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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

OF

SENATE MEETING

SENATE met in regular session in the Senate and Board Room on Monday, 11 July 1988 at 3:00 P.M.

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

Betts, Boardman, R.J. Boyd, Brett, Burns, Byham, T.S. Cameron, Clark, Cross, Curri, de Burger, Dickson, James, Kemp, Leffek, M.D. MacDonald (invitee), Manning, Mason, Medioli, Munroe, Pross, Retallack, Richards, Shaw, Smith, Stairs, M.J. Stewart, Stuttard, Thiessen, Tindall, Walker.

Regrets: A.D. Cohen, Friedrich, Givner, Konok, Kwak, Maloney, Precious, Tamlyn, M.H. Tan, Wassersug, Welch, C. Williams.

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Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Senate meeting held on 13 June 1988 were approved upon motion (Cross/Clark).

88:088.

Question Period

Three letters of response concerning questions raised in earlier Senate meetings were distributed, specifically:

(1) Letter dated July 4, 1988 from President Clark regarding question arising at the June 13 meeting of Senate in connection with an incident at the Maritime School of Social Work (2) Memo dated July 5, 1988 from Vice-President Mason explaining university expenditures on legal fees (3) Memo dated July 6, 1988 from Vice-President Mason concerning cost of consultants

Mr. Dixon inquired whether the university was in the process of developing firm guidelines for reviewing travel claims in units. Mr. Mason noted that when the travel policy was under discussion, there was agreement that certain "gray areas" be left to the discretion of the chair of the department concerned. However, specific questions could be directed to his attention for consideration in terms of creating specific guidelines.

Mr. S. Cameron, referring to the new mail registration process, reported that one student had been asked to "prove" that he had received a substantial Dalhousie University scholarship. This did not create a favorable first official contact with the university. President Clark believed that the Registrar and staff were working to instill good initial impressions. Mr. Mason added that this specific incident had been brought to their attention and that relevant changes were being introduced in the Registrar's Office to avoid similar problems in the future.

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New Members of Senate

The Chair introduced and welcomed the following new members of Senate and continuing members with new appointments:

Eric A. McKee - New Vice-President of Student Services
Ronald de Burger - New Dean of Health Professions
James D. McNiven - New Dean of Management Studies as well as appointed full professor in School of Business Administration
Patrick S. Farmer - Acting Director of the College of Pharmacy

Full Professors:

Harold A. Robertson - Pharmacology
Alexander Allen - Paediatrics
Peter R. Camfield - Paediatrics
Morris L. Givner - Pathology
James Myrden - Surgery
Jack Quigley - Ophthalmology
J. Baron Ross - Medicine
Thomas J.J. Marrie - Medicine
Herbert Gamberg - Sociology/Social Anthropology
Richard E. Brown - Psychology
John C. Clements - Math, Statistics & Computing Science
Bruce P. Archibald - Law
Philip J. Rosson - Business Administration
Fay Cohen - Resource and Environmental Studies
Michael Klug - English
Robert Martin - Philosophy
Patricia Monk - English
Gerhard Stroink - Physics
Barbara A. Keddy - Nursing

Administrative Appointments:

Denis W. Stairs - New Vice-President (Academic and Research)
Robert Fournier - Associate Vice-President (Research)
Rowland Smith - Acting Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Faculty of Science
Les Haley - Director of the School of Education
Donald D. Betts - Dean of the

88:090.

Report of the President

The Report of the President (appended), which was circulated at the meeting, made reference to new appointments of senior officers; a grant to support medical research; discussions with the provincial government and MPHEC concerning a number of funding issues; a tour of the Tupper Building by the Minister of Advanced Education and Job Training;

guidelines for application to the Federal Government's Centres of Excellence Program; progress of the Dalhousie Campaign; and the status of the Ph.D. Program in Clinical Psychology.

Mr. Pross, referring to the fourth point, asked if it would be possible to have Mr. Morris tour the Faculty of Management Studies. President Clark said that the initial request arose from a comment on the state of the physical plant in general. Other problems of physical plant would be discussed. Mr. Pross, wondering why a faculty member involved in the area of Fisheries Science had not been aware until recently of discussions for a submission to the Federal Government's Centre of Excellence Program, asked if it was not the role of the Associate Vice-President (Research) to ensure cross-faculty communication of this type. The President concurred, noted that discussions dated back a number of months, and that there have been attempts to invite involvement.

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Award of Degree and Diplomas in Faculty of Dentistry

There was agreement upon motion (Cross/Leffek)

to award the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery to Neil Merland Grant.

It was agreed upon motion (Cross/Christie)

to award the Certificate in Periodontics to Nicole Mantha and Leo Pelletier.

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University Tenure Panel

The Chair sought and received agreement that a recommendation from the Steering Committee concerning the size and term of office of the University Tenure Panel be withdrawn because of its restrictive nature. The Steering Committee would bring forward an amended motion at the next meeting of Senate.

Mr. Williams introduced the following motion concerning the composition of the University Tenure Panel by observing that process and procedures should be in line with and be seen to be in line with ordinary justice. Thereafter, it was moved and seconded (Williams/Burns)

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.

President Clark, commenting on his correspondence dated July 7, 1988, which was circulated at the meeting, had some concerns about articulating "we - they" attitudes. He preferred to think that members of the academic community could make academic judgements without having these judgements be considered tainted. Mr. Williams confirmed for Mr. Shires that the motion did not refer to those persons excluded from the bargaining unit for reasons other than holding of administrative offices.

Mr. Brett contended that the panel must not just make academic judgements but must attempt to ensure that the constraints of natural justice are adhered to. In his view, it was possible that someone in a Dean's Office might be perceived to have bias. Mr. Betts pointed out that all nominations of members of the University Tenure Panel would have

received earlier approval from the President of the University and the President of the DFA. Mr. W.E. Jones noted that at present, there was no term of office on the panel and a member might assume an administrative position after approval by these two parties had been given.

Mr. Pross agreed with the argument concerning natural justice, particularly in relationship to involvement in decisions regarding the same case at lower levels. However, he raised the question of chairs, who unlike directors, were not presently excluded from the bargaining unit.

Mr. Williams confirmed that the motion would cover those persons who changed their status after election to the panel. Eligibility should be defined in such a way as to not create an adversarial position.

Mr. Christie could see that it would be preferable to exclude deans in general and anyone from a dean's office when a particular case from that Faculty was under consideration. Mr. Stuttard wondered whether full consideration had been given to the comparability of chairs and directors by the drafters of the motion. Mr. Williams responded that all possibilities had not been discussed in their attempt to frame a succinct motion. The President had no difficulty with the argument that concerns of natural justice would make Deans ineligible to serve. He wondered whether the motion was too broad, as the argument for excluding directors of schools but not chairpersons of departments remained unclear.

Mr. Stuttard, in light of the discussion, suggested that the motion be brought back in a revised form. It was agreed upon motion (Stuttard/de Burger)

to table the motion.

88:093.

Policy Regarding Unspent Development Funds

A set of guidelines prepared by the Senate Academic Planning Committee in response to a question raised at the 6 May 1988 meeting of Senate had been precirculated. Comments should be directed to SAPC concerning this proposed policy for dealing with unspent Development Funds. In this context, the Chair reported that the SAPC had recommended that \$42,000 of Development Fund money not used by the School of Human Communication Disorders be allotted as follows.

(1) \$20,000 to the Computer Imaging Centre (+ \$42,000) (2) \$3,000 to the School of Recreation, Physical and Health Education for a computer lab in Kinesiology (+ \$12,000) (3) \$5,000 to the Department of Chemistry for computer assisted learning (+ \$10,000) (4) \$14,000 to the Faculty of Arts and Science for a microcomputer laboratory for teaching classical and modern languages (new)

Items 1, 2 and 3 are in addition to those amounts awarded earlier (amounts in brackets). Item 4 did not receive support earlier because of lack of funds.

88:094.

1987/88 Annual Report of the Senate Advisory Committee on Public Relations

The 13 June 1988 report submitted by the Chair of the Senate Advisory Committee on Public Relations had been circulated with the agenda. There was a consensus upon motion (Montalvo/Byham)

that the 1987/88 annual Report of the Senate Advisory Committee on Public Relations be received.

88:095.

Nomination to University Tenure Panel

The nomination of E.J. Sutow (Dentistry), moved by Mr. Pross and seconded by Mr. Dickson, to fill the vacancy on the University Tenure Panel had been approved by both President Clark and the President of the DFA. Following three calls for further nominations, Mr. Sutow was declared elected to the University Tenure Panel.

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Matters of Information

Three items had been precirculated for the information of senators:

- (1) Letter of response dated June 20, 1988 from President Clark regarding a search for an Executive Director, Instructional Development and Technology and regarding Medical Research Funding.
- (2) Board of Governor's approval of implementation of the Bachelor of Science (Medical) and the M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Statistics.
- (3) Letter of response dated June 21, 1988 from Ms. Curri regarding parking restrictions at spring convocations.

88:097.

Senate Library Committee Concerns re Funding of Library Materials

The Chair of the Senate Library Committee, Mr. Grossert, briefly outlined the rationale for the four recommendations included in his letter dated 17 May 1988 to Mr. W. Jones. These recommendations focused on the process of consideration of library resources for proposed new programs/institutes/initiatives. There was a concern that funding for library services be routinely considered for proposed programs in order to avoid dilution of existing programs.

There was **agreement** upon motion (Cross/James)

that all faculties or other academic units will work together with the Library to provide a cost estimate for the library materials needed to support any proposal for new, or significantly revised, programs, the library staff, in consultation with the Department or Institute concerned, will evaluate the collection in the relevant area and will assess what is needed to provide for the proposed program, using the attached Guidelines for the Evaluation of Library Collections.

It was moved and seconded (Cross/James)

that the proposals for all new programs that require library support will be submitted to the SLC prior to the program being considered by APC and FPC. The SLC will assess the proposals and will report its

recommendations to Senate, via the APC and FPC, within a reasonable period after receiving the program proposals.

Mr. Grossert confirmed for Mr. Christie that it was the Senate Library Committee's intention to scrutinize all proposals including any involving the Law Library.

The motion carried.

There was consensus upon motion (Cross/James) that programs will only be approved by Senate subject to the provision of adequate funding for library materials. This will eliminate the present need to apply for funds AFTER a program has already been approved.

It was agreed upon motion (Cross/James)

that Senate will approach the Administration to ensure that all required additional funding for library materials needed for the operation of new institutes, or programs that do not require Senate approval, are adequately provided for, BEFORE new initiatives are finalized. These needs will be reviewed by the SLC, which will report its findings to Senate, as outlined above.

88:098. IN CAMERA - Tabling of Names of Honorary Degree Candidates

The Chair of the Honorary Degrees Committee, President Clark, tabled the names of six individuals who will be voted upon by Senate members at the August 8, 1988 meeting. Those approved might receive the degrees at the Fall Convocation or at a later date. The President read abbreviated resumes on the nominees. More detailed biographical information is available in the Senate Office for perusal by interested members. The importance of strict confidentiality until a public announcement is made was stressed.

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Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 P.M.