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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session in the Senate and Board Room on Monday, 10 November 1986 at 4:00 P.M.

Present with Mr. W.E. Jones in the chair were the following:

Andrews, Angelopoulos, Beazley, Betts, Boyle, Bradfield, Braybrooke, Brett, Byham, Cameron T.S., Caty, Chaytor, Christie, Cohen A.D., Cromwell, Dickson, Dolan, Easterbrook, Fournier, Fraser P., Gesner, Hare, Huber, James, Laidlaw, Leffek, MacMullin, Manning, Mason, McDonald, McNulty, O'Shea, Ozier, Retallack, Ritchie, Rodger, Sharp, Shaw, Sherwin, Sinclair, Taylor, Tonks, Uhl, Waterson, Wien, Zakariasen, Christie, Traversy.

Regrets: Gratwick, Hersom, Jones D.W., Jones J.V., Konok, MacDougall, MacIntosh, O'Brien D.W.P., Pooley, Precious, Wassersug, Williams.

86:140.

Mr. Jones called the meeting to order and drew attention to three additional pieces of information which were made available at the meeting:

- (1) A report from the President;
- (2) A response submitted by the Vice-President (Finance and Administration) to the questions regarding classroom scheduling raised by Ms. Ritchie at the September 8 meeting
- (3) A letter from the Chair of the Senate Advisory Committee on Computing to the President commenting on an October 14th letter from Mr. Fred Wien concerning Central Academic Computing requirements.

Mr. Jones also told the meeting that the report on financial requirements and timetable related to French as a Second Language has been distributed for information.

86:141.

Minutes of Meeting of 22 September 1986

Mr. Andrews stated that minute 86:117 had not recorded his request for a report from the Committee on Microcomputers to be brought to Senate. Another Senator stated that he had asked if any university had gone to the exclusive use of microcomputers without a mainframe. The answer supplied by Mr. Peter Jones was that as far as he was aware, no university has done this. Mr. Bradfield stated that he had asked why the Alumni Office was taking up so much time on the mainframe. Mr. Cameron had replied that the transfer of the financial system to the administrative mainframe was progressing and that the Alumni Office operation will be transferred later. The minutes of the meeting of 22 September 1986 were then approved upon motion (Sinclair/Waterson) .

86:142

Minutes of Meeting of 10 October 1986

Ms. Waterson stated that she had raised a third question but that it was incorrectly reported (minute 86:137). She said she had asked if future changes in the committee's rules would be subject to approval by Senate.

Mr. B. Christie stated that when he had tabled a letter listing the membership of the Microcomputer Subcommittee, he had reported that additional academic members will be added to that committee.

The minutes of the meeting of 10 October 1986 were then approved upon motion (Waterson/Wien).

86:143

Question Period

Mr. D. Cameron asked for an interpretation of the comment under the heading Senate Computer Advisory Committee in minute 86:135. It said there was a need for clearer identification on the source or constituency of the members of that Committee. The Chair of Senate explained that members of this Committee are drawn from all over the university and are nominated by sections of the university other than the department or unit with which they are normally associated. It was therefore felt advisable to not only indicate the location of their appointment, but also the basis of their nomination to the Senate Computer Advisory Committee.

Mr. J. MacMullin asked if the administration had decided what action it will take in relation to the decline in enrolment by foreign students. Mr. Sinclair replied that this matter is under study and noted that it is a concern right across Canada. It was acknowledged that differential fees play a role. Mr. MacMullin stated his concerns. He noted that there are economic benefits to Halifax as well as cultural and intellectual benefits. He believes that among the reasons for the decline are the unfavorable currency rates and inadequate recruiting. He saw the biggest problem to be in the differential fees and believes that stronger opposition should be mounted.

Mr. S. Cameron raised a question in relation to the membership on the Subcommittee on Microcomputers. He asked how many, when and by what process will additional members be named. Mr. B. Christie replied that three additional members will be named; Ms. J. Bankier has been approved by the Senate Computer Advisory Committee. The others will be named as soon as possible. He stated that the Senate Computer Advisory Committee had empowered him to look for one more member from the Faculty of Arts and Science and one more member from the lower campus. Some concern was expressed about this approach to adding committee members rather than solicitations through the faculties. The Chair of Senate pointed out that this was a subcommittee of a Senate Committee and therefore the process was in order.

Ms. Ozier commented on the Foreign Student question. She expressed concern about how we treat foreign students. She noted that there is an organization that recruits host families but that Dalhousie has not supported it well. She also noted that Dalhousie supports three refugees but questioned whether that was enough. She stated that there is funding support from the Dalhousie Student Union and the Dalhousie Faculty Association.

Ms. Ozier noted that she had received a reply to her question about the changeover of equipment by Maritime Telephone and Telegraph Co., but it did not indicate if the change had taken place at the request of the university or MTT. She now asked will it cost Dalhousie money and if so, how much? The Vice-President (Finance and Administration) replied that MTT had just changed its switch with no cost implications to the university. He noted, however, that MTT will now be able to sell a wide range of services which will cost. He expressed the hope that members of the university community will exercise discretion.

Mr. Bradfield noted, as a result of the Ritchie Study, there had been cutbacks in cleaning staff. He reported that people had been told not to wear the anti-Ritchie buttons. He therefore asked "Is it university policy to squash dissent from this process?" The Vice-Presidents (Academic) and (Finance and Administration) both replied that it is not administrative policy.

Ms. Caty noted that Senate had received a report on classroom use but asked what recourse a faculty member has when she feels she has a classroom reserved for a two-hour class and is told that she has the room only for one and one-half hours. The VicePresident (Finance and Administration) volunteered to look into the matter.

When questioned further, the Chair of Senate agreed to place the response on classroom utilization on the next agenda.

Another senator expressed the view that Dalhousie is behind other universities in computer facilities and suggested that this is incompatible with excellence. He asked "How many people feel that we can survive without a mainframe?" The Chair of Senate noted that this is a broad question and that we could not be sure of the answer.

The Chair of Senate then asked Mr. Wien, Chair of the Installation Symposium Committee, to comment on the Symposium. Mr. Wien stated that he wished to place on record appreciation of the members, namely, Mr. George Cooper, Ms. Judith Fingard, Mr. B. Fournier, Mr. W.E. Jones, Ms. Marilyn MacDonald, Ms. Sandra MacFarlane, Mr. Jamie MacMullin, Mr. Douglas Myers, Mr. Lars Osberg, Mr. Fred Wien. He particularly thanked Mr. Lars Osberg for defining the topic, Mr. George Cooper who was responsible for raising funds to support the participation of Mr. Norman MacRae and to Ms. Marilyn MacDonald for publicity. He reported attendance as being approximately 400 on Friday morning, 300 on Friday afternoon and 200 on Saturday morning. He stated that a private company "Video East" had videotaped the proceedings and will edit the material to approximately two hours. This tape will be available commercially. A copy will be made available to Dalhousie free of charge.

Mr. Andrews asked what was the cost of the symposium. Mr. Wien replied that it will be a few weeks before the final figure is known. He did note that approximately \$10,000 to \$12,000

had been raised externally. He stated that if the President agrees, a report will be presented to Senate.

Ms. S. Caty asked when there will be an opportunity to discuss the classroom issue. She Chair of Senate suggested the next meeting. Ms. Ritchie observed that students are concerned and that for some students opportunities are being compromised. After some discussion Senate agreed upon motion (Rodger/Bradfield)

that Senate will commence consideration of the classroom scheduling issue at 5:45 P.M.

86:144 .

Report of the President

Mr. Rodger noted that in paragraph 3 the President had referred to the establishment of a new committee to look at Audio Visual and similar resources. He asked if the Faculty of Arts and Science has been consulted. He noted that they have a committee which might be able to offer advice. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President (Academic) responded that there has been a number of reports and this is an effort to try to assemble, ' all the information. The matter had been discussed at the Senior Advisory Council and the Deans had been asked to comment. Mr. Betts reported that he had nominated Mr. Pincock for membership on the new committee.

Mr. Welch referred to paragraph #2 and expressed concern about funding for the Faculty of Medicine. He noted that the province had promised additional funding for the Faculty of Medicine but it had not been received and asked what plans the administration has if this does not come through. Mr. Sinclair reported that while MPHEC had recommended the additional funds, the Council of Maritime Premiers had referred the question back to MPHEC. He said that MPHEC has once again recommended the additional funds and that it is hoped the Premiers will approve it at a meeting on December 2. He said that the Faculty of Medicine understands that this deficit is a liability on the Faculty of Medicine and that the Faculty has taken steps to limit its expenditures. Mr. Wien, Chair of the Financial Planning Committee, noted that the prospects of the funding not coming through this year had only arisen in the last few weeks, therefore, the implications have not been decided by the Committee. Mr. Bradfield stated that another approach would be to increase revenues. He asked if there had been any discussions with the Public Relations Office. He suggested a "seat sale" for the balance of places above a quota. It was noted that the question of media pressure had been raised earlier. Vice-President Sinclair stated that the President then said it was not a time for that type of pressure. Mr. Sinclair stated that he thinks it is still not appropriate.

A student senator asked, "What is the university's policy on mandatory retirement?" "Has the Academic Planning Committee or the Financial Planning Committee looked at a change?" The VicePresident (Academic) stated that retirement at age 65 is mandatory. Mr. Wien

reported that Senate has a committee that is looking at aging of Faculty. Mr. Huber, Chair of that APC subcommittee, stated that it has resisted any temptation to involve itself in the question of mandatory retirement. It is looking at the implication of any change.

Ms. Ozier expressed concern related to the appointment of another committee to look at Audio Visual Services. She said a person working in Audio Visual Services will be concerned about another study. She suggested these persons should get a clear explanation of the purposes of this committee. She asked if there were any members from any of the previous committees. The Vice-President (Academic) reported that Mr. D. Myers had been on the Committee chaired by Mr. Eisner. Mr. Kaizer is a member of the Studley Committee. Mr. Kirby was on the Review Committee for an audio visual service on the Forrest campus. He added that Ms. Carver has been active in DUET and Sheradon in CAI. He stated that the Ritchie Study did not look at Audio Visual Services. Mr. MacMullin asked when the initial meeting would take place. The Vice-President (Academic) replied that it is scheduled for November 12 at 4:00 P.M. in the Senate and Board Room.

In relation to paragraph 2, Mr. Bradfield asked a question concerning the arrangement with Kings College made about a year ago. Mr. Sinclair said that this arrangement had been re-negotiated. It included provisions for an increase in faculty at Dalhousie related to an increase in the number of students and a corresponding increase in equalization funds. It was noted that alternatively Kings can transfer funds into Dalhousie and will probably do so this year.

Mr. Welch referred to this earlier question about funding in the Faculty of Medicine and received the assurance of Mr. Wien that the Financial Planning Committee will monitor the situation.

86:145.

Honorary Degrees Committee

The Chair gained the agreement of the meeting to defer this item because the President was absent. He did point out that there had been a call for nominations of candidates for Honorary Degrees for the spring 1987 convocations.

86:146.

Report of Recent Meetings of Board of Governors by Senate Observers

Mr. Rodger reported that there had been some changes in the manner in which the Board of Governors conducts its business. It considers staff matters and collective bargaining 'In Camera'. Former President MacKay had told him that these matters are absolutely confidential. This gives Mr. Rodger some concern because there have been some matters on which he would liked to have commented. He reported that the Board of Governors had approved the International Centre for Ocean Development (ICOD). He also reported that a reading room in the Chase Building had been named for Agnes Baxter. He reported that the 1986/87 budget had not yet been approved because it is not yet balanced. He also reported

that the University has borrowed \$862,500 as a mortgage from the Province of Nova Scotia for renovations to the Chase Building. As part of a normal procedure the interest on this loan is set by the province and paid by the province. Similarly, the principal is written off by the province. He also reported that lands had been exchanged on Fenwick Street with a private land owner. /He reported approval of the M.Sc. in Kinesiology, the M.A. (Leisure Studies) and the M.A. (Health Education), with no change in weighting by MPHEC./ He reported that the building of new dormitories for students will soon be commencing and that they are really only a replacement for places lost on Summer Street. He said that one member of the Board had expressed concern about treatment of part-time students. Mr. Rodger assumed Henson College is attempting to improve this.

Mr. McNulty then noted that the Senate representatives attended the meeting of the Board of Governors with voice but without vote. He reported that the Board of Governors receives monthly reports from the Director of Development on the Campaign for Dalhousie. He also reported that the Board of Governors will soon discuss proposals affecting the Pension Plan which is, or soon will be, in a surplus position. He suggested that these funds should be used to improve the plan rather than to reduce the university debt.

Mr. Jones reported that Senate has input into the Campaign for Dalhousie through the Academic Planning, the Financial Planning Committees, the Senate Computer Advisory Committee and the Senate Library Committee. He noted that the list of the members of the Board of Governors had been distributed at the last meeting of Senate. Mr. Jones reported on the Joint Statutory Committee of Representatives of the Board of Governors and Senate held on October 16. He stated that the meeting had discussed the President's Council and how it fit into the current situation. He reported that nominations for the Board of Governors had been discussed and suggested that future nominations could be channelled through the Steering Committee. He said that there was agreement that a Joint Board of Governors/Senate event should be held in the spring with the topic and format to be decided. He also reported that the representatives of the Board of Governors were pleased to learn about the action of Senate regarding the relationship of the President to Senate and its Committees. He noted that the future role of the Joint Statutory Committee will be discussed at the next meeting.

86:147.

Proposed Changes in the Criteria for Awarding the University Medal in the Faculty of Health Professions

Mr. Tonks explained that the major aspect of this change involved the grade point average and opening of competition for the medal to part-time students. He said that these changes assured that the student with the highest standing will receive the medal. The change was approved upon motion (Tonks/Maloney), after a proposed amendment to include a designation "undergraduate" had been accepted by the mover.

86:148.

Report of the Financial Planning Committee

A report from the Financial Planning Committee had been circulated with the agenda. Mr.

Wien, Chair of the Committee, outlined business the Committee has considered and stated that the Committee is not yet ready to report on the budget. A motion to receive the report was moved by Mr. Wien, seconded by Mr. Easterbrook. Mr. D. Cameron expressed annoyance that the report mentions that the Committee had given consideration to the advisability of purchasing a new mainframe. He reviewed the process by which the decision to purchase a new mainframe had been re-examined and re-confirmed. Mr. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Vincent moved an amendment to strike the second paragraph of the report. This provoked considerable debate mostly on the nature of the amendment since it would remove from the report an account of what had actually taken place. Eventually Mr. Cameron volunteered to withdraw his amendment and Senate agreed.

Mr. Rodger noted that in paragraph 2 of the Financial Planning Committee report under the heading "Allocation of Non-Space Capital and Equipment Funds" a small committee had been struck to review requests for equipment funding and to make recommendations regarding the distribution of available funds. Mr. Rodger inquired what had been considered by this committee and subsequently asked for a brief report in writing. The Chair of Senate asked Mr. Wien and Mr. Sinclair to develop this report. Referring to the same section, Mr. Bradfield noted that extensive paving had been done recently on campus and asked about the source of funds for these projects. The Vice-President (Finance and Administration) said that the paving was paid for from proceeds of the sale of property.

Mr. Andrews referring to paragraph 10, The Impact on the Operating Budget of New Construction, asked if the Financial Planning Committee will continue to monitor this subject. He received an affirmative reply.

A student senator stated that the subject of paragraph II, Library Funding Levels for Books and Journals, is an important issue and asked what is being done. Mr. Wien replied that the main source of improvement has recently been the redistribution fund.

A motion (Wien/Easterbrook) that the report be received was carried.

86:149.

Classroom Utilization

Mr. Tonks pointed out that the report circulated to Senate on Classroom Utilization, predated a meeting which had been held on October 29, therefore did not contain the latest information. A question raised by Ms. Caty earlier in the meeting about confusion in the assignment of a classroom was again addressed. Eventually, it became clear that the confusion resulted from an attempt by the Vice-President (Academic) to arrange adequate accommodation for the class. He volunteered to again try to resolve the problem for future classes. Ms. Sharp commented on the problem of assignment of classrooms in general and stated that it is an embarrassment for faculty and presents some real difficulties for professors and students. Mr. Huber noted that while the Vice-President (Academic) will resolve a particular issue, he expressed concern that certain units are unable to have stable booking. He noted that Nursing is one of them and that this problem needs to be addressed and a solution found. Mr. Maloney

noted that the space study by Doubledam and Associates had claimed some space is inefficiently used. He suspected that there might be some useful recommendations in the report of that study. Finally Ms. J. Ritchie asked that the subject of classroom use be placed on the agenda of Senate for November 24. The Chair of Senate agreed.

86:150.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

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OF

SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session in the Senate and Board Room on Monday, 24 November 1986 at 4:00 P.M.

Present: Betts, Birdsall, Bradfield, Cameron D.M., Caty, Chaytor, Christie, Clark, Cromwell, Dickson, Dolan, Gesner, Gratwick, Haley, Hanson, Jones P., MacDougall, MacRae, MacMullin, Maloney, Mangalam, Murray, Ozier, Retallack, Ritchie, Rodger, Seth, Sharp, Sinclair, Stern, Tonks, Varma, Walker, Wien, Christie (invitee), MacDonald M.D. (invitee).

Regrets: Andrews, Angelopoulos, Cameron T.S., Cohen A.D., Jones J.V., Konok, MacKay R.C., McDonald D., Schwenger, Waterson, Williams, Zakariasen.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair. He immediately gained the agreement of Senate to re-order the agenda so that item 3 would be considered first.

86:151.

Guide to Responsible Computing at Dalhousie

The Senate Advisory Committee on Computing had submitted a revised Guide to Responsible Computing at Dalhousie. This Guide was circulated with the agenda for November 10. The Chair of the Committee, Mr. D. Cameron, told Senate that the revised document addressed the concerns which had been raised by Senate when an earlier draft had been considered. He then moved, on behalf of the Committee,

that the revised Guide to Responsible Computing at Dalhousie be approved for distribution.

Mr. Rodger was informed in response to a question that this document would not disrupt the normal system of priorities. Mr. Rodger then expressed concern that the section on remedies and disciplinary actions seemed to support two standards, specifically, that users have no rights to the files of others but that administrators do. He called for more formal procedures and moved an amendment to line 3 of the last paragraph of the document. It was moved (Rodger/Cameron)

that the words "with the approval of the President" be inserted after the phrase "the system administrators".

The motion carried.

During discussion of the motion concern was expressed that administrators could engage in "fishing expeditions". Mr. Cameron assured Mr. Bradfield, who had expressed the concern, that searches will only be undertaken when there is a strong suspicion of a breach of the

rules. A suggestion that the amendment be worded to read "President or designate" was not acceptable to the mover. In fact he expressed fear of delegation to anyone lower than the Vice-President which is the normal delegation to take care of absences of the President. Mr. Bradfield moved an amendment calling for the words "examine the files" to be changed to "duplicate files" but it failed for want of a seconder. Ms. Ozier then expressed her concern that the document was silent on whether a person will be informed if an investigative process is initiated. She then moved that the words "and agreement" and "in advance" be inserted on the third last line of the document so that sentence will read "whenever possible the cooperation and agreement of the user will be sought in advance". The mover and seconder of the main motion accepted this amendment as friendly.

The main motion was then put.

Reasonable suspicion of a violation of the principles or practices laid out in this Guide may result in disciplinary. Such action will be taken through normal University channels.

Nothing in this Guide diminishes the responsibility of system administrators of computing services to take remedial action in the case of possible abuse of computing privileges. To this end, the system administrators, with the approval of the President, with due regard for the right of privacy of users and the confidentiality of their data, have the right to suspend or modify computer access privileges, examine files, passwords, accounting information, printouts, tapes, and any other material which may aid in an investigation of possible abuse. Whenever possible, the cooperation and agreement of the user will be sought in advance. Users are expected to cooperate in such investigations when requested. Failure to do so may be grounds for cancellation of computer access privileges.

The motion carried.

86:152.

Classroom Utilization

A report by the Vice-President (Finance and Administration), which had been received on November 21, had been made available at the meeting. This report, included quotations from the draft minutes of a meeting, held on October 29. That meeting had been attended by the Health Science Deans, the Vice-President (Finance and Administration), Mr. John Graham and Ms. Renata Kartsaklis. The focus of the meeting had been the scheduling of classrooms on Carleton Campus. The report left some senators unsure that it represented a commitment to central scheduling of classrooms. The Vice-President (Academic) responded that he did read it to mean central scheduling and added that the intent is to schedule rooms in the most

effective way. On the other hand, Mr. J. Murray indicated that central scheduling is something that will be worked towards. It was clear that central scheduling required that all requests had to be submitted by a specified date. This date was to be agreed upon by the three health sciences deans but was not as yet set. After further discussion, it was agreed that the Vice-President (Finance and Administration) should keep a watching brief and report to Senate. It was subsequently agreed that there should be a preliminary report in January with a view to a final report in February or March. The uncertainty in the date of a final report related to the uncertainty of the date by which all requests will have to be submitted. Mr. Betts indicated that the class approval week (March 9), which always occurs two weeks after the study break, would be a significant consideration. Mr. Bradfield stated that he was bothered that the report referred to classroom utilization and not space utilization. The Vice-President (Academic) expressed the hope that expensive renovations can be avoided. Ms. Sharp asked if the Committee referred to in step 3 of the report of the Vice-President (Finance and Administration) had been struck and asked for its membership. The Vice-President (Academic) responded that the Committee has not been set up yet but will be as soon as possible. He expressed the expectation that the three Deans will all have representatives on it. Ms. Sharp then asked for an explanation of the first paragraph on page 2 which referred to the fact that requests for specially equipped classrooms were a further constraint. The Vice-President (Academic) responded that not all classrooms are equipped for audio-visual and special services and therefore this has to be a consideration when assigning space.

86:153.

Honorary Degrees Committee

A report of the Honorary Degrees Committee had been circulated. This report addressed questions which had been raised by senators both in writing and during Senate meetings. The President stressed that the most important part of the report was the last paragraph which reminded senators that the majority of members are now new to the Committee and that they had seriously considered points made by senators and would be keeping these in mind during deliberations. Mr. Rodger took exception to the position taken by the report that the current guidelines prohibiting consideration of the current members of the Board of Governors or of the Faculty was considered appropriately definitive. He stated that a degree has been given to an active staff member. The President emphasized that the statement in the report is correct. The committee felt that the statement is clear cut. Mr. Varma made the point that the Guidelines are fine and by awarding Honorary Degrees we are not only honoring candidates but candidates are honoring our university. Mr. Bradfield spoke for a 50/50 gender balance, the use of categories and the submission of sufficient candidates to allow for attrition as a result of voting in Senate. In response to a question from Mr. Mangalam, Mr. Jones explained the process by which proposers are informed of the committee's decisions regarding their suggestions.

86:154.

Academic Planning - Further Considerations of Recommendation 7.4.1, 7.7.1, 7.8.2 and 7.11.7 of "1986 and Beyond"

The Academic Planning Committee's proposals for revisions to recommendations 7.4.1, 7.7.1 and 7.8.2 and 7.11.7 of "1986 and Beyond" had been circulated with the agenda for November 10. The Chair reminded Senate that when "1986 and Beyond" had been considered in the spring of this year, it was agreed that these recommendations, among others, would be re-considered by the Committee and re-submitted to Senate. He now asked for approval in principle so that these recommendations would be in the same state of approval as the other recommendations which had not been referred back to the Committee. He indicated that eventually when all the revised recommendations have been presented to Senate and approved in principle, the whole document will be brought back for approval. He then called on Mr. Wien to present the revised recommendations on behalf of the Academic Planning Committee.

Revised Recommendation 7.4.1.

In moving approval of revised recommendation 7.4.1, Mr. Wien recalled that the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies had some problems with the original recommendation. There are two principal changes in the motion: (1) the objective of increasing enrolment is now as part of the motion, (2) rather than list the information required, it is now categorized. Mr. McNulty expressed concern for sufficient scholarships, fellowships, et cetera, in the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Mr. Jones indicated that the plan would be to gradually phase in any expansion. Mr. Wien emphasized that the intent of the motion is to suggest that the expansion should not take place in isolation from the departments. Mr. Rodger moved an amendment that would have required an outlining of the criteria by which the expansion of an area of study would be made. This amendment failed for want of a seconder.

It was moved on behalf of the Committee (Wien)

that Dalhousie expand its enrolment of graduate students in those fields of study where an expansion is warranted (keeping in mind factors such as the capacity of the program to expand, the maintenance of academic quality, and the demand for graduates of such programs). In order to achieve the expansion, the Faculty of Graduate Studies in its 1986/87 academic plan should, in consultation with other Faculties, outline the following, insofar as possible:

(a) the areas of study that would expand and the criteria by which such decisions would be made

(b) the implications for academic support services such as scholarships, physical facilities and teaching assistants

(c) the revenue and expenditure implications for the University.

The development of a plan for the expansion of graduate studies will need to be undertaken in a manner consistent with the academic plans of other academic units, including those of the Faculties and of the University.

The motion carried.

Revised Recommendation 7.7.1

The Chair reminded Senate that the original discussion of this recommendation in Senate had led to the recommendation that the phrase "the share of" be deleted. Mr. Wien then moved the revised recommendation 7.7.1 on behalf of the Committee.

that the University budget allocated to academic support services, such as library and computing systems and audio-visual services, be established at a level that meets Dalhousie's needs, keeping in mind the level of expenditure at comparable Canadian universities.

Mr. Rodger expressed the view that it was extraordinary to look at the budgets of other universities without looking at the impact that decisions in this category would have on the academic budget. He moved an amendment, seconded by Mr. Bradfield

that the phrase "the share of" be re-inserted at the beginning of the motion.

Ms. Ozier spoke against both the amendment and the motion but eventually the amendment was carried and the amended main motion was carried.

Recommendation 7.8.2

Mr. Wien, on behalf of the Committee, moved the revised recommendation 7.8.2:

that the University budget allocated to teaching equipment and supplies be established at a level that meets Dalhousie's needs, keeping in mind the level of expenditure at comparable Canadian universities.

For the reasons presented in relation to recommendation 7.7.1, Mr. Rodger, seconded by Mr. Bradfield moved an amendment

that the phrase "the share of" be inserted at the beginning of this motion.

The amendment was carried and the amended main motion was carried.

Recommendation 7.11.7.

Mr. Wien, on behalf of the Committee, moved the revised recommendation 7.11.7:

that each of the Faculties at Dalhousie, and Henson College, undertake a review of programs they offer from the point of view of summarizing all present areas of cooperation with other Universities in the Atlantic region, and identifying possible new initiatives in cooperation. This review should be part of the 1987/88 planning cycle.

Through discussion, it was clarified that the programmes that should be reviewed would be the teaching programmes and it was agreed that the word "teaching" would be inserted in the recommendation. The motion was then carried.

86:155.

Annual Reports of Standing and Statutory Committees

In the interest of clearing up past confusion, the Committee on Academic Administration had decided to recommend that all reports of Senate Standing and Statutory Committees be sent directly to Senate but leaving open the possibility for the reports to be considered by other committees. The President, on behalf of the Committee on Academic Administration, moved

that all annual reports of Standing and Statutory Committees should go directly to Senate.

The motion carried.

86:156.

Advisory Committee on Public Relations - Annual Report

The Committee on Academic Administration had already considered the annual report of the Public Relations Committee and felt that in keeping with its recommended policy that all reports should go directly to Senate, it should now recommend that Senate receive the 1985/86 Annual Report of the Public Relations Committee. The Committee on Academic Administration provided a plan of action which had already been set in motion for dealing with the recommendations. Ms. Ozier questioned whether or not this implied approval of the proposal for a Faculty Awards System. The Chair of Senate stated that it did not. The report was being received for information and the various recommendations were being referred for further consideration. The President, on behalf of the Committee on Academic Administration, moved

that the 1985/86 annual report of the Senate Advisory Committee on

Public Relations be received by Senate with the recommendations contained therein referred for consideration as follows:

**Recommendation #6 - noted,
#7 - the President,
#8, 9 - noted,
#10, 11 - the President,
#12- Vice-President (Academic),
#13 - Director of Public Relations,
#14 - the President,
#15, 16, 17, 18 & 19 - Vice-President (Academic),
#20 and 21 - the President.**

The motion carried.

Ms. Ozier then received confirmation through discussion that the recommendation concerning the Faculty Awards programme had been referred to the Vice-President (Academic) who has consultations under way but does not have a document in a satisfactory form to refer to the Faculties. She then stated that she wished to put on record as an individual the need for distinguishing between achievement and excellence, that research is rewarded by peers in research areas and it is therefore inappropriate to try to recognize research across disciplines in the university, there is a need to improve teaching and public service and finally, if we are establishing a Dean's recognition we should say it. Ms. Ozier then noted that we do not recognize service to Senate in any way and moved, seconded by Mr. Dolan

that the question of how we might recognize service on standing and statutory committees of Senate be referred to the Steering Committee.

Mr. Rodger, seconded by Mr. MacMullin moved

that the concept of the Dalhousie Faculty Awards programme be subject to further consideration.

Following discussion and advice from the President, Mr. Rodger agreed to withdraw his motion with the understanding that the minutes record that further consultation and consideration of the recommendation regarding the Faculty Awards programme will be carried out. Senate agreed.

86:157.

Diploma in Marine Affairs

A proposal for a new program leading to the Diploma in Marine Affairs was circulated with the agenda. This was accompanied by the relevant minute and recommendation for approval

from the Academic Planning Committee. Mr. Wien moved this approval on behalf of the Academic Planning Committee. Mr. Townsend-Gault reviewed the development of this program. He stated that the development of the Diploma is a product of a working group drawn from several Faculties. He stated that support for the programme will come from the International Centre for Ocean Development (ICOD) in the amount of \$850,000 over a five-year period. He stated that this support should cover all extraordinary costs and some of the coordinators' salaries. He said the program will be housed in the Law School and that the majority of courses are already offered. Mr. Rodger noted that the motion recommending approval passed by the Faculty of Graduate Studies contained a limitation relating to the availability of funding. He then moved an amendment (Rodger/Betts)

that the following clause be added to the motion for approval:

that if external funding becomes unavailable, approval for the program will be withdrawn.

The amendment was carried.

The amended motion was then put:

that Senate recommends to the Board of Governors approval of the proposal for a Diploma in Marine Affairs and further that if external funding becomes unavailable, approval for the program should be withdrawn.

86:158 .

Proposed Neuroscience Degree Program

A proposal for a Neuroscience Degree Program had been circulated with the agenda. The relevant minute of the Academic Planning Committee, which contained a recommendation for approval, was also circulated with the agenda. Mr. Wien, on behalf of the Academic Planning Committee, moved

that the proposal for a Neuroscience Degree Program be recommended to the Board of Governors for approval.

Mr. Meinertzhagen outlined the basis for the proposal and indicated that it was primarily a regrouping of existing courses. Mr. Rodger raised several questions on the details of the proposal. While some points were corrected in a later draft, other points appeared in their present form intentionally, such as the use of the word "mechanistic" in the last paragraph on page one. Among other questions raised was one by the President regarding the adequacy of library holdings. Mr. Birdsall responded that while there is a mechanism for evaluating library holdings for graduate programs, there is none for undergraduate programs. He added that last year a request for \$8000 in additional funds was submitted to the Development Fund and

\$4000 was received. He indicated that another request will be submitted this year. Mr. Betts informed Senate that the Faculty of Arts and Science had unanimously approved the recommendation of this program. The motion (Wien) was then put.

that the degree program in Neuroscience be recommended to the Board of Governors for approval.

The motion carried.

86:159.

Computer Mainframe

Mr. Rodger made the following points. A decision on the purchase of a new mainframe is expected soon. He is concerned about the possibility of losing income from outside commercial accounts in the event of a change and that the system should be capable of taking care of the needs of the university. He stated that as far as he is aware, no benchmarks have been run. The President responded that these points have been taken into consideration. He agreed that there is always a problem that in one or two years following the installation the capacity may be used up. Mr. Rodger then noted that one of the units under consideration cannot be upgraded.

86:160.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 P.M.