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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY
MINUTES
OF
SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session on Thursday, 14 May 1992 at 10:00 a.m. in the Senate and Board Room.

Present with Mr. R. Carlson in the chair were:

Banerjee, Bérard, Betts, Birdsall, Clark, Clarke, J.E. Crowley, Curri, Dickson, Eberhardt, Fingard, Fullerton, Girard, Haley, Kimmins, Klassen, Kwak, MacKinnon, Maloney, Mason, McNiven, Murray, Pacey, Parker, Shepherd, Silvert, A.M. Simpson, Sinclair-Faulkner, R. Smith, Stairs, Sutow, Taylor, Young.

Invitees: B. Christie.

Regrets: Carruthers, Clovis, A.D. Cohen, Dunn, Fentress, Frick, J.D. Gray, Hare, D.W. Jones, McIntyre, Ritchie, Roald, Sketris, Tamlyn, M.H. Tan, Welch, Zakariasen.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

92:064.

Alterations to the Agenda

Mr. Carlson asked for and received the consent of the meeting to alter the Agenda to allow Item §9 [Report of the President] and Item §6 [Fund-Raising Campaign] to follow Item §3 [Awarding of Diplomas and Degrees]. Mr. Bérard reported that the Dalhousie Student Union had asked that the matter "Relations between Faculty Members and the University during a Strike or Lockout", which had been deferred for several meetings, now be deferred until the Fall term.

92:065.

Minutes of the Meeting of 29 April 1992

The minutes of the meeting of 29 April 1992 were approved upon motion (G. Klassen/H. Dickson).

92:066.

Awarding of Degrees and Diplomas - All Faculties

Mr. Kimmins reported that a student, who had been awarded a B.A. degree in Economics in February, has asked that his degree be rescinded and that he be granted a B.Sc. degree in Economics. Mr. Kimmins said that the student had begun his program at a time when only a B.A. in Economics was granted but that he was eligible for the B.Sc. and had the necessary credits for that degree. It was moved (W. Kimmins/A. Young)

that Senate rescind the B.A. degree in Economics granted in February 1992 to Mr. Michael Crosby with the understanding that Mr. Crosby be placed on the May graduation list for a B.Sc. in Economics.

Mr. Stairs asked if approval of this motion would have implications for other students who had earned degrees and who wished, for a variety of reasons, to trade in those degrees for different ones. Mr. Kimmins said that this was an unusual case, in that the student was in course when the new degree program was introduced. Ms. Fingard asked if the motion should cover students in programs in which new degree options were introduced while they were registered. Mr. Smith said that the case was problematic and asked if it had been reviewed by the Senate Committee on Academic Administration or other body. Ms. Curri said that SCAA had not discussed the matter.

It was moved (R. Smith)

to table the motion.

The motion to table carried by a vote of 16-10. Mr. Carlson suggested that the Senate Committee on Academic Administration should be asked to develop policies regarding such proposed changes in degrees.

Mr. Carlson asked representatives of each Faculty to present their candidates for degrees, diplomas, and certificates.

College of Arts and Science

Mr. Kimmins proposed that degrees, diplomas, and certificates be awarded as follows:

Bachelor of Arts	381
(Distinction 4, Honours 43, First Class Honours 19, Advanced Major 63)	
Bachelor of Arts (Honours Certificate)	12
(Honours 9, First Class Honours 3)	
Bachelor of Arts (Advanced Major Certificate)	10
Certificate in Costume Studies	11
Bachelor of Education	85
Bachelor of Music	6
Bachelor of Music Education	2
Bachelor of Science	364
(Distinction 23, Honours 41, First Class Honours 29, Advanced Major 53)	
Bachelor of Science (Honours Certificate)	10
(Honours 8, First Class Honours 3)	
Bachelor of Science (Advanced Major Certificate)	11
Diploma in Engineering	87
Diploma in Meteorology	14
TOTAL	994

Faculty of Dentistry

Mr. Sutow proposed that degrees and diplomas be awarded as follows:

Doctor of Dental Surgery	34
Diploma in Dental Hygiene	34
TOTAL	68

Faculty of Graduate Studies

Ms. Fingard proposed that degrees be awarded as follows:

Doctor of Philosophy	12
Master of Arts	11
Master of Arts in Teaching (French)	1
Master of Business Administration	68

Master of Business Administration/Bachelor of Laws	5
Master of Development Economics	6
Master of Education	23
Master of Health Services Administration	11
Master of Laws 2	
Master of Library and Information Studies	26
Master of Nursing	7
Master of Public Administration	16
Diploma in Public Administration	2
Master of Science	40
Master of Social Work	6
Diploma in Marine Affairs	7
Master of Environmental Studies	1
TOTAL	242

Faculty of Health Professions

Mr. Young proposed that degrees and diplomas be awarded as follows:

Bachelor of Nursing (Post RN)	2
Bachelor of Physical Education	4
Bachelor of Recreation	15
Bachelor of Science (Health Education)	11
Bachelor of Science (Kinesiology)	16
Bachelor of Science (Nursing)	32
Bachelor of Science (Nursing)-Post RN	34
Bachelor of Science (Occupational Therapy)	29
(Honours 4, First Class Honours 3)	
Bachelor of Science (Pharmacy)	63
Bachelor of Science (Physiotherapy)	46
(Distinction 6)	
Bachelor of Social Work	34
(Distinction 7)	
TOTAL	286

Faculty of Law

Mr. Girard proposed that degrees be awarded as follows:

Bachelor of Laws 155

TOTAL 155

Faculty of Management

Mr. McNiven proposed that degrees and certificates be awarded as follows:

Bachelor of Commerce 110

(Distinction 4)

Certificate in Public Administration 7

TOTAL 117

Faculty of Medicine

Mr. Murray proposed that degrees be awarded as follows:

Doctor of Medicine 80

(Distinction 7)

Bachelor of Science in Medicine 2

TOTAL 82

It was moved (J. Fingard/A. Young)

that the candidates proposed and identified in correspondence to the Secretary of Senate should be awarded their respective degrees, diplomas, and certificates by Senate.

The motion carried without dissent.

It was thereafter agreed upon motion (A. Young/W. Kimmins)

that the Provost of the College of Arts and Science or the Dean of the appropriate Faculty and the Registrar, in consultation with the Chair of Senate, be authorized to add to and remove from the graduation list the names of any students which have been omitted from or included in the graduation list due to demonstrable errors on the part of the University or one of its

servants, and that any such additions or deletions be reported to Senate.

Mr. McNiven suggested that the formal approval of degrees at Senate meetings seemed to be a "cumbersome and tiresome" process, time-consuming and expensive.

92:067.

Report of the President

Mr. Clark gave a brief report on the current rationalization process. He noted that the Council of Nova Scotia University Presidents (CONSUP) recently had held a workshop with a facilitator, Dr. Theresa MacNeil, and had worked on a mission statement for the university system in Nova Scotia. He said that most of the presidents found the meeting profitable but admitted that no difficult issues had been resolved. It had been agreed to hold a follow-up session in the near future. He added that Mr. J.C. Perkin, current chair of CONSUP, had been told by Government representatives that it was "highly important" for CONSUP to reach some agreement on outstanding issues by 15 June.

Mr. Clark expressed frustration at the pace and character of the rationalization discussions to date. He noted that in the field of geology, perhaps the least complex of the areas under discussion, little progress had been made over two years. The four universities involved had reached agreement in March 1992 to engage consultants but had so far failed to agree on either the names of or terms of reference for those consultants. Mr. Clark added that the matter could be complicated still further by a motion passed in Saint Mary's Senate demanding the right of that body to be involved in setting the terms of reference for the consultants.

Mr. Clark reported that the Government would again entertain applications for targeted funding in the same categories as in the previous year. A deadline of 1 June had been set, and Mr. Clark said that the Administration would consult with the Deans before making a submission.

Mr. Clark concluded with a report on his meetings with other members of the Corporate-Higher Education Forum. He said that the Forum had been considering the state of public education in Canada and has sponsored a number of meetings aimed at bringing together representatives of business, universities, and secondary schools. Mr. Clark noted that in April the Dalhousie School of Education hosted one such meeting and would likely hold another in late May.

Mr. Kimmins expressed his concern that CONSUP would have to report to the Government a lack of agreement on such matters as geology. If one university of four could not agree with the other three, he asked, should the one be permitted to direct the process? He asked if the three universities in agreement could make a report to Government with one dissent. Mr. Clark replied that CONSUP has

always operated on the basis of a consensus. Mr. Murray asked if CONSUP had contemplated naming a chair who was not a sitting president. Mr. Clark said that they had not done so, and he noted that CONSUP had no history of dealing with difficult issues. Mr. McNiven said that if, as appeared to be the case, the Provincial Government was prepared to press forward with rationalization on electoral boundaries and municipal government, it would have no qualms about doing so in the case of universities. Mr. Smith said that the Dalhousie Senate had earlier predicted the inability of CONSUP to deal with the rationalization question and suggested that Dalhousie should again take the initiative in proposing changes. Mr. Clarke said that the Dalhousie Department of Earth Sciences was preparing a proposal for the rationalization of earth sciences in Nova Scotia universities, and he suggested that Dalhousie ask the other universities to develop their own proposals for consideration.

Mr. Shepherd asked about the progress of negotiations between Dalhousie and the Technical University of Nova Scotia. Mr. Clark replied that TUNS had asked for more time for internal discussions but would be calling a meeting of the joint steering committee in the near future.

92:068.

Fund Raising Campaign

Mr. Clark reported that plans were being developed preparatory to the next major capital campaign for Dalhousie. The Development Office had prepared a report outlining the steps to be followed, and Mr. Clark said that this report could be obtained by interested parties from the Development Office. It has been agreed to engage a consultant to assist with planning for this campaign, and the University has chosen the firm of Snelling and Kolb for this work. Assessments of the University's potential for such fund-raising will be done and discussions will be held to establish priorities for a capital campaign. Early in 1993, some testing and refining of those priorities will take place, with a view to setting campaign goals in mid-1993, undertaking private solicitations, and opening a public campaign in 1994. Mr. Clark said that he hoped that there would be broad participation across the University in planning for this campaign.

92:069.

Nominations from the Senate Committee on Committees

In the absence of the Chair of the Senate Committee on Committees, Mr. Bérard nominated the following individuals to the committees named:

Nominees to the Budget Advisory Committee

- A. Cohen (Medicine)
- J. Ritchie (Health Professions)

C. Stuttard (Health Professions)

Senate Advisory Committee on International Development

P. Pronych (Dentistry)
A. Richards (Health Professions)

University Hearing Committee

N. Trèves (FASS)
J. Clements (Science)

TUNS Senate

M. Shepherd (Science)
B. Paton (Science)

NSAC Faculty Council

D. Sheridan (Management)

Following the requisite calls for further nominations, the individuals named were declared elected.

92:070.

Proposed Dalhousie/NSAC M.Sc. in Agriculture Program

Mr. Farmer, on behalf of the Senate Academic Planning Committee introduced the proposal for an M.Sc. in Agriculture degree program (previously circulated) to be offered in cooperation with the Nova Scotia Agricultural College. The proposal, he noted, had been approved by the Faculty of Graduate Studies, and the Senate Academic and Financial Planning Committees had given their approval of the proposal, subject to certain qualifications.

It was moved (P. Farmer/G. Klassen)

that SAPC recommend to Senate approval of the proposed joint Dalhousie/Nova Scotia Agricultural College M.Sc. in Agriculture as outlined in the report of the Faculty of Graduate Studies report of November 1991, subject to

**satisfactory renegotiation of the contract between
Dalhousie and NSAC and subject also to:**

- 1) the recommendations contained in §6 of the FGS report;**
- 2) provision for the program to be reviewed after three years;**
- 3) provision that the mechanisms for student academic discipline and student appeals will be those in place in the Faculty of Graduate Studies at Dalhousie;**
- 4) provision that Dalhousie be reimbursed for all costs associated with the program and protected from any negative financial effects associated with its introduction.**

Mr. Betts asked if the Faculty of Graduate Studies would be compensated for any additional costs of administering the program. Mr. Farmer said proposals to provide such compensation have been made and are being discussed. Mr. Kwak expressed concern that, in view of the fact that one of the subjects included in the proposal was agricultural chemistry, the Chemistry Department at Dalhousie had not been included in consultations on the program. Mr. Farmer said that the field at NSAC was called "agricultural chemistry and soil science". He noted that chemistry was part of many programs at Dalhousie -- medicinal chemistry in the Pharmacy program, for example -- and that such programs did not normally consult with the Department of Chemistry on their curricula. Ms. Fingard pointed out that this question had been raised at the Faculty of Graduate Studies, and the Faculty agreed to the proposal. Mr. Haley said that the Faculty of Graduate Studies at Dalhousie was responsible for all admissions and for the granting of degrees. He added that the four departments which would be involved in the program already have Dalhousie graduate students under their supervision. Ms. Fingard said that the program will be reviewed in three years and that any concerns about the appropriateness of the fields of study can be raised. Mr. Clark said that the program proposal grew out of existing cooperative arrangements between the two institutions, and he added that he believed that a number of departments at Dalhousie, including Chemistry, might be able to pursue linkages with NSAC. Mr. Carlson noted that the agreement between Dalhousie and NSAC was in the process of being renegotiated. Points raised in the discussion of this proposal would be taken into account in that renegotiation.

It was moved (P. Pacey/J. Kwak)

**that the proposal be tabled and referred to the
Chemistry Department.**

On a point of order, Mr. Clark asked what the Chemistry Department was to do with the proposal. Mr. Pacey said that the Chemistry Department should investigate the matters of concern which had been raised at this meeting.

The motion to table was defeated on a voice vote.

It was moved (P. Pacey/J. Kwak)

that the proposal be amended to delete Agricultural Chemistry and Soil Science from the list of departments which would be part of the proposed degree program.

The question having been called, the amendment was defeated by a vote of 6-15.

Mr. Kwak said that he did not wish to be obstructionist and expressed his support for further cooperation between Dalhousie and NSAC.

The question having been called, the motion carried.

91:071.

Senate Physical Planning Committee Report on the Campus Plan

On behalf of the Senate Physical Planning Committee, Mr. Bérard introduced a report (previously circulated) on the Campus Plan. He said that the Committee had decided not to raise from the table its earlier motion calling for a Senate endorsement of the Campus Plan. It had done so in view of the facts that 1) it would not be possible to make available to all members of Senate the full text of the Plan, and 2) the language of the Plan was often vague or speculative and had been, in the view of the Committee, subject to a variety of misinterpretations. The Committee decided further to extract from the Plan a number of principles and propositions which had academic implications and which were relevant to Senate's role in physical planning. In addition, the Committee added two further understandings, one about the term "house" as used in the Plan, and another about the need to subject any step in the implementation of the Plan to careful financial scrutiny.

It was moved (R. Bérard/D. Betts)

that Senate endorse the SPPC report on the Campus Plan.

Mr. Pacey said that he planned to vote against the motion. He said that he had gone to a meeting of the Senate Physical Planning Committee to outline his objections to the Campus Plan, but that SPPC had not reversed its position. He said that, by not criticizing the Campus Plan, the report amounted to approval in principle of the Plan. The Plan, he said, recommended the acquisition and destruction of

private houses, that it set strict planning priorities, determining the order in which departments would be re-housed, that it would provoke a serious confrontation with the University neighbours. He said that the recommendations in the Plan could not be implemented without approval by the City of Halifax and that, in view of the opposition of neighbouring residents, very heavy legal fees would be incurred by the University in seeking to secure City approval. He said that the Plan encouraged real estate speculation on the part of the Board of Governors. Finally, he noted, the neighbourhood residents had indicated that they would mount public opposition to and seek to undermine the University's fund-raising efforts if the Plan was not abandoned.

Mr. Smith asked if the reference in the report on the development of Studley Field was understood to mean the development of the Field for recreational purposes. Mr. Bérard replied that this was understood and was in line with Senate's expressed wishes.

Mr. Betts said that he thought the confrontation with the neighbours had been overemphasized. He noted that documentation (previously circulated) from the "Residents at Risk" group gave little indication of the number or identity of those residents. Ms. Brooks said that the executive of the group included, in addition to herself, Messrs. Tony Sweet, Alan Bell, and Owen Carrigan. Mr. Stairs said that it was important to recognize that some members of Senate were also residents in the neighbourhood and might be in a conflict-of-interest position. Ms. Brooks said that, as a member of SPPC and a resident, she had abstained from voting on all matters related to the Campus Plan.

Mr. Bérard said that Senate should not be persuaded by the arguments made against adoption of the motion. He noted that SPPC, after hearing Mr. Pacey's objections, chose only to endorse in its report certain parts of the Campus Plan document, none of which had been subject to the amendments which Mr. Pacey had brought to the Committee. He said that nothing in the report called for further acquisition of property by the University and that none of the propositions included in the report required further property acquisitions. The report did mention the re-housing of a number of units, all of which have requested or have already been considered by SPPC for re-housing, but the report did not establish strict priorities for those steps. He said that the report recognized the primacy of the City's zoning by-laws and Municipal Development Plan. It was expected, however, that the development recommended in the report could be carried out on land currently held by the University.

Mr. Bérard said that members of Senate should consider the report as it was written and on its merits, and not be swayed or frightened by vague threats to undermine the University's fund-raising efforts.

Mr. Sinclair-Faulkner raised the point of the absence of a quorum.

91:072.

Adjournment

In the absence of a quorum, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Secretary

Chair
