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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session in the Board and Senate Room on Monday, 14 March 1983 at 4:00 p.m.

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

Anderson, Andrews, Axworthy, Barkow, Belzer, Betts, Bishop, Borwein, Bradfield, Braybrooke, Brett, Brookbank, Chambers, Cromwell, Cross, Dickson, Duff, Easterbrook, Egan, Ettlinger, FriedenberG, Friedrich, Gaede, Garside, Gesner, Graham, Hall B.K., Heard, Horrocks, Jacobson, James, Jones J.V., Jones S., Jones W.E., Josenhans, Kamra, Kent, Kimmins, Laidlaw, Lawrence, LoLordo, MacAulay, MacIntosh, Maloney, Manos, McNulty, Nestman, Manning, O'Shea, Ozier, Pereira, Pooley, Pronych, Rans, Renner, Robinson, Rozee, Runte, Schotch, Sherwin, Sinclair-Faulkner, Stairs, Stewart, Stern, Stuttard, Tan, Thiessen, Thompson, Tingley, Tomlinson, Tonks, Treves-Gold, Waterson, Yung.

Regrets: Bennett, Cohen A.D., Fulton, Gold, Moffitt.

83:18. New Member of Senate

The Chairman introduced and welcomed Mr. Jonathan Borwein, newly elected representative from the Faculty of Arts and Science replacing a faculty member whose term runs until 31 August 1983.

83:19. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Upon motion (Lawrence/Friedrich) the minutes of the meeting of 14 February 1983 were approved with the following corrections:

Added as the last paragraph of Minute No. 83:12 should be "In response to (3), the President stated that there was no indication that the person had accepted another position at that time. He indicated that he did not wish to discuss the matter publicly at the present time."

In Minute No. 83:13, should be added

Faculty of Administrative Studies

Bachelor of Commerce ..... 7  
    (Honours 1)  
Bachelor of Social Work ..... 9

83:20. Question Period

Mr. Sinclair-Faulkner stated that he understood that the President has been elected as President of AUCC, and he asked what percentage of the President's time currently spent at Dalhousie is likely to be diverted to AUCC. The President replied that he did not anticipate spending a great deal of time away from Halifax. Much of the business of AUCC is conducted by phone, although there are three regular meetings of the Association per year and the occasional special meeting. He added that he is resigning the Presidency of AAU and does not anticipate devoting more time than he does at present to AAU matters.

Mr. Kamra, President of the Dalhousie Faculty Association, again asked about the cost of paper towels in the Dental Building. He pointed out that the point of his question was to find out the actual cost and he therefore asked that his question be recorded in the minutes since it is a matter of concern to him. He asked that Vice-President Shaw provide the actual costs of paper towels in the Dental Building for the next meeting.

Mr. Kamra also asked that data be provided for each faculty (1) on the number of positions which have been affected by the restraint and renewal programme, including both full-time and part-time positions, (2) on the number of positions which have been replaced, and (3) on the cost of salaries and benefits associated with each.

Mr. Bradfield asked the Vice-President (Administration and Finance) if he had stated at a meeting of the Faculty of Arts and Science that it would suffer most from positions lost because of its high turnover of faculty. Mr. Shaw replied that he did not say that, but the facts suggested that the statement was in some ways a logical conclusion to draw.

Ms. Ozier said that, according to the University News, recent members of the University taking early retirement had no alternate employment. She asked what the University is doing to place suit for fraud in any cases where the University was misled in this regard. The President replied that no legal advice had been sought and will not be sought, since the subject is a matter of grievance between the University and the DFA and until that is resolved the matter will not be discussed. He indicated that he would like to talk in future about general matters of retirement and severance, including consideration for those changing careers.

Mr. Andrews asked the Chairman of the Financial Planning Committee or the Vice-President (Administration and Finance) to provide details about the Student Information System being contracted out at a cost of \$750,000. Mr. Jones stated that the Financial Planning Committee was aware of the proposal and the matter has been discussed with Vice-President Shaw. Mr. Shaw

stated that a Student Information System should be a fundamental part of the University. He briefly described the proposed system and stated that its cost would be between \$600,000 and \$625,000. In response to questioning, Mr. Shaw added that part of the development cost of the system as well as part of the operating costs would be recovered from the other three universities sharing the system. He stated that the University would save money in the long run by developing joint university administrative systems.

83:21. Submission to Provincial Commission of Inquiry into Post-Secondary Education -- Notice of Motion

Mr. Sinclair-Faulkner moved, seconded by Mr. Renner,

**That the Senate Academic Planning Committee be asked to submit to the next regular meeting of Senate a proposal which will permit Senate to prepare a brief for submission to the recently appointed Provincial Commission of Inquiry into Post-secondary Education. The brief should be comprehensive in scope and based on wide spread discussion within the University. The brief should represent the considered position of the Senate, but its preparation should encourage rather than discourage the preparation and submission of briefs to the Commission of Inquiry from individuals and groups within the University.**

Mr. Renner spoke to the motion emphasizing that the Commission is a significant one and cannot be taken lightly or submissively.

The President stated that he had no objection to Senate's participation in the University's submission, but he felt that a proposal must be developed which is perceived as a university proposal, and a strong submission supported by the whole university must be developed.

Mr. Friedenbergl stated that there are differences of opinion between academic members of the University and members of the administration, and that Senate should maintain its function as the body that defines academic roles.

An amendment was moved and seconded (Pooley/Heard),

that the motion terminate after the first sentence.

The amendment was defeated.

A second amendment was moved and seconded (Graham/Lawrence),

**that the words "...to prepare a brief..." in the third line of the motion be replaced by "...to contribute in a major way to the preparation of the University's brief..."**

**The amendment was carried.**

**The motion as amended was carried.**

83:22. Reports and Recommendations -- Committees of Senate

A. Interim Ad Hoc Board of Appeals

1. Recommendation on Appeal of Student for Re-admission to the College of Pharmacy

(This item was considered IN CAMERA.)

83:22. Reports and Recommendations -- Committees of Senate

A. Interim Ad Hoc Board of Appeals

1. Recommendation on Appeal of Student for Re-admission to the College of Pharmacy (Continued)

Ms. Jones, on behalf of the Ad Hoc Board of Appeals considering the appeal of Mr. Michael Gallagher, circulated the report of the Board and outlined the procedures followed and the recommendations made.

Mr. Yung, Director of the College of Pharmacy, reported on the matter.

Mr. A. P. Boudreau, legal counsel for Mr. Gallagher, then addressed Senate.

After answering questions from the floor on the facts of the case, the parties to the Appeal withdrew and the matter was considered by Senate.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the conclusion and recommendation of the Board of Appeals was upheld and Mr. Gallagher's appeal for re-admission to the College of Pharmacy was denied.

83:23. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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SENATE                      MEETING

Senate met in *Special Session* in the Board and Senate Room on Monday, 21 March 1983 at 4:00 p.m.

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

Andrews, Axworthy, Bennett, Betts, Birdsall, Bradfield, Braybrooke, Brett, Byham, Cameron D. M., Chambers, Chandler, Chaytor, Cromwell, Cross, Duff, Easterbrook, Egan, Fraser (Philip), Friedenber, Friedrich, Fulton, Garside, Gesner, Graham, Haley, Heard, Irwin, James K.M., Jones W.E., Josenhans, Kent, Kimmins, Kussmaul, Laidlaw, Leffek, MacIntosh, MacKay W.A., McLaren, McLean, McNulty, Myers, O'Brien H.L., Ozier, Patterson, Rans, Robinson, Rodger, Rozee, Runte, Sherwin, Sinclair-Faulkner, Smith, Stairs, Stuttard, Tan, Thompson, Tingley, Tomlinson, Treves-Gold, Varma, Yung.

Regrets: Blecher, Cohen A.D., Gold, Hatcher, Jones J.V., Langley, Maloney, Moffitt, Pooley, Stern, Tonks, Waterson.

83:24.        Reports and Recommendations -- Committees of Senate

A.            Interim Ad Hoc Board of Appeals

1.            Recommendation on Appeal of Student for Re-admission to the Faculty of Medicine

Mr. Farmer, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Board on the appeal of Mr. Dilpreet Jammu, presented the committee's report and moved, seconded by Mr. McLean,

**that the conclusion and recommendation of the Ad Hoc Board of Appeals be upheld and that Mr. Dilpreet Jammu's appeal for re-admission to the Faculty of Medicine be denied.**

The motion was **carried**.

B.            Financial Planning Committee

1.            Report on the Elimination of Unfunded Capital Debt

The Report of the Financial Planning Committee had been previously circulated. Mr. Jones moved, seconded by Mr. Kimmins,

**that the Report be considered informally at the present time.**

The motion was **carried**.

In keeping with procedures applying in such cases, minutes were not kept and informal discussion was limited to 25 minutes.

In light of the informal discussion, Mr. Jones moved, seconded by Mr. Rodger,

**that the Report be referred back to the Financial Planning Committee.**

Discussion of the distinction between operating expenses and capital funds ensued.

Upon vote, the motion was **carried**.

C. Committee on Academic Administration

1. Appeals Procedures and Discipline Matters

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Administration, President MacKay, seconded by Mr. Thompson, moved the adoption of the following recommendations:

1. **That all academic offenses, including plagiarism, cheating, impersonation, falsification of records and other academic matters having sanctions imposed as discipline continue to be heard by the Senate Discipline Committee under the procedures and terms of reference approved by Senate, and under the authority delegated by Senate to that Committee.**
2. **That Senate require each Faculty to develop internal Faculty regulations and procedures for hearing student appeals and grievances on academic matters relating to academic standards, course requirements, examinations and other evaluative procedures, grades, pass requirements, advancement requirements, graduation requirements, etc., and to submit these regulations and procedures to Senate no later than 30 June 1983. Once approved by Senate, the regulations and procedures would then constitute the mandatory appeal procedures to be followed within the Faculty.**
3. **That Senate appoint a Senate Academic Appeals Committee to hear student academic appeals beyond the Faculty level and that**
  - (a) **the Senate Academic Appeals Committee be vested with the jurisdiction by the Senate to hear student appeals on academic matters relating to academic standards, course requirements, examinations and other evaluative procedures, grades, pass requirements, advancement requirements, graduation requirements and other University or Faculty academic regulations, and**



- (b) **the Senate Academic Appeals Committee be given authority to develop hearing procedures and policy guidelines relating to said student appeals, and**
- (c) **the jurisdiction of the Senate Academic Appeals Committee to hear said students appeals would only exist in those instances when the approved appeal regulations and procedures of the respective Faculty had been fully exhausted by the student, and**
- (d) **the Senate Academic Appeals Committee would have no jurisdiction to hear student appeals on a matter involving a requested exemption from the application of Faculty or University regulations or procedures except when irregularities or unfairness in the application thereof is alleged.**

Mr. Crocker, University Legal Advisor, outlined the intent of the regulations and answered questions about the proposed appeals procedures.

Discussion of discipline matters followed, and upon motion (MacKay/Rodger)

**an amendment to delete Recommendation 1 was carried.**

**The motion as amended was carried.**

2. Transfer Credits for Correspondence Classes -- Recommendation from the Faculty of Arts and Science

It was moved and seconded (Betts/Andrews) that

**Recommendation:**

**Transfer credits may be granted only for classes which are offered by a recognized university or equivalent institution of higher learning and which are judged to be of comparable standard to classes offered at Dalhousie and to be appropriate to an academic programme at Dalhousie.**

**Transfer credits for classes falling within the scope of Dalhousie departments are subject to approval by those departments.**

**Transfer credits are not normally granted for classes that do not fall within the scope of any Dalhousie department or school. Students may, however, apply to the appropriate Faculty for the transfer of credit for such classes where they can justify the inclusion of these classes in their proposed programmes.**

A motion (Bennett/Chaytor) to refer the matter back to the Committee on Academic Administration was defeated.

The motion was **carried**.

It was agreed that this information should be included in the part of the Calendar dealing with undergraduate programmes.

It was moved and seconded (Betts/Myers)

**that an Ad Hoc Committee of Senate be established to investigate transfer credits for the undergraduate programmes in Arts and Science, Health Professions, and Administrative Studies.**

The motion was **carried**.

### 3. Review of Position of Vice-President

The President reviewed the responsibilities of the President's Office in which the Vice-President plays a key role, and suggested that responsibility for all academic matters may be too large a task for one person, and that perhaps a vice-president with responsibility for planning would also be required as well as an academic vice-president.

He indicated that he would welcome consultation with Senate on the matter. He moved, seconded by Mr. Leffek,

**that an Advisory Committee for a Vice-President (Academic & Research) be set up immediately,**

**and that this Advisory Committee also be empowered to advise the President on additional Vice-Presidents if they are deemed necessary.**

Mr. Sinclair-Faulkner asked the Chairman to rule the motion out of order, since it contravened motions passed by Senate on 14 February 1983 (Minute No. 83:15.D.I).

Mr. Leffek pointed out that the Chairman accepted the motion contained in Minute No. 83:15.D.I which contravened regulations governing the appointment of vice-presidents and should, therefore, accept the present motion.

Discussion followed on the legality of the motion, and the Chairman ruled the motion in order.

Mr. Friedenberf challenged the Chairman's ruling. Upon motion the ruling was upheld.

An amendment was moved and seconded (Rodger/Braybrooke)

**that "Acting Vice-President (Academic and Research)" be substituted for "Vice-President (Academic and Research)."**

The amendment was **carried**.

The motion as amended was **carried**.

D. Honorary Degrees Committee

1. Honorary Degree Candidates -- Voting

The names of Honorary Degree Candidates tabled at the last meeting were voted upon by secret ballot. Messrs. Jones and Chaytor were appointed as scrutineers to report only to the Secretary.

E. Committee on Committees

1. Information Report on Election of Officers and Statutory Committees of Senate

The Chairman reported that elections for the new Officers of Senate and new members of the Statutory Committees of Senate would take place at the April meeting of Senate. As required by the Constitution, the Committee on Committees would circulate a slate of nominees with supporting curricula vitarum two weeks in advance of the meeting.

82:25. Report from the President

A report on The Renewal Process and a Report to Senate and the Board of Governors had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The President indicated he welcomed comments on both.

83:26. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.