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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

OF

SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session on Friday, 8 November 1991 at 4:00 p.m. in the Senate and Board Room.

Present with Ms. P. Lane in the chair were:

Andrews, Angelopoulos, Banerjee, Barkow, Bérard, Betts, S. Boyd, Carlson, Clark, Clarke, Curri, Dykstra, Fingard, Forgeron, Frick, Girard, Hanlon, Klassen, MacKinnon, Manson, Mason, McGuire, McKee, Nofle, Poel, Ravindra, Roland-Mieszkowski, A.M. Simpson, W. Simpson, Sketris, Stairs, Stuttard, Tindall, Trakman, Wien, Young.

Invitees: R. Bleasdale.

Regrets: J. Bankier, Bradfield, Breckenridge, Carruthers, R.F. Chandler, J. Clovis, A.D. Cohen, Fitzgerald, Gilroy, J. Gray, Haley, Hare, J.V. Jones, Laidlaw, Maloney, Murray, O'Shea, Purdy, Rees, Ritchie, Roald, M.J. Stewart, Tamlyn, M.H. Tan, Walker, Wassersug, Zakariasen.

Ms. Lane called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

91:138.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the regular meeting of 11 October 1991 were approved upon motion (G. Klassen/R. Carlson).

91:139.

Nominations from the Senate Committee on Committees

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees, Ms. Angelopoulos nominated the following individuals to the bodies named.

Senate Library Committee

A. LaForest (Law) 1994
G. Hanlon (FASS) 1992

University Public Relations Committee

T. Marrie (Medicine) 1993

TUNS Senate

D. Jones (Dentistry) 1993

Following the requisite calls for further nominations, Ms. Lane declared the above-named persons elected.

91:140.

Campus Plan

Mr. Bérard reported that a joint meeting of the Senate Physical Planning Committee and the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Board of Governors had been held on 22 October 1991. At that meeting, the following motion had been adopted:

The Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Board and the Senate Physical Planning Committee jointly recommend that the University adopt the Campus Plan Report entitled "*A Collective Vision*" as the guideline for future capital development, with the understanding that the Plan shall be reviewed at least every five years; further, that actual capital development take into account the sensitivities of the wider community.

It was moved (R. Bérard/R. Carlson)

that Senate endorse the joint recommendation.

Mr. Bérard reported that the Senate Office had received on the day previous a letter (appended) from the Dalhousie Neighbourhood Residents Committee asking that Senate postpone consideration of this item until representatives of this body could meet with representatives of Senate, the Board, and the Administration to discuss their concerns about the plan. He explained that Mr. Bell, the author of the letter, was present at the joint meeting of 22 October, that concerns of the neighbourhood residents occupied nearly the whole of that two-hour meeting, and that both committees had been satisfied at that time that the motion passed was acceptable to the residents group. Mr. Lord pointed out that the motion had been amended to take account of concerns raised by Mr. Bell at the meeting.

Mr. Trakman, who indicated that he was also a member of the residents group, said that many of the residents had strong objections to the Plan and asked that the matter be deferred. Mr. Manson said that the Plan represented only a general guide to future development and should not be seen as a threat by neighbourhood residents. He added that the consulting firm which prepared the plan had taken great care to consult widely with residents.

Mr. Tindall asked if there was any pressing reason to consider the motion at this time. Mr. Bérard replied that there was no obvious urgency that Senate act immediately. He noted, however, that the Board of Governors had already endorsed the motion at its October meeting, and that SPPC had agreed to bring the matter to the next meeting of Senate. He said that Mr. Bell's letter had indicated no new grounds of concern. On that basis, he said that he was not prepared to withdraw the motion to approve the joint recommendation.

Mr. Andrews said that, if there was no obvious urgency to proceed at this time, then Senate should wait to consider the matter after the residents have met with University representatives.

It was moved (A. Andrews/D. Tindall)

that the motion be tabled until the next regular meeting of Senate.

The question having been called, the motion to table until the next regular meeting carried.

91:141.

Interuniversity Cooperation

Mr. Clark outlined the background to a letter of intent (previously circulated) signed by Dalhousie and the Technical University of Nova Scotia announcing plans to explore various avenues of cooperation between the two institutions. He also tabled a memorandum (appended) explaining the establishment of several inter-institutional committees to examine further those avenues of cooperation.

Mr. Wien asked if the matters being considered by the committees were concerned only with academic administration. Mr. Clark said that, for the moment, only matters of academic administration were being considered. Mr. Tindall said that the President had been sent a letter from the Dalhousie Faculty Association objecting to the fact that no representatives of the faculty associations at either university had been invited to participate in either preliminary discussions or the committees outlined in the President's memorandum. Mr. Clark replied that the two universities had announced their intentions as clearly and as soon as they could have done so. He added that he did not know if the discussions between the universities would have any staffing implications. Mr. Tindall said that he thought that the matters raised in the letter of intent and the President's memorandum were likely to give rise to issues related to contracts. Mr. Clark replied that, if they did so, representatives of the faculty associations would be involved in further discussions. Mr. Andrews said that the results of discussions of the various committees should not be made public until discussions had been held with representatives of any affected employee groups.

Mr. Simpson said that he hoped that the committees would protect program arrangements, such as that which allows students to pursue both a B.Sc. and the Diploma in Engineering.

Mr. Manson said that he was concerned about the lack of student representation on the various committees, for example, on that dealing with registry services. Mr. Clark replied that Mr. P. Pottier, President of the Dalhousie Student Union, had been involved in discussions of the matter and had approved the proposed committee structures.

91:142.

Revised Terms of Reference for the Senate Advisory Committee on International Development

Mr. Bérard presented revised terms of reference (previously circulated) for the Senate Advisory Committee on International Development, which had been proposed by the Committee and approved by the Steering Committee. It was moved (R. Bérard/J. Barkow)

that Senate approve the revised terms of reference.

Mr. Andrews said that the use of both the terms "efficiency" and "efficacy" in §1(b) seemed redundant. Mr. Barkow said that the phrase in which the terms appeared was unchanged from the original terms of reference adopted by Senate some years ago.

Ms. Angelopoulos asked for clarification of §2(c) defining how Senate members on the Committee would be nominated. Mr. Bérard replied that all eight Senate representatives would be nominated by the Committee on Committees, which would be expected to consider the experience of potential nominees in development studies or projects. Ms. Angelopoulos asked further if it was expected that each Faculty should be represented on the Committee. Mr. Barkow replied that, while representation should be broadly based, there was no need to ensure that every Faculty was always represented by a Senate member at any given time. Finally, Ms. Angelopoulos asked that members of the Committee be assigned to three-year, rather than two-year, terms, consistent with practice on other committees. The mover and seconder agreed to the following amendments:

- §2(c), l. 6 - replace "overlapping" with "three year";
- §2(d), l. 3 - replace "two year" with "three year";
- §2(g), l. 2 - add "to serve a three year term";
- §2(h), l. 2 - add "to serve a three year term"; and
- §2(i), l. 1 - add "to serve a three year term".

The question having been called, the motion, as amended, carried.

91:143.

For Information - Dalhousie-Nova Scotia Agricultural College Agreement

Mr. Bérard reported on a letter (previously circulated) from President Clark to Principal L.E. Haley of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College suggesting the establishment of a joint committee to review the Dalhousie-NSAC agreement. Ms. Fingard asked that the committee address the issue of what involvement NSAC should have in graduate studies.

91:144.

For Information - Report on Female Faculty by Department

Mr. Bérard reported receipt, in response to a request by the Chair of Senate, of a report

(previously circulated) on the number of female faculty members by rank and department for the years 1988 and 1989. Figures for 1990 had been provided some time earlier by the President.

91:145.

For Information - Quarterly Press Report (June-August 1991)

Mr. Bérard reported receipt of a copy of the Quarterly Press Report (previously circulated), prepared by the Public Relations Office. Mr. Tindall that the information is appreciated, but he suggested that those who prepare the Report check their addition more carefully.

91:146.

Question Period

Mr. Andrews asked about the progress of proposed revisions to the University Governance Document. Ms. Lane replied that several members of the Board of Governors, in a meeting of the Joint Statutory Committee, had expressed some concerns about certain of the revisions. It had been agreed that those members of the Board would outline those concerns in writing. These would then be reviewed by the Senate Steering Committee to determine if they could be incorporated in a proposal to Senate and the Board. Ms. Lane said that she had not yet received the material from the Board members in question but hoped to do so fairly soon.

Mr. Forgeron said that many people in the Dalhousie Student Union believed that a review of the Office of the Vice-President (Student Services) should be given top priority, and he asked what had happened to the committee established to undertake that review. Mr. Bérard replied that a joint SCAA-SAPC review committee, as proposed in Recommendation 7.3.4 of the Academic Plan "1990 and Beyond", had been established over a year ago and had drafted terms of reference. The Administration objected to the proposed terms of reference and to the role proposed for Senate in the review of administrative offices by the draft revisions to the University Governance Document. In response to a request from the members of the review committee who remained at the University, the Steering Committee suspended the operation of the review committee and discharged the members from their duties. The matter remains before the Steering Committee.

Mr. Clark said that, from his discussions with Mr. P. Pottier, the President of the Dalhousie Student Union, he had not got the sense that a review of the Office of the Vice-President

(Student Services) was at all a high priority. He said that he understood from Mr. Pottier that the DSU was engaged in fruitful discussions with Vice-President McKee about various student concerns.

Mr. Forgeron asked that, in light of several recent discipline cases, the terms of reference of the Senate Discipline Committee be reviewed. Mr. Bérard replied that the matter of a review of the terms of reference for the SDC had also been raised by members of that Committee and that it would be included on the agenda for the November meeting of the Senate Steering Committee.

91:147.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m. upon motion (E. McKee/G. Curri).

Secretary

Chair