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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY
MINUTES OF SENATE MEETING

SENATE met in regular session in the Senate and Board Room on Monday, 11 January 1988 at 4:00 P.M.

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

Andrews, Angelopoulos, Betts, Birdsall, Bissett-Johnson, Boyle, Brady, Braybrooke, Brett, Burns, T.S. Cameron, Christie, Clark, Dykstra, Egan, Forgay, J. Gordon, Greenfield, D.W. Jones, Kemp, Kennedy, Leffek, D. Lewis, MacDougall, Maloney, Manning, McNulty, D.W.P. O'Brien, Ozier, Pooley, Pross, Retallack, Richards, Shires, Sinclair, Stewart, Sutow, Tamlyn, Wien, Wood, Yung, Zayid.

Regrets: Badley, A.D. Cohen, Konok, Murray, Walker.

88:001.

IN CAMERA. of Names -- Honorary Degree Candidates

As Chair of the Honorary Degrees Committee, President Clark tabled eleven names for consideration as honorary degree candidates for Convocations to be held in 1988. He read a brief resume for each individual. Files on each nominee are available in the Senate Office for the perusal of interested Senators. Voting will take place at the February 8, 1988 meeting of Senate.

88:002.

B.A. (Major) in Women's Studies

The Chair observed that Senate had approved this program in 1982. The program was only recently approved by MPHEC. Precirculated correspondence from Vice-President Sinclair (dated November 13, 1987) and from L.H. Durling reported the Commission's approval and concomitant conditions. Approval for implementation of the programme was now sought. It was moved and seconded (Betts/Zayid)

that Senate approve implementation of the B.A. (Major in Women's Studies).

Mr. Betts commented that the Faculty of Arts and Science had approved this proposed program 5-6 years ago. MPHEC was now convinced that the program was complementary to the program offered by Mt. St. Vincent but did not duplicate the existing program. The philosophies of the two programs differed.

The motion carried.

88:003.

Proposed Terms of Reference -- Inter-University Institute on Gerontology

Mr. W.E. Jones read the President's 12 November 1987 letter to the Secretary and referred to the discussion of the Academic Planning Committee recorded in the precirculated minute excerpt of the July 20, 1987 meeting. A memorandum from A.M. Sinclair (28 April 1987) and the Report of the Working Committee on a Centre on Aging in Nova

Scotia had also been distributed with the 14 December 1987 agenda. The proposed terms of reference for an Inter-University Institute on Gerontology had been revised (10/2/87).

It was moved and seconded (Clark/Sinclair)

that Senate approve in principle the proposal and terms of reference to establish an InterUniversity Institute on Gerontology; and further that the Vice-President (Academic & Research) be authorized to meet with representatives of Mount Saint Vincent University, Acadia University, and St. Francis Xavier University to propose ways to implement the activities identified in the terms of reference.

The President elaborated that Dean Tonks had been involved in the planning phases and that discussions had taken place among the Nova Scotia university Presidents. A great deal of work remained to be done. The motion, if passed, would enable the Vice-President (Academic & Research) to meet with the institutions involved to propose strategies for implementation.

The motion carried.

88:004.

Reports to Senate

Two reports had been circulated to Senate for information. Mr. Kamra and Mr. T. Shaw had submitted a report on the activities of the Board of Governors Committee on Divestment in South Africa. Mr. Maloney had prepared a report on the activities of the Staff Relations Committee. There were no questions raised regarding either document.

88:005.

Matters of Information

Four matters of information had previously been circulated with the agenda for the 14 December 1987 meeting:

- Board Approval -- Bachelor of Science (Medical)
- Letter from SPPC re Artistic Embellishment of Buildings
- Letter from Mr. Mason to Mr. Wien re Cost of Supplies and Equipment
- Ombuds Report 1985/86 -- Vice-President's Response to Recommendations relating to Fees and Regulations

Mr. Andrews expressed dissatisfaction with the response from SPPC regarding artistic embellishment of buildings. Senate had years ago declared a policy which was apparently being ignored. He asked that the Steering Committee of Senate consider whether the Senate declared policy was being carried out. The Chair agreed. Mr. Sinclair informed Ms. Zayid that the recommendations of the Ombuds Report (1985/86) would be implemented as outlined in his response.

88:006.

Question Period

No questions were posed by Senators.

88:007.

Rescinding of B.Sc. Degree

Senators had received in advance correspondence from Mr. Power (Director, Student Advocacy Service) and the formal submission and supporting documentation regarding the retroactive awarding of a Bachelor of Science degree (Psychology) by Senate on July 13, 1987. Mr. Jeffery requested that this degree be rescinded in order that he could be formally registered in the Combined Honours program in Sociology and Psychology. The Chair reported that the matter had been considered by the Steering Committee on 4 December 1987 (SC minute excerpt 87:057). Committee members concurred that Mr. Jeffery had been caught in an unfortunate sequence of events. It was moved and seconded (Ozier/Zayid)

that Mr. Jeffery's B.Sc. degree (Psychology) be rescinded without prejudice and that Mr. Jeffery be admitted retroactively to the Combined Honours program in Psychology and Sociology, as requested.

Mr. Andrews supported the action proposed by the Steering Committee, but was concerned about the precedent established by the Steering Committee acting as an appeal committee. Mr. W.E. Jones clarified that this was considered to be an unusual circumstance as it involved a request from a student rather than a formal academic appeal.

88:008.

Report of the President

The President circulated copies of his report dated January 11, 1988 (appended). He spoke briefly to each of the five items. He also observed that copies of the proceedings of the National Forum on Post Secondary Education were available. Referring to the fifth item, Symposium on Undergraduate Education, Mr. McNulty queried whether suspension of classes would be against the terms of the Collective Agreement. He wondered if a statement would be issued to the effect that faculty members would not put themselves in jeopardy. Mr. Sinclair hoped that the memorandum from the President would serve as notice that no action would be taken. Mr. Betts believed that there would be considerable concern about cancellation of labs and certain classes. The President clarified that he encouraged, but did not order, cancellation of classes. Mr. Lewis, responding to a question posed by Mr. Pross, indicated that copies of the new Collective Agreement should be mailed out by administration in approximately two weeks. Mr. Andrews believed that it would be desirable to have a uniform statement on cancellation of classes to enable attendance at the symposium. He was concerned about the confusion which might result if the question was left to the discretion of individual professors. Ms. Ozier suggested that the issue of cancellation be referred to the Association-Board committee. Mr. Kennedy believed that Senate could make a recommendation in this instance as this was an academic event. It was agreed that the question would be left with the President for further report to Senate. The President clarified for Mr. Lewis that the funding for the appointment of a Technology Transfer Officer would not come from MPHEC grants, but from contract funding from the Research Office. The position and support staff would require funding. However, the specific level was not known.

88:009.

Proposed Terms of Reference -- Senate Advisory Committee on International Development

The President's 9 November 1987 correspondence to the Secretary had been distributed in advance of the meeting along with the Proposed Terms of Reference for the Senate Advisory Committee on International Development. The Report to Senate on the Reorganization of the Pearson Institute for International Development (dated 12 May 1987) had recommended that such a committee be established.

It was moved and seconded (Clark/Kennedy)

that the proposed mandate and terms of reference of the Senate Advisory Committee on International Development be approved.

The mover and seconder agreed to a friendly amendment proposed by Mr. Andrews to term 1(b), specifically, that the words "at least once a year" follow the word "report". Mr. Andrews queried whether it was appropriate to have a committee, not composed exclusively of Senators, review academic programme proposals on behalf of Senate (1c). Mr. Sinclair explained that such proposals would have had to receive initial approval from a Faculty delivering the project. The President accepted Mr. Andrew's recommendation that the words "to advise APC" replace "review on behalf of Senate".

After brief discussion, it was moved and seconded (Betts/Pross)

that "nonvoting" be inserted after "ex-officio" in 2(b).

Mr. Kennedy spoke against the amendment as it would weaken the role of the Executive Director. Mr. Betts urged Senators to vote in favour of the amendment, as it was usually good practice that executive officers not be voting members of their advisory councils.

The amendment carried.

Mr. Pross found item 2(d) too restrictive as he believed that it would be useful to add representatives from the professional community. The President commented that the linkage to Senate was important because of academic programs in the area. He agreed that it would be helpful to have input from inside and outside the University and that the number appointed by the President could be increased above four. However, the total size might be unwieldy.

Mr. Betts asked if the words "to advise the President on matters of international development" could be added to #1. The President believed that this might be redundant since the job of the Executive Director was to give advice to the President.

The above motion referring to the mandate and the now amended terms of reference and composition of the Senate Advisory Committee on International Development carried.

88:010.

Proposal for a Department of Applied Oral Sciences

A proposal submitted by Dean Zakariasen and Assistant Dean (Research), D. Jones (dated November 24, 1987) and the pertinent minute excerpt of the 4 November 1987 meeting of the Academic Planning Committee had been precirculated. On behalf of APC, Ms. Forgay moved

that Senate approve the establishment of a new department within the Faculty of Dentistry to be known as the Department of Applied Oral Sciences.

Dean Zakariasen explained that the essence of the proposal was to promote an emphasis on research in an area strongest in research which cut across clinical areas. Mr. Kennedy requested clarification regarding how the new unit would foster research. Mr. D. Jones replied that funds would be solicited from MRC for research associates, from NSERC for research fellows and from industry. It was hoped that visiting scholars would be attracted.

The motion carried.

88:011

Report of Senate Library Committee on Recommendations from 1987 and Beyond

Mr. Grossert reviewed the precirculated report to Senate dated October 29, 1987 and referred members to the five recommendations and the accompanying rationale. He drew the attention of Senators to the supportive documentation incorporated in the appendices. Mr. W.E. Jones thanked Mr. Grossert and his committee for their comprehensive report. Mr. Betts observed a number of errors in Appendix 1 related to fields of study at Dalhousie University. He had a comprehensive list of programs in Arts and Science and recommended consultation with himself and other deans. The President assured Mr. Braybrooke that earmarked funds contributed by the Capital Campaign went to the designated places. Campaign funds are additional, not in lieu of the regular budget. It seemed clear, in his view, however, that a substantial net gain was unlikely. Mr. Kennedy contended that Dalhousie had underspent on its library for a long time, in comparison to other universities. He was concerned about the inadequate book budget. Mr. W.E. Jones noted that it would be difficult to ratify all the recommendations of the Senate Library Committee, as the implications for the total budget were unknown. However, the report could be received and accepted in principle. Mr. Wien noted that the FPC had had some initial discussions on the considerable potential impact of the recommendations on the university budget. Mr. Andrews was reluctant to vote on any motion until FPC was able to give information on the context of the recommendations in terms of impact on the total budget.

After some discussion, it was agreed upon motion (Kennedy/Greenfield)

that Senate accept the report of the Senate Library Committee in principle and ask the Chair of Senate to request a follow-up report from APC and FPC.

88:012

President' s Council: Reaffirmation of Terms of Reference

Correspondence directed to Mr. W.E. Jones from President Clark (December 2, 1987) appended a document recommending "that Senate and the Board reaffirm the terms of reference of the President's Council". The terms of reference, he explained, were essentially those approved at the time of establishment. He believed that the Council played a useful role, distinct from the Statutory (Six and Six) Committee which met once a year.

It was moved and seconded (Clark/Braybrooke)

that Senate reaffirm the terms of reference of the President's Council, which should continue in existence for a further three year period.

The President concurred with Mr. Andrews' suggestion that the words "and that the Steering Committee consider the term of office of the members of the President's Council" be added to the motion as a friendly amendment.

The motion carried.

88:013.

Senate Academic Planning Committee Report on Distribution of Non- Replacements

Mr. W.E. Jones reported that the APC had reached a decision and had reluctantly agreed with the proposed distribution. The report would be made available with the next mailout. Mr. Andrews asked whether Faculties might obtain

reductions in the complement reduction via the redistribution process. Mr. Sinclair noted that the question of application of complement reduction process had been discussed at the Senior Advisory Council. However, a complete answer to Mr. Andrews' question would be forthcoming in the near future. Mr. Andrews agreed that an answer would be needed in order to do intelligent planning. Mr. Sinclair confirmed for Mr. S. Cameron that APC could give Faculties money without altering the complement reduction requirement. However, positions could not be filled if Faculties had not met the complement reduction requirement. Further to Mr. Braybrooke's request, it was agreed that the APC report would be distributed to all Senators.

88:014.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 P.M.

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF SENATE MEETING

SENATE met in regular session in the Senate and Board Room on Monday, 25 January 1988 at 4:00 P.M.

Present with the Vice-Chair, Mr. F. Wien, in the chair were the following:

Andrews, Angelopoulos, Betts, R.J. Boyd, Brady, Brett, T.S. Cameron, Christie, Curri, Duff, Egan, Greenfield, James, D.W. Jones, Kennedy, D. Lewis, MacDougall, MacKinnon, MacRae, Mason, Matthews, Myers, Ozier, Pooley, Pross, Retallack, Richards, Ritchie, Sayre, Shaw, Shires, Sinclair, Stern, Stewart, Tindall, Welch, B.D. Christie (invitee).

Regrets: Chaytor, A.D. Cohen, J.V. Jones, W.E. Jones, Kemp, Konok, Maloney, Precious, M.H. Tan, Tonks, Walker, Wassersug, Zakariasen.

88:014.

Senate Academic Planning Committee Report on Distribution of Non- Replacements

Mr. Wien reported that APC had advised the President of its conclusions regarding non-replacements. Mr. Andrews requested clarification regarding the interaction of the complement reduction process and the Redistribution Fund process. Mr. Sinclair responded that he had sent a memo to the Chair of Senate last Friday which explained the relationship of the two processes. This memorandum could be appended to the Senate minutes. Mr. Kennedy requested a definition of complement. Mr. Sinclair indicated that the complement consisted of all full-time equivalent academic staff who were, on the particular date selected, a continuing or potential charge on the budget. October 31 had been randomly selected as a most reasonable date. Mr. Kennedy commented that a good theory of complement was required and that the process was not currently related to the academic **plan**. Mr. Sinclair explained that a position approved under 26:07(a) **and not billed** was included in the complement. Mr. Andrews asked for the reasons for the particular discrepancy noted in the complement reduction proposed for the Faculty of Medicine (Table, page 2). Mr. Wien noted that the Library and Henson College were university priorities. However, Medicine had not been singled out as a priority in the 1987 and Beyond academic plan. He added that APC had been asked to comment on academic priorities, not divergence, from across-the-board cuts. Mr. Andrews reiterated his desire for an explanation of the divergence of Medicine from the other Faculties in the context of the sentence preceding "Analysis of Attrition Numbers" (page 3). Mr. S. Cameron concurred that this was a major divergence (i.e. 60%). Mr. Duff indicated that the faculty in Medicine were distributed between DFA and non DFA members.

88:015.

Minutes of the Meeting of 14 December 1987

The minutes of the meeting of 14 December 1987 were approved upon motion (Pross/Sinclair) with two amendments: Add the name of D. Sheridan under Senate Committee on Instructional Development in Senate Minute 87:070. Mr. W. Jones said that APC has not altered Faculty priorities for Redistribution Funds.

88:016.

Proposed Program -- Certificate in Liberal Studies for Police Officers

Correspondence dated 18 December 1987 from Ms. Angelopoulos relayed approval in principle from the Faculty of Arts and Science for the proposed program. In addition, the proposal entitled "Certificate in Liberal Studies for Police Officers", prepared by Mr. S. Frick, and an APC excerpt 87:168, had been precirculated to senators. APC had recommended approval. It was moved and seconded (Myers/Betts)

that Senate approve the program "Certificate in Liberal Studies for Police Officers" and recommend it to the Board of Governors.

Mr. Frick provided a brief overview of the proposed program. Mr. Betts noted that the proposal had been generated by Henson College. Faculty Council and the Faculty of Arts and Science had approved the program but had expressed concerns about the coherence of the program and about the fact that police officers might have sidearms while in the classroom.

Mr. S. Cameron indicated that II(d) of the proposal should read "All", not "most" (students would be carefully screened and admitted under the mature student category). Consultation would occur between the Admissions Committee and Henson College. Mr. Kennedy believed that it would be a worthwhile principle that police not be permitted to be armed in the classrooms. Perhaps they could check guns at the door. He objected to the fact that there had been insufficient consultation with departments (e.g. English) when the list of suggested classes (Appendix A) was developed. Pointing to IV(B), he questioned whether it was correct to label the program as a priority.

Mr. Pross wondered if the program was sufficiently liberal. He believed that the suggested classes could be expanded to include classes from other Faculties (e.g. Management Studies, Health Professions). He was concerned that the proposal did not provide a clear statement of potential costs of required resources.

It was moved and seconded (Pross/Kennedy)

that the proposal for a Certificate in Liberal Studies for Police Officers be referred back to Senate APC in order that that committee inquire further into the liberality of the proposed program and the costs of the program.

Mr. Andrews believed that the points made by Mr. Kennedy were well taken. Mr. Betts clarified that tuition fees were approximately \$1600, of which one half would go to the Faculty (approximately \$12,000 in total). This should cover the costs of integrating students into the first year. He agreed with Mr. Kennedy that the Faculty of Arts and Science had not decided that the program was a high priority. Ms. Ozier believed that the program should be encouraged and not held up.

Mr. Myers hoped that a mechanism might be proposed to deal with concerns raised without delaying the proposal. Mr. Frick agreed, adding that the proposal had been circulated to the Deans of Management Studies and Health Professions welcoming feedback. However, follow-up calls had not elicited a response. The list of suggested classes was not exclusive. Mr. S. Cameron remained concerned about the sidearms issue. Mr. Frick agreed with Mr. Cameron's

interpretation that the problem was a matter of timing. Halifax police officers might be on duty, and hence, in uniform during the time scheduled for classes.

Ms. Ritchie maintained that although Mr. Pross raised an excellent point, the proposal did permit freedom of choice (according to II E) in selection of classes. She indicated that she would vote against the motion. Mr. Christie supported Ms. Ozier's expressed views. He thought classes might be available from the Faculty of Law.

Mr. Pross confirmed that he was concerned about the general question of costs of proposals which came to Senate. He wondered if students registered in the Faculty of Arts and Science had difficulty taking classes outside the Faculty unless these appeared on an approved list. Mr. Betts observed that the approved list was currently under review with a view to increased flexibility.

The motion was defeated.

Lengthy discussion, contributed to by Messrs. Greenfield, Andrews, Sinclair, Lewis, Shaw, Myers, Betts, Welch, Kennedy and Ms. Ozier focused on the question of sidearms in the classroom. An amendment to the main motion was moved and seconded (Lewis/Betts)

that the proposal be approved on the understanding that prior to implementation Senate approve n policy concerning police officers carrying arms in the classroom.

Points raised included the need for a prior arrangement with the instructor and instructor's right to refuse; the view expressed by CAA that an arms policy might not be desirable at this point in time; that the President and his Legal Counsel be asked to inquire how similar matters were handled at other universities; the question of rights of students in Canada and other countries; the exceptional rights of police officers in our society; the flexibility of the employers involved; the impact in terms of psychology of teaching on interaction of the class; and, the perceived need for some type of statement.

The mover and seconder agreed to a friendly amendment proposed by Mr. S. Cameron

that "be satisfied that adequate provisions had been made concerning A policy of" replace "approve a policy concerning".

The amendment passed.

The main motion as amended carried.

88:017.

Committee on Committee Nominations

On behalf of the Committee on Committees, Mr. R. Boyd nominated Ms. M. Ozier as a new representative on the Senate of Mount Saint University. After three calls for further nominations, Ms. Ozier was declared elected.

Mr. Boyd reported for the information of senators that I. Fooladi (Business Administration) would serve as a six-month replacement on the Trustees to the Pension Fund and Retirees Pension

Fund.

88:018.

Matter of Information: Report of Dalhousie Senate Representative on Mount Saint Vincent University Senate

Mr. Andrews' report, dated 1 January 1988, had been precirculated for the information of senators. No questions were posed by members.

88:019.

Other Business

Mr. T. Shaw wondered if there had been any discussion regarding coordination of the Third World component of the proposed President's leadership class with the established international development class/program at Dalhousie. Mr. Sinclair believed that it would be timely to have such discussions with those involved in the planning of the program in the Faculty of Health Professions. Mr. Betts understood that this program would entail five years for completion of a degree, as students would return to Dalhousie for a final year following a year spent on a project in a developing country. Mr. Shaw hoped that the management committee would include representatives from related and concerned programs. Mr. Andrews indicated that he had drawn Mr. Richards' attention to possible discussions with IDS and Mr. T. Shaw. This project entailed service abroad as well as service in this country, unlike IDS.

88:020.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 P.M.