the proposal. After a short discussion it was agreed by the mover and seconder of the motion that reference to the Pearson Institute could be deleted from section IB.

Mr Greenfield asked what process was involved with the caveat on the library holdings. The Chair replied that the proposal would go to MPHEC and meanwhile an investigation would be conducted into the state of the appropriate library holdings. If the library holdings are found to be inadequate, Mr Greenfield wondered, would the department reallocate resources to make good the deficiency? In response Mr. Winham replied that the classes for the program were all currently in the Calendar. He expected, therefore, that the holdings used for these classes would be suitable for students in the proposed M.A. If this proved not to be so, his department would take account of it when considering recommendations for allocation of resources in the library. Mr. Birdsall rose and sounded a cautionary note. There were, he said, many proposals before Senate which claimed to need little additional library support, but few lived up to this claim. Senators should wait and see on this issue.

Mr. Mangalam was curious why an interdisciplinary program had to be located in one specific department. This, he felt, was something of a contradiction and might lead to an overemphasis on Political Science. Dean Leffek explained that the proposal was a necessary compromise between the freedom of an interdisciplinary study and the long term necessity to have some body responsible for the administration of the M.A. On the question of the concentration in Political Science, there were, in fact, twelve different disciplines involved. The Faculty of Graduate Studies was satisfied that there would be cooperation among the twelve to give a genuinely interdisciplinary study but there still had to be one

unit that could be held, overall, accountable to the Faculty. Political Science with core classes compulsory to the program was the selected unit.

Mr Richards asked whether there had been any consideration of a component of overseas experience in the program. Mr Shaw replied that if Mr. Richards would apply his Midas touch, he would be delighted to include such a component. He added, however, that because of the nature of the program many students enrolling in it would already have had overseas experience.

On a vote the motion passed unanimously.

88:047

#### Replacement to Ombud's Advisory Committee

The chair reported that Mr J. Baxter (English) was a replacement appointment to serve out the remainder of the 1987/88 term on the Ombud's Advisory Committee.

88:048

#### Appointment of an Ombud and an Assistant Ombud for 1988/89

It was moved (Sinclair/Zayid), and on a vote passed unanimously that:

**Joy Noonan be appointed as Ombud and Colin MacLean be appointed Assistant Ombud. Both appointments are for 1988/89.**

88:049

#### Proposed Terms of Reference - Committee on Affirmative Action in Education

The revised terms of reference of the Standing Committee on Affirmative Action in Education had been circulated with the agenda. The President moved on behalf of CAA that these terms of reference be approved.

There was some concern over the definition of the membership of the committee. P. Stern was anxious to ensure that the target groups were adequately represented on the committee. The terms of reference required that the six elected members (on the committee) also be members of Senate. These might not necessarily be the best representatives of the target group and it was not unusual for Senate Committees to contain elected members who were not Senators.

An amendment to the terms of reference was moved (Sinclair/Zayid) to replace "...six members of Senate..." by "...six members named by Senate..." On a vote the amendment was approved unanimously

A second amendment was moved (Stern/Shaw) to add the words "...as far as possible including members of the target population.." after Senate in the definition of the membership. On a vote, this amendment was approved unanimously.

There was some discussion on the process of selecting a student for the committee but after an assurance from Ms. Zayid that the students too would, as far as possible, nominate a person who was a member of the target group, there was felt to be no need to amend the definition of the committee members any further.

The amended portion of the definition now read:

**The membership of the Committee shall comprise:**

**- six members named by Senate, as far as possible including members of the target population and including one student. Membership on the committee will be staggered as determined.....**

Mr. I. Christie asked that the Affirmative Action in Education Committee be directed to maintain liaison with the committee currently considering Affirmative Action in employment and with any cognate committee or body that might be created in the future. He agreed that no motion was necessary provided the matter was minuted. The main motion:

**that the terms of reference of the Committee on Affirmative Action as recommended by CAA and as amended by Senate be approved**

was put to the vote and passed unanimously.

88.050

**Draft Policy Concerning Weapons in the Classroom**

Mr. Sinclair introduced the item. He explained that the draft policy came to Senate as the result of the requirement from the debate that approved, in principle, the Certificate for Police Officers. At that time Senate had wished to have an opportunity to discuss again the question of weapons in the classroom.

On behalf of CAA the President moved:

**Whereas provisions of the criminal code prohibit unauthorised persons from carrying weapons on the campus; and whereas the carrying of firearms by police officers studying at the University has not posed problems in the past; no policy on the carrying of firearms on campus be developed at this time. However, the police departments concerned should be asked to have officers refrain from carrying weapons wherever possible.**

In answer to questions, it was established that while the criminal code prohibited the unauthorised possession and carrying of firearms, the police, though authorised to carry firearms, could not bring them into the classroom if the class professor refused to give his or her consent.

With this understanding, the motion was put to the vote and passed unanimously.

88:051

### Matters of Information

#### (a) Steering Committee Decision re Special Convocation.

The Chair reported that in April 1986 Mr Mangalam had proposed that Special Convocations be conducted periodically to address subjects of value and importance to students. The Steering Committee had considered the proposal and had replied to

Mr. Mangalam (March 28, 1987) that there were ways, other than Special Convocations, to consider these topics. The Committee suggested that he consider a recommendation to the committee responsible for the Killam lecture Series, or the establishment of a series of departmental seminars or that he approach the Vice-President (Academic and Research) with regard to organising a symposium. However the Steering Committee had not reported its advice to Senate and was now rectifying this omission.

Mr. Mangalam responded with a statement which was distributed to those present. The text is appended to these minutes.

#### (b) Report of the President's Advisory Committee on the Hiring of Women, Persons with a Disability and Minorities.

P. Stern brought the report to the attention of Senate. She noted that the report contained the second draft of the policy on affirmative action. The second draft policy was influenced by comments received after a wide circulation of the first draft.

#### (c) Telephone Costs

The chair reported that the FPC had been asked to examine the change in telephone costs since new M.T.T. switching equipment was installed for the university. Circulated with the agenda was a table that showed some detail of the costs before and after the installation.

88 :052

### Adjournment

The meeting ad adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

**DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY**  
**MINUTES OF SENATE MEETING**

SENATE met in regular session in the Senate and Board Room on Friday, 29 April 1988 at 4:00 P.M.

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

Byham, T.S. Cameron, Clark, Kimmins, Maloney, Morgan, Munroe, Ozier, Pross, Sinclair, Wien, Yung.

Regrets: Andrews, Belzer, Betts, A.D. Cohen, Goldbloom, Gratwick, J.V. Jones, MacDougall, Pooley, Precious, Stern, Walker, Welch, Zakariasen.

88:053.

Approval of Degrees -- Nova Scotia Agricultural College

The Vice Principal of NSAC, Ian Fraser, presented the list of 61 degrees to be awarded jointly by Dalhousie University and NSAC at the College's spring convocation. These included

Agricultural Chemistry .....	1
Agricultural Economics .....	7
Agricultural Mechanization .....	2
Agricultural Soils .....	6
Animal Science .....	24
Plant Protection .....	4
Plant Science .....	17

It was agreed upon motion (S. Cameron/Byham)

**that the awarding of these degrees be approved.**

88:054.

Matter of Information -- Summer School Resolutions

The pertinent CAA minute excerpts dated 20 April 1988, 20 January 1988, 16 December 1987 and relevant correspondence from A.M. Sinclair, R.S. Tonks, E. Angelopoulos and R. Apostle had been precirculated for the information of Senators. The CAA had agreed in general with all three resolutions regarding summer school;

**(1) that commencing in 1989 summer school should consist of two seven-week sessions, each of which allows for a number of class hours equivalent to that offered in the fall and winter term.**

**(2) that students be permitted to earn one full credit or the equivalent per session.**



**(3) that current restrictions on the total number of credits earned at summer school which may be credited toward a degree be eliminated.**

However, differences among Faculties in maximum workload allowed (#2) was possible (e.g. Faculty of Health Professions).

88:055.

Senate Academic Appeals Committee Hearing Panel Decision Regarding Arts and Science Student [IN CAMERA]

The Senate Academic Appeal hearing panel report appended to correspondence from R. Street had been pre-distributed. The Committee concluded that it "denies the appeal and upholds the decision of the Committee on Studies for the Faculty of Arts and Science. The Chairperson noted that as the student was in Australia, the Senate agenda item had been brought to the attention of his mother and R. Power (Student Advocacy Service).

It was agreed upon motion (Wien/Byham)

**that Senate ratify the report and recommendation of the hearing panel.**

88:056.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 P.M.