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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY  
MINUTES  
OF  
SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session on Monday, 12 September 1994 at 4:00 p.m. in University Hall, Macdonald Building.

**Present** with Mr. Dunn in the chair were:

Amey, Andrews, B.P. Archibald, Atherton, Bankier, Bednarski, Bérard, Birdsall, J. Black, Blair, Bradfield, P.J. Calkin, Campbell, Carlson, Clark, Clarke, Conrod, Coté, Cross, Curri, Fingard, E. Frick, Friedrich, Hare, Hobson, Keddy, Kussmaul, Lewis, MacInnis, MacLeod, Mahony, McAllister, McCabe, McKee, McIntyre, Nestman, O'Shea, Owen, Poel, Ravindra, Richards, Ritchie, Schenk, Shafai, Sherwin, A.M. Simpson, K. Smith, Sorge, Starnes, Stolzman, Stuttard, Sullivan, J.E. Sutherland, Sutow, Taylor, Thiessen, Woolf.

**Invitees:** J. Eastman, M. MacDonald.

**Regrets:** Carruthers, Clovis, M. Crowley, DeMéo, Gardin, Ghiz, Gilroy, Haley, Mann, Mason, Maxner, Moss, Pytko, Roald, Wassersug, C.N. Williams.

**94:112**

Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the meetings of 13 June, 24 June, and 11 July 1994 were approved upon motion (K. Sullivan/A. Sinclair).

**94:113**

Welcome to New Members of Senate

Mr Bérard welcomed newly elected and newly appointed ex-officio members of Senate. He also noted the passing, during the summer, of Mr J. Aitchison (FASS), who had been a member of Senate since the early 1960s.

**94:114**

Nominations to the Senate Committee on Committees

On behalf of the Steering Committee, Mr Bérard tabled the name of Mr S. Nugent (Science) for a place on the Senate Committee on Committees. After the requisite calls for further nominations, Mr Dunn declared Mr Nugent elected.

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Nominations to Senate Committees

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees, Mr Blair tabled the following names for election:

**Vice-Chair of Senate**

J. Conrod (Management) (January '95- June '97)

**Senate Committee on Academic Administration**

Y. Shafai (Management) '97

**Senate Financial Planning Committee**

D. Jones (Dentistry) '97

**Senate Physical Planning Committee**

D. Sommerfeld (Health Professions) '97

**Senate Academic Appeals Committee**

P. Thomas (Law) '97

J. Pincock (Science) '97

**Senate Computing and Information Technology Planning**

J. Bankier (Law) '96

**Senate Discipline Committee**

R.S. Sandhu (Management) '97

**Senate Advisory Committee on International Development**

G. Beanlands (Management) '97

**University Security and Parking Committee**

G. Rowden (Medicine) '95

Following the requisite call for further nominations, Mr Dunn declared the nominees elected by acclamation.

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### Schedule of Meetings and Date of King's Encaenia

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Academic Administration, it was moved (G. Curri/J. Ritchie)

**that the 1994-95 schedule of Senate meetings,  
Senate Committee meetings, Convocations, and the  
King's Encaenia be approved as circulated.**

The motion carried.

**94:117**

### Forum on *Reinventing Dalhousie*

Mr Dunn reported on planning for a special Senate Forum, to be held in two half-day sessions on 14 and 28 October 1994. The committee planning the Forum, he said, is reviewing nearly thirty proposals for presentations at the Forum, and details will be announced shortly.

Mr Andrews expressed his opposition to the term "re-inventing" as a title for the Forum. He said that he was not sure that universities were "invented" in the first place and that he had some concerns about the term's association with the cliché of "re-inventing the wheel".

**94:118**

### Senate Reform

Mr Dunn reported that the ad hoc committee considering Senate reform was reviewing comments made at the special meeting of Senate on 24 June 1994 and other comments that have been received. He said that he expected that the issue would be taken up again at the first Senate meeting in October.

**94:119**

### Rationalization

Mr Clark presented a current progress report on university rationalization (appended to the Report of the President), including a schedule of the current timetable of the Nova Scotia Council on Higher Education (NSCHE).

Ms Sherwin and Mr Andrews asked if it was wise for the University to wait for the release of the NSCHE Green Paper before attempting to educate the media about what sort of Green Paper should be produced. Mr Clark said that his letter of July to alumni and others had made clear Dalhousie's concerns about the rationalization process. Shortly thereafter, he said, the Premier held his first meeting with university presidents on this issue, and it now appears that the NSCHE has agreed to issue its Green Paper and to address financial issues relating to rationalization before it proceeds with further area reviews.

Mr Andrews asked if the President had inquired about what action the Government of Nova Scotia was taking to lobby for the maintenance of Established Programmes Financing (EPF). Mr Clark said that no reference had been made to this issue by the Premier except to express the Provincial Government's concern about the future of the programme. Mr Andrews asked further if the

Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) would be addressing this issue. Mr Clark replied that AUCC has been lobbying Federal authorities to maintain or increase EPF funding for higher education.

Mr MacLeod asked if the provincial universities had begun to talk among themselves about rationalization. Mr Clark said that rationalization discussions have gone on for at least ten years but that he was not sure that the other universities were interested in bi-lateral or multi-lateral agreements on rationalization.

Mr Bradfield asked if the Human Resources Committee of CONSUP had consulted with faculty associations before its appointment of an external consultant. Mr Clark said that he was not aware of any such consultations. Ms Hobson said that the consultant selected, Mr J. Cowan, had heard from NSCUFA. Ms Bankier expressed concern at the appointment of Mr Cowan, in view of some of the comments and recommendations made in his earlier report on issues at Concordia University.

## **94:120**

### Report of the President

Mr Clark presented his report (appended), noting current enrolment figures and announcing the appointment of a new Employment Equity Officer and that of a new Advisor on Women's Issues. Mr Clark also commented on a number of issues raised in a recent newsletter of the AUCC. He noted that AUCC has expressed concern that the Federal Government's Science and Technology Policy Review seemed to at this point to be more concerned with issues of technology transfer than with the support of university research and that the funding of university research could be adversely affected. The AUCC also was concerned about the future of EPF funding.

Mr Clark reported that Interuniversity Services Inc. (ISI) was conducting copyright negotiations with CANCOPY on behalf of Atlantic universities and that an agreement was expected in the next few months.

Finally, Mr Clark noted that the Federal Government was considering proposals for establishing a National Academy, separate from the Royal Society.

Mr Andrews said that the second phase of copyright legislation seems to have been delayed and asked if the AUCC might take up this issue at its next meeting. Mr Clark said that the AUCC would likely make its views on this issue known in a timely manner. Mr Andrews also asked if the AUCC was currently considering a document on academic freedom. Mr Clark replied that AUCC has developed a draft statement in response to reports done at Concordia University which do touch on the question of academic freedom. This statement, he said, has been circulated to universities and comments invited, but he noted that the statement may not be considered by the plenary meeting of AUCC. Mr Andrews said that Dalhousie should not take a position on any such statement without prior consultation with the Senate.

## **94:121**

### Question Period

Mr Bradfield asked what decisions have been made with respect to the old Grace Maternity Hospital and what are the cost and revenue implications of those decisions for Dalhousie. Mr Clark said

that an agreement had been reached whereby the building will be pulled down, the site used for a parking lot, and the revenues divided between the University and the Salvation Army.

Mr Andrews asked what procedures are normally followed when engineering work is contemplated on campus. He said that he was especially concerned about what appeared to be a lack of consultation with or notice to faculty members who might be affected by such work. Mr Clark said that he would refer the question to Vice-President Mason.

**94:122**

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m. upon motion (B. Owen/W. Hare).

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Secretary

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Chair