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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

OF

SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session in the Board and Senate Room on Monday, 13 July 1981 at 4:00 p.m.

Present with Mr. A. M. Sinclair in the chair were the following members:

Andrews, Bishop, Blum, Bradley, Cameron D.M., Cameron T.S., Chaytor, Cohen, Edelstein, Ettliger, Fraser J., Friedenberg, Graham, Heard, Horrocks, Klassen, Kocourek, Laidlaw, MacDonald K.F., MacKay W.A., Maloney, Manos, Monk, Morgan, Morse, Norvell, Pronych, Rodger, Sprott, Stewart, Stovel, Thompson, Tingley, Varma, Waite, Wiktor.

In the absence of Mr. J. A. McNulty, Mr. A. J. Tingley acted as Secretary.

Regrets were received from the following members:

Bennett, Dickson, Egan, Gold, Hatcher, MacKay G.D.M., McNulty.

81:48. Minutes of the Meeting of 8 June 1981

The minutes of the meeting of 8 June 1981, which had been previously circulated, were approved.

81:49. New Members of Senate

New members of Senate were introduced by the Chairman.

81:50. Question Period

Mr. S. E. Sprott asked if nominations for members of the Standing Committee on the Library would be presented at this meeting. The Chairman advised that as of yet nominations have not been received from the Committee on Committees.

Mr. D. P. Varma requested information on the utilization of the Kipling Collection. It was agreed that information on this would be provided at the next meeting of Senate.

81:51. University Library Budget

The following motion, notice of which had been given at the previous meeting, was offered by Mr. M. Edelstein and seconded by Mr. A. C. Thompson:

**It is moved that Senate protests against the proposed 7% cut in the current serials subscription and book allocation of the Dalhousie Library.**

A discussion took place, in which a number of members took part. Mr. W. A. MacKay advised that the budget had not actually been cut, as implied by the motion. Mr. K. A. Heard pointed out that the Library budget, as well as other budgets, was subject to pressure. Mr. S. E. Sprott expressed concern about the relative decrease in the rate of acquisitions of the Library. He emphasized that during the last few years, despite increases in the budget, the rate of acquisitions had actually decreased. He moved that the motion be amended by adding the following:

**and that Senate advises that, in order to keep the book and periodicals collection living and relevant and to prevent its irreversible deterioration because of indiscriminate cutting, no reduction be made in the acquisitions budget for the year 1981-82 but that during that period a professional rationale for preserving and developing the collection be brought forward by the Library and the Senate Library Committee.**

The motion to amend was seconded by Ms. P. Monk.

Upon it being pointed out that there was a contradiction in the wording, it was agreed to replace the word "allocation" by "purchases" in the main motion.

After further discussion, the motion to amend was put and carried.

The motion as amended was then put and carried.

It was moved by Mr. W. A. MacKay, seconded by Mr. B. Stovel that

**this motion, and the motion of the previous meeting concerning the Library, be referred to the Financial Planning Committee for consideration and advice.**

It was understood that the Committee would be expected to report at the next meeting.

The motion was carried.

81:52. Dalhousie - Mount Saint Vincent Joint Agreement

It was moved by Mr. N. Horrocks, seconded by Mr. W. A. MacKay that

**the agreement with Mount Saint Vincent University be extended for one year to August 31, 1982.**

In answer to a question, it was pointed out that the agreement had been approved for five years in 1974, and had since been renewed for one year at a time.

The President said that he hoped a new agreement would be worked out during the coming summer. The motion was put and carried.

81:53 Reports and Recommendations -- Committees of Senate

The Secretary drew attention to certain matters which had been referred to various Committees "for action", and which were reported upon by attachments to the agenda.

81:54. Spring Convocations - May 1982

The following schedule, which had been recommended by the Honorary Degrees Committee, was approved:

Wednesday, 12 May 1982  
10:30 a.m. Dentistry (Cohn)

Thursday, 13 May 1982  
10:00 a.m. Administrative Studies (Cohn)  
2:00 p.m. Health Professions (Dalplex)

Friday, 14 May 1982  
2:00 p.m. Arts and Science (Dalplex)

Friday, 21 May 1982  
10:00 a.m. Medicine (Cohn)

Friday, 28 May 1982  
2:00 p.m. Law (Cohn)

81:55. Addition to the May Convocation List

The Acting Secretary, on behalf of Dean Tonks, reported that the following addition had been made to the May Convocation list, under the authority delegated to the Dean of the Faculty and the Registrar:

Monita Szeto - Bachelor of Nursing

81:56. Faculty of Law -- 100th. Anniversary

Mr. P. B. Waite asked whether there were any plans to celebrate this event. Mr. W. A. MacKay answered positively.

81:57 Athletic Scholarships

Mr. R. L. Comeau pointed out that there have been references to athletic scholarships in the press, and asked about the present position of Dalhousie.

The President reported that the present situation is one of great confusion. At the moment the question of awarding scholarships in this region is left to the individual institutions. Dalhousie University has no such scholarships at the present time. It has been proposed that there be discussion on this matter and the Dalhousie community in the fall.

81:58 Budget

The President reported that the situation is not as good as had been previously expected. Efforts are being made by Officers of the University and others, including members of the Investment Committee, to bring the situation under control. There are likely to be serious constraints for the next year or two, but the President expressed optimism provided there are reasonable increments to the support provided by the various levels of government.

81:59. Learned Societies

It was agreed unanimously that those involved in planning and carrying out the arrangements for the meetings of the Learned Societies, Dr. R. Kartsaklis, Dr. P. B. Huber, Mr. John Graham, and Dr. R. Smith others should be congratulated. It was left to the Officers of Senate to convey these sentiments.

81:60 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.