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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY
MINUTES OF SENATE MEETING

SENATE met in regular session in the Senate and Board Room on Monday, 8 August 1988 at 4:00 P.M.

Present with Mr. W.E. Jones in the chair were the following:
Barkow, Belzer, Betts, Birdsall, Black, Boardman, Breckenridge, Brett, Cross, Curri, Early, Egan, Farmer, Gamberg, Givner, D.W. Jones, Kwak, Leffek, Mason, Montalvo, Richards, Smith, Stairs, Stewart, Stuttard, Thompson, Tindall, Walker, D.P. Williams, Wolf.

Regrets: Cromwell, Dykstra, J.V. Jones, Konok, Maloney, McNiven, H. Munroe, Precious, Storey, Tamlyn, M.H. Tan, Wassersug, Wood.

88:100.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 1988 were approved upon motion (Mason/Walker) with two amendments:

88:089, line 11 - Givner - should read "Pathology, not Medicine

88:092, page 4, line 22 - substitute "for reasons other than holding of administrative offices" for "reason of earnings".

88:101.

Question Period

Mr. Bradfield noticed an announcement of senior administrative appointments in the Globe and Mail and wondered about the costs and rationale of such announcements. Mr. Mason agreed to seek an answer to this question. Mr. Bradfield, recalling that the Ritchie study had been intended to ensure savings through efficiency rather than cutbacks -in service, queried the inadequate cleaning service in the Economics Department over the past few weeks. Mr. Mason promised to ask Housekeeping to report on this matter and to share the results with Senate.

Mr. Bradfield inquired about the provisions made for governmental funding to enable the expanded enrolment in the Occupational Therapy program mentioned in the most recent report of the President to Senate. Mr. Mason replied that the government had provided full funding for the costs identified for the program.

88:102.

Report of the President

As President Clark was away from the University, there was no report.

88:103.

Nomination for Replacement on Committee on Committees

On behalf of the Steering Committee, Mr. Cross moved the nomination of Steven A.M. Burns on the Senate Committee on Committees. Following three calls for further nominations, Mr. Burns was declared elected.

88:104.

Proposed M.Sc. Program in Physiotherapy

Correspondence from Dean Leffek, the proposal, and the relevant SAPC minute excerpt (APC88:101) had been precirculated.

On behalf of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, Ms. Montalvo moved

that Senate approve the M.Sc. Physiotherapy program with implementation subject to identification of a source of the \$850 addition to the library budget for the School of Physiotherapy.

Ms. Walker provided a brief overview of the goals of the proposed program emphasizing the thesis component and the likelihood of increasing numbers of qualified faculty and numbers of clinical researchers in the area. The program would be initiated with a limited enrolment.

Mr. Betts asked for clarification of the projected time commitment of faculty members from the new Faculty of Science (referred to on page 1 of the proposal). Ms. Walker reported that a number of individual faculty members were interested in serving on thesis committees if their workloads permitted. The deans of the Faculties involved would be contacted shortly. Mr. Birdsall asked about the source of possible funding for the library resources. Ms. Walker indicated that \$5000 would be derived from proceeds from a course and \$1000 would be donated by a local continuing education committee.

The motion carried.

88:105.

Size and Composition of University Tenure Panel Mr. Cross, on behalf of the Steering Committee, moved

that (1) the size of the University Tenure Panel be increased to at least 30 members. (2) that a three-year term of office be established with opportunity for immediate reappointment, and that the terms of office of current members be established by the Steering Committee, and (3) that members who become a dean or associate dean during their term of office shall be replaced on the panel.

Mr. Williams believed that the amendment went in the direction of meeting some of the needs expressed at the last meeting but moved that part 3 be amended to read "**that deans, associate deans and those who occupy a higher administrative office shall not, during their term of office, be eligible to serve on the panel**". Messrs. Cross and Smith recommended specification of "higher administrative offices" in the amendment. Mr. Tindall wondered about new offices which would be created in the future. Mr. Belzer suggested that the wording should reflect any office higher than a dean.

After further discussion by Messrs. Bradfield, Betts and Williams regarding the interpretation of "higher administrative offices", Ms. Walker moved, seconded by Mr. Bradfield

that the words "equivalent to or higher than a dean" be inserted after "occupy".

Mr. Betts thought that the amendment to the amendment did not clarify the confusion. It was thereafter agreed upon motion (Williams/Egan) **to table the motion.**

It was further agreed to remove the motion tabled at the last meeting from the table, specifically

that persons excluded from the Bargaining Unit by reason of their current occupation of an administrative post shall not be eligible to serve on the

University Tenure and Promotions Panel.

Mr. Cross reminded members of the inherent inconsistency in excluding directors, ordinarily considered equivalent to chairpersons, but not chairpersons. Mr. Andrews suggested an alternative solution. The President and the President of the DFA could review individual membership on the Tenure Panel when academic administrative appointments were made and decide the appropriateness of membership on the panel.
The motion carried.

Mr. Cross then moved parts 1 and 2 of the Steering Committee motion:

that (1) the size of the University Tenure Panel be increased to at least 30 members, (2) that a three-year term of office be established with opportunity for immediate reappointment, and that the terms of office of current members be established by the Steering Committee.

The motion carried.

Mr. Jones informed members that the Steering Committee had asked Mr. Cromwell to draw together procedures for hearing tenure and promotion appeals. These would be reported to Senate.

88:106.

Bill C-54

Mr. Birdsall introduced the recommendation of the Steering Committee by commenting that it was important for Dalhousie Senate to deal with this Bill which had not yet been scheduled for a second reading. He highlighted several concerns including the vague definition of pornography which was open to various interpretations; the ambiguity in dealing with pornography in relation to young people; and the legislation which shifts the burden of proof to the accused. He urged Senate to approve the Steering Committee's statement, as academic freedom was potentially limited by Bill C-54.

Mr. Cross moved

that Senate forward the following Statement concerning Bill C-54 to Prime Minister Mulroney.

"Universities are interested in universal knowledge, including all religious, philosophical and political viewpoints, in all languages and cultures.

Accordingly, Dalhousie University endorses the Canadian Bill of Rights, which includes, along with the right to express thoughts publicly, the fundamental right of access of every person to all expressions of knowledge. The intellectual freedom fostered and protected by the enshrinement of these rights is basic to the proper functioning of the University and to the healthy development of Canadian society of which it is a part.

Dalhousie University is greatly concerned about Bill C-54 in its present form, and urges the government to ensure that its definition of pornography does not restrict the proper work of academics and interfere with the principles of intellectual freedom."

Mr. Andrews supported the motion and observed that the government was increasingly aware of the concerns of the academic community through objections raised by CAUT and other universities. Mr. Belzer was pleased to vote in favor of the motion as it left open the possibility of further advice to the government. At present the interpretations of the terminology of obscenity and pornography were problematic. The government was really concerned with the former.

The motion carried.

88:107.

New Name of Faculty of Arts

Correspondence from the Acting Dean, dated 6 July 1988, and the pertinent minute excerpt from the Senate Committee on Academic Administration had been precirculated.

Mr. Smith moved on behalf of the Senate CAA

that Senate ratify the new title of the "Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences".

The Chair explained to Mr. Belzer that Senate had sometime ago accepted the idea of a College structure. Mr. Smith clarified for Mr. Stuttard that the new acronym was FASS.

The motion carried.

88:108.

Other Business

There were no matters under other business.

88:109.

Voting on Honorary Degree Candidates

Voting on six honorary degree candidates took place In Camera. Mr. D. Jones and Mr. K. Leffek consented to act as scrutineers.

88:110.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.