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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY
APPROVED MINUTES
OF
SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session on Monday, May 17, 2001, at 10:00 a.m., in University Hall, MacDonald Building.

Present with Mr. C. Stuttard in the chair were the following:

Binkley, Bleasdale, Brett, Cochrane, Cox, Cunningham, Devlin, Downe-Wamboldt, Galarneau, Guppy, Hart, Ipson, Jalilvand, Kay-Raining Bird, Kimmins, Lohmann, MacInnis, Maes, Mobbs, McGrath, McIntyre, Pacey, Phillips, Russell, Rutherford, Sastri, Savoy, Scully, Slonim, Tindall, Traves, Ugursal, Watters, Whyte.

Regrets: Alexander, Bradfield, Caldwell, Caley, Coffin, Emodi, Fraser, Girard, Johnston, B. MacDonald, Rowe.

2001:53.

Adoption of Agenda

Item 5 was made item 3, and the items were renumbered accordingly. Item 8 was made an order of the day, and the amended agenda was then adopted.

2001:54.

Nominations to Senate Committees

On behalf of the Senate Nominating Committee, Mr. Stuttard moved:

That the following nominations be approved: Robin Whyte (Medicine) and Lloyd Fraser (Henson College) to serve on the Senate Steering Committee for the period July 2001 to June 2003;

Susan Guppy (Architecture) and Dale Poel (Management) to serve on the Senate Academic Priorities and Budget Committee for the period July 2001 to June 2003;

Georges Kipouros (Engineering), George Turnbull (Health Professions), John Yogis (Law), and Stan Cameron (Science) to serve on the Senate Academic Appeals Committee for the period July 2001 to June 2004, and Archibald Kaiser (Law) to serve from July 2001 to June 2002;

James MacKinnon (Engineering), Ann Morrison (Law), and David Zitner (Medicine) to serve on the Senate Computing and Information Technology Planning Committee for the period July 2001 to June 2004;

Katherine Fierbeck (FASS) to serve on the Senate Discipline Committee for the period July 2001 to June 2004;

Bill Hart (Centre for Water Resources Studies) to serve on the Senate Committee on the Environment for the period of May 2001 to June 2002, and Graham Gagnon (Engineering), Carolyn Green (NSGEU Local 77), and Stephen Fry (technologist, Biology) for the period July 2001 to June 2003;

Nur Zincir-Heywood (Computer Science), Nikolas Morgunov (Medicine), and Ronalda Murphy (Law) to serve on the Senate Committee on Instructional Development for the period July 2001 to June 2004, and John Hill (Engineering) for the period July 2001 to June 2003;

James Blustein (Computer Science), Richard Price (Dentistry) and Colin MacLean (Henson) to serve on the Senate Library Committee for the period July 2001 to June 2004,;

Michael Poulton (Architecture) and Anne Fenety (Health Professions) to serve on the Senate Physical Planning Committee for the period July 2001 to June 2004;

Carolyn Savoy (Health Professions) to serve on the Advisory Council on Athletics for the period July 2001 to June 2002;

Nori Ben-Abdallah (Engineering) to serve on the Faculty Council of the the Nova Scotia Agricultural College for the period July 2001 to June 2004.

After the requisite three calls for further nominations, the motion was **CARRIED**.

2001:55.

Awarding of Degrees

College of Arts and Science

Mr. Kimmins, Dean of Science and Provost of the College of Arts and Science, recommended the following degrees and diplomas:

Bachelor of Arts.....	377
(Distinction 6; Honours 62; First Class Honours 42; Adv. Major 102)	
Bachelor of Arts Advanced Major Conversion	13
Bachelor of Arts Honours Conversion.....	4
(Honours 4)	
Diploma in Costume Studies	17
Advanced Diploma in Costume Studies	1
Bachelor of Music.....	10
Bachelor of Science	365
(Distinction 21; Honours 73; First Class Honours 44; Adv. Major 136)	

Bachelor of Science Advanced Major Conversion.....	8
Bachelor of Science Honours Conversion.....	14
(First Class Honours 2)	
Diploma in Meteorology.....	5
	TOTAL 814

Faculty of Architecture

On behalf of Mr. Tom Emodi, Dean of Architecture, the Chair recommended one (1) candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Architecture.

Faculty of Computer Science

On behalf of the Faculty of Computer Science, Dean Slonim recommended degrees be awarded as follows:

Bachelor of Computer Science	46
Bachelor of Science	15
	TOTAL 61

Faculty of Dentistry

On behalf of the Faculty of Dentistry, Dean MacInnis recommended degrees and diplomas be awarded as follows:

Doctor of Dental Surgery.....	34
(Distinction 5)	
Diploma in Dental Hygiene	34

TOTAL

Faculty of Engineering

On behalf of the Faculty of Engineering, Mr. Ismet Ugursal recommended degrees and diplomas be awarded as follows:

Bachelor of Engineering	216
Diploma in Engineering.....	55
	TOTAL 271

Faculty of Health Professions

On behalf of the Faculty of Health Professions, Dean McIntyre recommended degrees and diplomas be awarded as follows:

Bachelor of Science (Nursing)	
Basic (Distinction)	90
Post RN	10
(Distinction 7; University Medal 1)	

Bachelor of Physical Education	2
Bachelor of Science in Recreation.....	15
(Distinction 3)	
Bachelor of Science in Health Education	17
(Distinction 1)	
Bachelor of Science (Kinesiology).....	65
(Distinction 11; University Medal 1)	
B.Sc. Honours Conversion.....	3
Diploma in Health Services Administration.....	11
Diploma in Emergency Health Services Management	4
Bachelor of Science (Physiotherapy).....	45
(Distinction 11; University Medal 1)	
Bachelor of Social Work.....	34
(Distinction 8)	
Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy	64
(Distinction 2; University Medal 1)	
Bachelor of Science (Occupational Therapy).....	44
(Distinction 6; Honours 5; First Class Honours 6; University Medal 1)	
Diploma in Disability Management.....	13
	TOTAL 417

Faculty of Law

On behalf of the Faculty of Law, Dean Russell recommended degrees be awarded as follows:

Bachelor of Laws	138
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Faculty of Management

On behalf of the Faculty of Management, Dean Jalilvand recommended degrees and diplomas be awarded as follows:

Bachelor of Commerce	147
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Faculty of Medicine

On behalf of the Faculty of Medicine, Dr. Micheline Ste-Marie, recommended the following degrees:

Doctor of Medicine	89
B.Sc. (Medicine).....	5

TOTAL 94

Faculty of Graduate Studies

On behalf of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Acting Dean Rutherford recommended degrees be awarded as follows:

Master of Applied Science.....	6
Master of Architecture (First Professional)	30
Master of Architecture (Post Professional).....	1
Master of Arts	19
Master of Business Administration.....	60
Master of Computer Science.....	10
Master of Development Economics.....	3
Master of Electronic Commerce	2
Master of Engineering	9
Master of Environmental Studies	7
Master of Health Services Administration.....	19
Master of Laws	7
Master of Library and Information Studies	28
Master of Marine Management.....	2
Master of Nursing	4
Master of Public Administration.....	19
Graduate Diploma in Public Administration	1
Master of Urban/Rural Planning (MURP).....	6
Master of Science.....	67
Master of Social Work.....	3
Doctor of Philosophy	28
	TOTAL 331

Mr. Kimmins moved:

That the awarding of degrees and diplomas to those candidates identified in correspondence to the Secretary of Senate be approved.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Mr. Traves moved:

That the Dean of each Faculty and the Provost of the College of Arts and Science and the Registrar, in consultation with the Chair of Senate, be authorized to amend the graduation list to correct any errors or omissions discovered before the relevant Convocation; and that each amendment and its explanation be reported to Senate.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

2001:56.

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of March 26, 2001

The minutes of the meeting of March 26, 2001, were adopted as circulated.

2001:57.

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of April 30, 2001

At item 2001:50, page 10, paragraph 2, line 2, "that" was inserted after "university", and a sentence was added to the end of that paragraph: "He added that in his view the Department of Education was moving cautiously by introducing only a selected number of courses in this scheme, and this was a good beginning."

Ms. McIntyre asked that the minutes of this meeting clarify Mr. Traves' comments at page 11, paragraph one, item 2001:51, the President's Report. The President had indicated that "as a result of adjustments to ERBA an additional \$465,000 was available for the 2001/2002 budget." This suggested that ERBA had been good news for the Faculties, but her understanding was that while additional tuition revenues had come in, ERBA had represented a loss to the Faculties. That was why the President had recommended to the Board a reduction in the base cuts to the Faculty budgets.

The minutes of the meeting of April 30, 2001, were then adopted as amended.

2001:58.

Matters Arising

In response to Mr. Bradfield's question at the previous meeting, Mr. Scully noted that it was Senate policy that grades be submitted within seven days of a final examination.

Concerning adjustments to the membership of the Honorary Degrees Committee necessitated by the changes in the composition of SCAA, as approved at the previous Senate meeting, Mr. Traves indicated his preference as Chair of the Committee was that each Faculty continue to have a representative on the Committee, in addition to the ex officio members and the representatives from the various constituencies set out in the Constitution. Unless Senators had other suggestions, he would take a proposal to that effect to the Honorary Degrees Committee.

Mr. Stuttard reported that SAPBC would be forwarding a list of questions to Mr. Robert LeBlanc of the Department of Education who had agreed to meet with SAPBC on June 4, 2001, for further discussion of the Advanced Studies proposal.

Mr. Stuttard also reported that to date attempts to convene the statutory meeting between six members of the Senate and six members of the Board of Governors had failed. On two occasions six Senate representatives were present, but insufficient members of the Board had come to the scheduled meetings. Mr. Stuttard had brought this to the Board's attention at their last meeting, and he would raise the matter again at the Board's upcoming meeting. According to the Statute of Nova Scotia, the meeting for 2000/2001 should have been held in October 2000.

2001:59.

Question Period

Like many other Senators, Ms. Guppy had been considering potential nominees for the Chair of Senate. In the process she had discovered that the job was very onerous, but the compensation to the unit of which the Chair was a member was very small. This deterred potential nominees from showing any interest, and particularly disadvantaged potential candidates from small units. She asked senators whether the job involved too much work or required more compensation. Mr. Stuttard noted that he had

presented this problem to a meeting of the Steering Committee and then had withdrawn to allow consideration in his absence; however, the Committee had been unable to agree on a recommendation or course of action. Consequently, the time-release compensation for the Chair's home department remained \$10,000, which was originally intended to cover a replacement for two full classes. In very few situations would \$10,000 now be adequate to purchase a part-time or sessional replacement for two full classes.

Ms. Binkley pointed out that according to the CUPE agreement compensation for a full class was over \$7000, to which Mr. Stuttard responded that the arrangement for time-release had been made eleven years ago. Ms. Binkley noted that even were the remuneration adequate to cover two full classes, defining the compensation in terms of teaching load would still be a problem since that load varied from one or one and a half full classes in some units to three full classes in others. Senators might wish to explore a more equitable means of compensation such as a time-buyout which would repay Faculties for having someone seconded from their unit. For example, Vice-President McKee and King's College seconded individuals on the basis either of replacement of the individual or freeing up a portion of the salary to be used towards a replacement. Such arrangements would conform to practice in other areas of the University. Ms. Bleasdale reminded senators that they would confront a similar problem in the near future when they attempted to find a new Secretary of Senate. She suggested that it would be most efficient to conduct a general review of the workload and methods of compensating the home departments of all of the Officers of Senate.

Mr. Stuttard noted that it was difficult to be precise about the workload of each of the Officers. In some circumstances it might be the Secretary who did the majority of the work, while in others it would be the Chair of Senate. The Vice-Chair's workload was relatively small, unless the Chair of Senate was incapacitated in some way. As Ms. Binkley had noted, other Senior Administrators, such as Associate Deans, were seconded for 50% or even 75% of their time. That type of arrangement would be appropriate for the Chair and Secretary of Senate. Unfortunately, the Steering Committee had not been able to draft a proposal to take to the Senior Administration.

Mr. Tindall received clarification that the duties of Senate Officers were not presently defined as representing a fraction of full time. Ms. Binkley pointed out that FASS arranged with King's for compensation equivalent to that for one full-time individual, and then divided that amount up as appropriate, depending on the needs of the relevant units. That might be a good model for Senate to adopt. Members agreed to refer the matter back to the Steering Committee and to ask them to bring forward a proposal. Ms. Savoy asked whether the natural progression would be for the Vice-Chair to take over as Chair of Senate. That would also help to split up the work among the three Officers.

Mr. Tindall asked what actions the Senior Administration had taken in regard to Bill 20 now before the Provincial Legislature, dealing with government restructuring. The Bill called for the Minister of Education to be given the power to "supervise, direct and control all affairs and matters relating to post-secondary education." The implications for Dalhousie and other Universities within the province were enormous. Mr. Traves agreed to inquire as to whether this represented a change in language, and if so, what that might mean. Mr. Tindall also requested information as to whether Bill 20 would override the provisions of other Acts which impinged on Dalhousie University. Mr. Devlin thought it might be useful to compare this legislation with that in other jurisdictions in order to establish whether other provinces were making similar changes.

Mr. Hart wondered whether other Senators had noticed the extent to which Facilities Management was

currently moving excess cleaning supplies into spaces on campus normally used for other purposes. He was particularly concerned with the overflow of these supplies into lecture and seminar rooms and had sent a note of inquiry to Mr. Lord, Director of Facilities Management. Mr. Hart had not yet had a reply from Mr. Lord.

2001:60.

Report on Summer School

Mr. Scully reported that at this early stage the enrolments in summer school looked encouraging. Numbers were expected to be up this year. For the coming fall term applications for the direct entry Faculties were up. The significant exception to that was Engineering, where the numbers appeared to be constant. This would make up for the losses of last year, but not for those of the previous year.

Mr. Scully noted that for the May to August period a small number of students were registering in classes for more than the number of credits allowed by the Faculty-specific regulations. The University needed to address this issue. In particular, the Faculties would need to work on this problem continuously, since the regulations varied across Faculties. Mr. Scully reminded Senators that the regulations had been put in place for good reasons.

2001:61.

Proposed Program Modification: Master of Nursing

On behalf of SAPBC, Mr. Stuttard moved:

That the proposed program modification to the Master of Nursing program be approved.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

2001:62.

Proposed Law and Technology Institute

On behalf of SAPBC, Mr. Stuttard moved:

That the proposal to establish a Law and Technology Institute be adopted.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

2001:63.

Report of Decision of Senate Academic Appeals Committee

On a matter of privilege for the assembly, Mr. Whyte moved:

That the meeting go *in camera* for this item.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

On returning to regular session, the Chair noted that the decision of the Senate Academic Appeals

Committee had been ratified.

2001:64.

Update on the Canada Research Chairs

Mr. Scully reported that the current Strategic Plan for the Canada Research Chairs was being reviewed and he anticipated that possibly as early as September Senate would receive a copy of the revised Plan for consideration. The University was proceeding on the basis of the existing plan, and Mr. Scully believed that Dalhousie's process was working much better than the processes in many other Canadian institutions where the CRC had become a battleground. He congratulated and thanked the Deans for their role in making the process work.

2001:65.

President's Report

The President encouraged Senators and all faculty to attend the Convocation ceremonies. These were very important to our students and their family and friends, and the presence of faculty members made the ceremonies more meaningful. Mr. Traves thanked all faculty members and staff for their efforts over another successful academic year.

Ms. Binkley noted that many faculty members had not received cards inviting them to the ceremonies. Was this a problem only for FASS members who were in the process of moving or had the University changed its policy concerning notifying faculty and instructors about the dates of Convocation. Mr. Traves was not aware of any change in policy in this area, but he would inquire of the Registrar. He trusted that the numerous public announcements concerning Convocation had reached members of the University community.

2001:66.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Secretary

Chair