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MINUTES OF

SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session in the Board and Senate Room on Monday, 11 June 1984 at 4:00 P.M.

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

Betts, Bradfield, Cameron D.M., Caty, Chaytor, Courtney, Duff, Friedenberg, Gigeroff, Gratwick, Haley, Hennen, James, Kamra, Klein, Langley, Lewis, MacKay, Maloney, Manning, McCann, McFarlane, Mezei, Nestman, O'Brien D.W.P., O'Shea, Ozier, Paquet, Pooley, Pronych, Pross, Rodger, Rose, Ruf, Scheibelhut, Shaw L.R., Sinclair, Sodhi, Stairs, Stern, Stovel, Stuttard, Tindall, Tingley, Treves-Gold, Varma, Wien, Wood, Young, Zinck.

Regrets: Birdsall, Blecher, Cromwell, Gold, Jones J.V., MacIntosh, Munroe, Waterson.

84:53. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 4 May 1984 were approved upon motion (Rodger/McCann) with changes to 84:42.C.I - nomination by Gigeroff, not Hill and 84:42.D.I, line 4 should read Section 5.5.1, not 5.1.1.

The minutes of the meeting of 14 May 1984 were adopted upon motion (Rodger/Gigeroff) with two amendments: 84:46.A.2, line 4 - add the words "without dissent" and 84:46.A.2, page 4, paragraph 5, line 1 the initials D.M. should precede Cameron.

It was moved and seconded (Rodger/McCann)

that the minutes of the 18 May 1984 meeting of Senate be accepted.

The motion carried.

84:54 New Members of Senate

The Chairman welcomed the following newly-elected representatives to Senate:

Faculty of Health Professions

Professor James Wall - School of Physiotherapy

Faculty of Arts and Science

Professor H. Bakvis - Department of Political Science

Professor M. Gibbling - Department of Geology

Professor L. Mayer - Department of Oceanography

Professor S. McFarlane - Department of Microbiology

Professor M. R. Rose - Department of Biology

Professor S. S. Sodhi - Department of Education

Professor D. Wooton - Department of History

Mt. St. Vincent University Representatives

Professor Leslie Brown - Department of Sociology

Professor George Patterson - Department of Modern Languages

Professor Ilya Blum - Department of Mathematics

Student Representatives

Alex Gigeroff - President of Student Council

John Lee

David McCann

Dianne Paquet

Sarah Birkett

Bob Morrison

Ms. K. Waterson was welcomed as a member in her own right as Director of the Transition Year Programme.

84:55. Question Period

Mr. S. Young inquired about the progress made toward resolution of the problem cited by the student(s) in a recent convocation incident. Mr. A. Sinclair reported that he had met with seven graduands and that a written statement of concerns was currently being prepared.

In response to a question from Mr. McCann regarding Senate Minute No. 84:48, Mr. Shaw indicated that current plans did not necessarily include the demolition of Hart House. He had not been able to confirm the intention of the developer. The land had been sold to United Equities.

Mr. McCann wondered about the current plight of Arts and Science with respect to teaching equipment and materials (Senate Minute No. 84:42). Mr. Betts reported that chairpersons had been asked to prepare prioritized lists of required equipment. Mr. Shaw added that some money for this purpose had been built into the base of the 1984-85 budget.

Mr. McCann then asked whether the President had communicated to the Nova Scotia Department of Education the concerns identified at the last meeting. President MacKay confirmed that this had happened and added that relevant correspondence had gone to M.P.H.E.C. He took the opportunity to comment on the matter of review of equalization grants. There would be a further statement from the Minister of Education, produced in consultation with the Commission regarding the level of increased funding this year.

The President indicated that Dalhousie benefited by a variance in the regular Formula funding and as a result of the variance Dalhousie's funding increased from 3% to 3.4%. The government also significantly increased, on the recommendation of M.P.H.E.C., funding to TUNS. The President concluded his remarks by stating that it still hoped that funding in 1984-85 might be marginally improved. He also hoped that the Council of Maritime Premiers might shortly announce a successor to Mr. Terry.

Mr. Bradfield was concerned about the bad publicity associated with any Dalhousie involvement in eviction of residents of Hart House. Mr. Shaw agreed but maintained that it should be the role of City Council, not Dalhousie, to determine what would go on site and that Dalhousie needed the 2.7 million involved.

Mr. Pooley indicated that concerns had arisen regarding certain tenure and promotion consideration(s) due to the uncertainty of some parties regarding the separation of the School of Recreation, Physical and Health Education from the Department of Athletic and Recreation Services. He agreed to submit this question in writing to the Senate Office, at the request of the Chairman.

Mr. Stuttard asked whether Dalhousie security force had the authority to ask the city police to press criminal charges. Mr. Shaw indicated that this had not been a practice in the past. He then recounted some details of the incident in the Tupper Building to which Mr. Stuttard referred.

Mr. Kamra wanted to know whether either Dalhousie or United Equities had offered incentives to the tenants of Hart House. Mr. Shaw and Ms. Stern refuted this possibility.

84:56. Reports and Recommendations -- Committees of Senate

A. Academic Planning Committee

1. Regulations Concerning Appointments, Tenure and Promotions

The Chairman reported that Mr. McNulty had requested that discussion on this item be delayed. Mr. Crocker believed that regulations for appeals procedures should be included and that the current collective agreement negotiations should be completed first.

B. Committee on Academic Administration

1. Advisory Committee on Administrative Studies and Related Programmes

Mr. Sinclair, on behalf of the CAA, reported that the key points considered by the CAA were the change of name of the Faculty and the transfer of the Maritime School of Social Work

(MSSW) to the Faculty of Health Professions.

It was moved and seconded (Sinclair/Gigeroff)

that the Final Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative Studies and Related Programmes be adopted.

The Chairman referred members to two letters from Dean Tonks with reference to the request of the MSSW and the programme in Health Services Administration (HSA) to join the Faculty of Health Professions. Mr. Maloney reinforced the concerns of the Faculty cited in Mr. Tonks' letter about the need to isolate the budget of MSSW and about the name of the Faculty. Mr. Sinclair thought that there would be no technical difficulty in transferring the budget. Mr. Wien addressed the issue of name, indicating that the MSSW preferred a broadened designation and would so request within two years of joining the Faculty. The move itself was of major import.

In response to another query from Mr. Maloney, Mr. Sinclair reported that the CAA considered the prerequisites for acceptance of HSA into the Faculty of Health Professions, listed in Dean Tonks correspondence. The committee concluded that as the relevant excerpt on page 20 of the final report did not include a recommended course of action and the matter was still under discussion, it was understood that the report was still appropriate.

The motion was put to a vote and **carried**.

2. Appointment of Ombud and Assistant Ombud

The Secretary reported that the CAA, on 30 April 1984, recommended to Senate that Peter Rogers be appointed Ombud and Greg Cooper be appointed Assistant Ombud for 1984-85, as recommended by Dean Marriott, Chairman of the Ombud Advisory Committee.

It was moved and seconded (Gigeroff/McCann)

that Senate recommend to the Board of Governors that Peter Rogers be appointed Ombud and Greg Cooper be appointed Assistant Ombud for 1984-85.

The motion **passed**.

3. Proposed Study Break (CAA 84:26)

On behalf of the CAA, it was moved and seconded (Sinclair/Betts)

that Senate recommend, in principle, a study break of several days between the end of lectures and the commencement of examinations in Fall and Spring terms.

Mr. Sinclair confirmed for Mr. Maloney that it was intended that the details would be worked out within each Faculty and that implementation would be subject to unique problems of individual Faculties. Mr. Maloney expressed concerns (identified in correspondence from Dean Tonks) in the Faculty of Health Professions regarding clinical programmes which must begin after examinations in the spring. Mr. Zinck wondered about the impact on students who take courses in more than one Faculty. Ms. Caty reiterated the problems that Faculty Council (Health Professions) envisioned if an extended break was instituted.

Messrs. Maloney, Pooley, Sinclair, Betts, Tingley and Ms. Caty emphasized the undue stress and pressures created by the continuing practice of some professors who hold examinations during the last two to three weeks of classes. This was believed to be a matter of enforcement, rather than regulations. Mr. Tingley reinforced the complications predicted earlier by Mr. Zinck if Faculties prepared their own examination timetables. He outlined the alternatives, i.e. - either lectures would stop earlier or examinations would begin later. If the latter occurred, the number of shifts would increase or the schedule would be longer, in which case there would be serious consequences in terms of the timing of convocations.

He suggested that the matter be referred to a committee with representative(s) from Faculties of Administrative Studies, Health Professions and Arts and Science. Ms. O'Shea believed that the Faculty of Medicine should be involved in the discussion. Mr. Gigeroff stressed that the motion was simply a recommendation in principle, and did not legislate a specific time period, and Mr. McCann reinforced the necessity to monitor examination schedules. Mr. Tingley commented that a weekend break always occurred at the end of the spring term, a practice which the Secretary reminded members originated from the 1979 report of the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Length of Year and Almanac.

It was agreed that the discussion primarily related to the Fall term and the motion carried.

84:57. Senate Advisory Committee on Computing -- Report for 1983/84

The Chairperson, Mr. Rodger, outlined the major components of the report and remarked that the next task was to examine budget information for the 1984/85 fiscal year and to attempt to separate this data for Dentistry, Financial Services, Student Information System, Department of Mathematics, Statistics and Computing Science, Personnel and Payroll.

Mr. Gigeroff inquired about the status of funds desired for a super computer to be installed in the Metropolitan area (page 11-12 of the report). Mr. Rodgers anticipated that a decision

might be made by June 10, although an announcement by the Federal and Provincial Governments before May 31st had earlier been anticipated.

Considerable debate, participated in by Messrs. Rodger, McCann, D. Cameron, Scheibelhut, and Ms. Ozier followed a subsequent question raised by Mr. Gigeroff concerning the possibility that students in the School of Business Administration might be required to purchase micro computers.

A number of possibilities for the acquisition of computers for students were alluded to, including leasing equipment from Dalhousie and donations from manufacturers. The general policy issue of requiring expenditures by students in addition to fees and how any such requirements should be approved was raised by Mr. Friedenbergl. Mr. D. Cameron indicated that the idea of students acquiring individual computers is still at an early stage of consideration and consultation is underway with the Student Union. In response to a query from Mr. Welch, Mr. D. Cameron confirmed that although Dalhousie remained underserved in terms of hardware and personnel to support computing systems, any improvement in these areas, including filling the executive director position, would be consistent with the guidelines for the 1984/85 budget. Following concluding comments by Mr. Rodger and the Chairman and Secretary, it was agreed that the report should be received for information and that any future proposal for requirements concerning student purchase of computers should be considered by the Senate Advisory Committee, and would, of course, at some point, be considered by the Board. President MacKay commended Mr. Rodger and his committee for the work they had done.

84:58. Report of the President

President MacKay reported that the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Sexual Harrassment would be implemented; that the nominations for Vice-President (Policy and Planning) would be received until mid-July; that review committees for five Deanships were constituted; that nominations for a Dean of Continuing Education had been called for and that the President would appoint an Advisory Selection Committee of which one member would be asked to represent Senate; and that convocations had proceeded smoothly this year (he extended thanks to members of the Faculties concerned, to Mr. P. Donahoe and to the Officers of Senate). He commented that the relationship of AUCC with the Council of Ministers of Education would be reflected on at the AUCC board meetings in late June. The President added that AAU would be meeting this week in Fredericton and would consider an Office of Educational Technology and a proposal for an application centre for prospective students. He concluded his remarks by stating that he was encouraged that the major university fund raising compaign was progressing well, with canvassing of four major sources business, Alumni, Board and Faculty. Priorities were being developed with the assistance of Senate committees and that a list of priorities for funding should be announced in October.

84:59. Other Business

The Chairman reported that the following individuals had been elected by mail ballot to serve on the Senate Academic Planning Committee for a three-year term: D. Fraser, F. Lovely, N. Treves-Gold and F. Wien.

The Secretary relayed the substance of the 15 May 1984 correspondence from the Secretary of the Board of Governors, Dr. Tingley, regarding the status of five proposals:

- B.Sc with Honours in Statistics) approved for implementation
- Non-Thesis Master of Laws
- Ph.D. programme in French - recommended to M.P.H.E.C.
- Biomedical Engineering Institute
- Institute for International Development)approved in principle with conditions specified

84:60. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 P.M.