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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

OF

SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session in the Board and Senate Room on Monday, 14 June 1982 at 4:00 p.m.

Andrews, Axworthy, Belzer, Bingham, Bradley, Cameron D.M., Comeau, Crowley, Duff, Egan, Flint, Graham, Haley, Hames, Hartt, Heard, Jacobson, Kimmins, King, Leffek, MacDonald K.F., Maloney, Manos, McNulty, Morgan, O'Shea, Rans, Ravindra, Smith, Stephens, Stewart, Thompson, Tingley, Tonks, Varma, Waite, Wangersky, Williams.

Regrets were received from Blecher, Gold, Gwyn, Hatcher, Jones J.V., Josenhans, Klassen, MacKay W.A., Malatjalian, Pronych.

82:44. Minutes of the Meetings of 17 and 21 May 1982

The minutes of the meetings of 17 and 21 May 1982 were approved upon separate motions.

82:45. Question Period

Mr. Jacobson asked whether any of the \$50 fee now being charged to staff for use of the Dalplex facility will be directed toward cleaning the facility. The Chairman replied that he did not know but would regard Mr. Jacobson's query as notice of motion.

Mr. Belzer asked what would be source of the \$100,000 addition to the Library budget recommended at the Senate meeting of 17 May 1982 (Minute No. 82:36.A.1). The Chairman noted that the budget is still under consideration and that he was not able to answer the question at this time.

Mr. Comeau presented the following question and asked that the President provide an answer for the next meeting.

"There have been announcements of lay-offs in the University recently which have caused concern among many members of faculty and aroused some very unfavorable criticism of the University outside. I understand the D.S.A. has been critical as well, claiming that the dismissals were made without regard for seniority rights and that, indeed, those affected were pretty much all individuals with some disadvantages in the labour market such as age, physical or mental handicaps, etc. I will mention what seems to be the most glaring case, without suggesting any less concern for the others: that is, the case of a female technician in the Department of Anatomy who had been employed at Dalhousie for twenty-one years and was within less than two years of retirement. As far as I know, this woman had been a good and faithful worker, had not been told of any complaints about her work or warned of deficiencies and might have expected to retire shortly at full pension with expressions of appreciation from her department. It seems most unlikely that the

position she currently fills has become redundant.

I should like now to ask the President to comment on this matter in order to reassure us that the University does expect to follow enlightened employment policies --and to provide members of Senate with some reasonable answer to give to those outside the University who have been so critical of Dalhousie for this."

Mr. Axworthy asked whether the President had made any representation to the provincial cabinet concerning the potential difficulty caused by the imposition of wage controls on appointments. He also enquired regarding the appointment of a Dean, on which the President was to report to Senate (Minute No. 81:69). The Chairman indicated that these enquiries would be directed to the President.

82:46. Notice of Motion: Membership of the Senate Library Committee

It was moved and seconded (Tonks/Heard) that

**the following be added to the Senate Library Committee's terms of reference (contained in Minute No. 81:30.B.1);**

**"The Committee shall consult regularly with faculties on all matters that come before it."**

The motion was carried.

82:47. Reports and Recommendations -- Committees of Senate

A. Committee on Academic Administration

1. Proposal for Honours Status for the B.Sc. in Occupational Therapy

It was moved and seconded (Tonks/Jacobson) that

**the B.Sc. degree in Occupational Therapy with Honours and First-Class Honours, as outlined in the programme proposal, be approved.**

Discussion followed and Dean Tonks summarized the reasons for requesting honours status for the degree.

The motion was carried.

B. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Case of Alleged Plagiarism in a Ph.D. Thesis

Mr. Flint presented the report of the committee and outlined the procedures they had followed. Dean Leffek moved, seconded by Mr. R. Smith, that

**the degree of Doctor of Philosophy awarded to Mr. Peter A. Arnold be rescinded.**

The motion was carried.

The Chairman thanked the committee for their work, and he indicated that the officers of Senate would consult with the President and the Dean of Graduate Studies concerning how to proceed in implementing the motion.

82:48. Report from the President

In the absence of the President, the Chairman read a brief report from the President. A copy of the report is appended to these minutes.

82:49. Awarding of a Degree -- Faculty of Administrative Studies

Due to an error, a student's name had been omitted from the list of students who had met, as of 7 May 1982, all of the requirements for a degree.

Upon motion (Scheibelhut/Hames), the degree of Bachelor of Commerce was awarded retroactively to Brian Patrick Lewis.

82:50. Matters of Information

The Chairman reported that the following were approved by the Board of Governors:

1. Programme leading to the Degree of Bachelor of Arts with a major in Women's Studies.
2. Programme leading to a Diploma in Educational Administration.
3. Establishment of the Atlantic Institute of Criminology

82:51. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.