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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

OF

SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session in the Board and Senate Room on Monday, 8 June 1981 at 4:00 p.m.

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

Andrews, Atherton, Aucoin, Betts, Bissett-Johnson, Blum, Bradley, Burns, Cameron D.M., Crowley, Dresel, Duff, Edelstein, Fillmore, Fingard, Fraser J., Friedenber, Gaede, Haley, Heard, Horrocks, Huber, James K.M., Kiang, Kimmins, Klassen, Kocourek, Leffek, Logan, McCabe J. (representing Maloney), Matthews, McNulty, Norvell, Radjavi, Ritchie, Runte, Sprott, Stovel, Tingley, Tonks, Webster L.M., Mercer (invitee).

Regrets were received from Belzer, Bennett, Bingham, Gold, Hatcher, MacKay W.A., Maloney, Martin S., Moffitt, Pooley, and Pronych.

81:43. Minutes of the Meetings of 8 May 1981 and 15 May 1981

The Chairman pointed out that he had not met with Vice-President Klassen about the report on Centres and Institutes as stated in Minute No. 81:35 (first paragraph), but rather had discussed the matter with him on the phone. With this correction, the minutes of the meeting of 8 May 1981 were approved upon motion (Klassen/Horrocks).

Upon motion (Horrocks/Klassen) the minutes of the meeting of 15 May 1981 were also approved.

81:44. Question Period

Mr. Edelstein asked the Vice-President (Academic and Research), in the absence of the Vice-President (Administration and Finance), about the proposed cuts in the library budget and what the prospects were that the proposed cuts would be rescinded or reduced. Vice-President Klassen replied that the cut is not quite as great as indicated in the letter from the Library and pointed out that all departments and units in the university have to operate on a reduced budget given the present financial circumstances. Concern was expressed by a number of members about the reductions year by year in current journal subscriptions and in the ability of the library to add new book acquisitions to its holdings.

Mr. Sprott asked when nominations for the Senate Library Committee will be brought forward. The Chairman stated that the Committee on Committees has been asked to bring nominations forward and would report shortly.

Mr. Andrews asked why cuts are being made in areas such as the library, when Senate has protested these cuts in the past, apparently to no avail. The Chairman stated that the Vice-President (Administration and Finance) has informed the Senate Financial Planning Committee on more than one occasion that the budget for library

acquisitions would be given first priority to be increased if and when the financial situation for 1981-82 eases.

81:45. Reports and Recommendations -- Committees of Senate

A. Academic Planning Committee

1. Teacher Education Programmes in Nova Scotia

On behalf of the Academic Planning Committee, the Chairman introduced two proposals for joint programmes between the Nova Scotia Teacher's College and Dalhousie University. One involved a joint B.Ed. programme with Teacher's College students spending one additional year at Dalhousie; the second involved two years of study at Dalhousie after completing Teacher's College, resulting in the award of a joint B.Ed. degree and the simultaneous award of a B.A. or B.Sc.

It was moved and seconded (Dresel/Haley) that

**Senate approve the two programmes for joint Dalhousie University-Nova Scotia Teacher's College Bachelor of Education Degrees, one being a one-year B.Ed. programme and the other being a two-year combined B.A., or B.Sc., and B.Ed. programme.**

The motion was carried.

B. Honorary Degrees Committee

Upon recommendation of the Honorary Degrees Committee, it was moved and seconded that

**Fall Convocation be held on Friday, 16 October 1981.**

The motion was carried.

81:46. Other Business

A. University Library Budget

It was moved and seconded (Crowley/Fingard) that

**Senate declares in principle that if there has been a decline in the Library's Collections Budget relative to the University Budget, this constitutes an unreasonable reduction in the University's support of teaching and research.**

Lengthy discussion followed with numerous members protesting the Library's deteriorating state with regard to the Library's ability to purchase new volumes to maintain a first class teaching and research facility. Vice-President Klassen pointed out that everything that can be done to protect the Library's budget will be done.

Mr. Edelstein pointed out that he had filed a notice of motion protesting the cuts and there will be an opportunity for members to discuss the matter further at the next meeting.

The motion was carried. Upon motion a count was taken showing 27 yes votes, 4 nay, with 8 abstentions.

B. Dalhousie - Mount Saint Vincent Joint Agreement

Mr. Huber pointed out that the agreement was once again about to expire without any report on negotiations having been submitted to Senate as requested (Minutes No. 80:95; 81:06; 81:30.A.3). He served notice of motion that he would move at the next meeting that the current agreement be extended for one more year.

81:47. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.