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# DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY 

## MINUTES OF

## SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session in the Board and Senate Room on Monday, 14 January 1985 at 4:00 P.M.

Present with Mr. W. E. Jones in the chair were the following:
Anderson, Andrews, Awad, Bakvis, Barkow, Belzer, Betts, Birdsall, Birkett, Bishop, Bonen, Bradfield, Braybrooke, Calkin, Campbell, Chambers, Caty, Chapman D.M., Charles, Chaytor, Clarke, Cohen, Cromwell, Cross, Cunningham, Dempster, Doolittle, Duff, Easterbrook, Egan, Fingard, Fournier, Fraser O.B., Fraser P., Friedrich, Friedenberg, Gibbling, Gigeroff, Gold, Graham, Gratwick, Hall B.K., Hall J.M., Hatcher, Hennen, Holloway, Horackova, Horrocks, Huber, Irwin, Josenhans, Kennedy, Kerans, Klassen, Kocourek, Kwak, Laidlaw, Lazier, Lee, Leffek, Lewis, Macdonald, MacIntosh, MacKay W.A., MacLeod, Maloney, Mayer, McAllister, McCann, McFarlane, McLaren, McNulty, Misick, Moger, Monk, Morrison, Myers, Norvell, Novotly, O'Brien D.W.P., Ozier, Palmer, Paquet, Perey, Pross, Renner, Rodger, Ruf, Ruiz-Salvador, Scheibelhut, Schenk, Schotch, Shaw L.R., Sherwin, Shires, Sinclair, Stairs, Stewart, Stone, Stovel, Stuttard, Thompson, Tindall, Tingley, Tonks, Treves-Gold, Van Feggelen, Wainwright, Waite, Wall, Waterson, Welch, Winham, Wooton, Young, Yung, Zentilli, Zinck, Christie (invitee).

Regrets: Badley, Bennett, Janigan, Konok.

## 85:01 <br> Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 10 December 1984 were approved upon motion (Rodger/Horrocks) with notation that the names of Friedrich (page 5) and Rodger (page I) were misspelled. Members agreed that the agenda could be reordered to include the report by the President at the beginning and to lengthen Question Period to 30 minutes.

## 85:O2. President's Report

The President acknowledged that these were exceptionally difficult times and noted, by way of example, the resignations of Vice-Presidents Cameron and Shaw. He thanked the incumbents for their contributions to the university. He then noted the deaths
of Professors H. Lloyd and 8. Kingston. He hoped that the differences which divide the university community at the moment would be resolved shortly and referred to the current impasse between the Board of Governors and the DFA. He then reminded Senate that a Committee to Advise on the Appointment of a President would soon be constituted. At this point, President MacKay announced that he would not seek reappointment and would so advise the Board. He would strive to serve the university over the next 18 months by seeking to foster relationships, defending higher education, resolving debt problems, seeking satisfactory funding arrangements (from government and the capital campaign, etc.), nourishing the development base and discharging his duties as President of AUCC. The President concluded by commenting that this was a first class university, which had a dedicated faculty and hence, could manage its problems and direct its own destiny.

## 85:03 <br> Question Period

Ms. Allen directed three questions to the President (1) Would the President make public the underfunding of the university (2) would the position of Vice-President (Planning and Resources) be filled and if not, why were external candidates recently brought here from considerable distances and (3) What did the university intend to do to ensure that students who refuse to cross the picket lines tn the event of a strike not be penalized. The President said he would take (1) under advisement, had consulted with the APC and the Advisory Committee re (2) and would again prior to any final decision regarding the position. (There was no doubt that the responsibility of the Office had to be filled. The question was whether this had to be done by a Vice-President.) Finally, he was confident that Senate and Administration would work to ensure that students would not be penalized (3).

Mr. Andrews circulated a Notice of Motion and requested that it be considered under Other Business. The Chairman agreed that this motion would be discussed at 5:50 P.M.

Mr. Josenhans asked whether it had been decided how much money would be taken out for a pension holiday and if there was a plan to put it back in again. Mr. Welch advised Mr. Josenhans that the question of pension holidays had been referred to the FPC on the 15 June 1984 within days of Vice-President Shaw's proposal reaching the Board. The motion to agree in principle with a pension holiday was passed by FPC on that date and after several interim discussions, the committee on 24 September decided that it did not wish to rule on matters of detail such as amounts to be withheld. The President said that the Board of Governors had not reached a final decision regarding the full extent of a pension holiday. Mr. Huber, by virtue of his representation on the Pension Advisory Committee (PAC), recalled that a pension
holiday had been agreed to by the Administration in February/March 1984. This decision was reported to the committee. Subsequently in June 1984 the issue was discussed by the APC at which time there was a divided decision. There was some discussion about the role and name(s) of the Senate representative on this committee, participated in by Messrs. Welch, Andrews, Stairs and Cunningham. There was agreement that a list of Senate representatives on Board Committees would be precirculated prior to the next regular meeting of Senate.

Ms. Waterson shared Ms. Allen's concern, and wished to have the President communicate to all teaching staff that attendance or non-attendance at classes by students during a strike was a matter of personal conscience.

Mr. Wooton raised again Ms. Allen's question (of interviewing for the position of VicePresident Planning and Resources and advising candidates that the position may not be filled) citing this as an example of lack of clear policy at the senior administrative level. He then asked if Vice-President Shaw could clarify comments about funding of the capital campaign. The President replied that the charges for the campaign fund would all be charged to the campaign although the Development Office had some responsibility for select aspects of the campaign. The latter costs would be derived from the operating budget. Vice-President Shaw confirmed these statements (in response to Mr. Young's comments) and added that the day to day costs of operating the Development Office come out of the operating budget of the University. He would be happy to supply specific figures at the next regular meeting of Senate.

Mr. Bradfield notified members of two questions he had posed in writing, which the Chairman proposed be discussed in the last 10 minuteS of the agenda under Other Business. He then asked the President if he would use his power to put pressure on the Bank of Nova Scotia at the annual meeting the next day to support the churches' stand regarding investment in Chile. The President replied that he had no instructions from the Board to do so and that he would be willing to discuss the associated complications with Mr. Bradfield.

In response to Ms. Ozier's question of 'how many campaigns were currently ongoing', Mr. Shaw identified the regular annual campaign, capital campaign, bequest programs and the Medical Research Foundation. She then questioned Senate members as to their knowledge of whether representatives from staff groups had voted in favour of a pension holiday. The President expressed his willingness to check into the matter. Mr. Huber recalled that the representatives of the administrative group of the PAC had voted in favour of a holiday in July. Mr. Welch noted that the question of a pension holiday was moved and seconded on the 14 June 1984 by the FPC, which primarily consists of faculty members.
Ms. Ozier requested that Mr. Shaw investigate the feasibility of
purchasing telephones directly or negotiating cuts with MT\&T in light of the 1984 telephone bill of $1 / 3$ million dollars. Mr. Shaw agreed that he would assess the cost effectiveness of the former option but indicated that the latter would not be feasible from a legal standpoint.

Mr. Kennedy asked the President whether there would be a change in the type and quality of advice which his Office would seek over the next $12 / 3$ years or a continuation of the same approach. President MacKay noted that this issue had been recently addressed by the President's Advisory Council and that he consulted with the APC regarding recent administrative reorganizatiOn. He welcomed input from Senate members.

Mr. McCann raised the question of 'how the Administration would deal with the problem of professional responsibilities transcending moral beliefs in the event of a strike in, for example, the Faculty of Medicine. It was agreed that this query would be considered by the President's Offlce, as it had just been relayed to Mr. Shaw in writing.

85:04.
Reports and Recommendations $-=$ Committees of Senate

## A. Committee on Committees

## 1. Nomination of Dalhousie Representative to Senate of MSVU

The nomination of Mr. Michael Cross as a representative on MSVU Senate (to replace Mr. A. Tingley) was moved and seconded (Cunningham/McCann). After three calls for further nominations, the Chairman declared Mr. Cross elected.
2. Senate Representatives on Committee to Advise the Board on the Appointment of a President for September 1986

The following persons were nominated on behalf of the Committee on Committees by (Cunningham/Hatcher)

Robert W. Chambers
Judith Fingard
William E. Jones
In response to a call for further nominations, the following individuals were identified:
Philip Welch (Rodger/McFarlane)

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Alan Andrews (Kennedy/Sherwin)
William Josenhans (McNulty/Wooton)
Roy George (Bradfield/Graham)
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As only three representatives are required, the Secretary
of Senate will prepare a mail ballot for secret, preferential voting.
The Chair stated that the results of the ballot would be reported at the next meeting of Senate whereupon Mr. Wooton raised the question of whether Senate meetings would be held during the strike. This matter was deferred until the end of the meeting.

## B. Academic Planning Committee

1. Contingency, Redistribution and Development Fund

The Senate report entitled "Senate FPC Recommendations for Contingency, Redistribution and Development Funds for 1985-86" had been precirculated along with the relevant excerpt from the 17 December 1984 minutes. A one page appendix was distributed at the meeting. The Chairperson of the FPC, Mr. Welch, drew attention to the distinguishing features of the three funds and the details for application to the Development and Redistribution funds (pp 3-4). Mr. Gigeroff requested the rationale for designating the Computer Centre as nonacademic for the 1985-86 year. Mr. Welch pointed to a bureaucratic problem in that the Computer Centre was currently part of the administration cost envelope. However, this might be reconsidered for the following year. In response to queries from Mr. Huber, Mr. Welch then confirmed that he wished to move this report for approval and that non-academic cost centres would not be considered eligible for support from the Redistribution Fund. Mr. Huber commented that $\$ 117,000$ from the Contingency Fund was used to increase payments to individuals who had retired in 1981 or earlier and if this practice continued there would be no monies left in that Fund. Mr. Shaw replied that this sum had been a line item in the budget and had not been derived from the Contingency Fund. Mr. Andrews registered a protest against the designation of Cultural Activities as non academic, contending that Cultural Affairs did indeed participate in academic functions. Mr. Shaw responded to Mr. Rodger's question by noting that some of the Killam Residue Fund had been put into revenue and some could be described as a contingency fund. Mr. Kennedy noted that applications should relate to academic planning (pg 3, point 2) and wondered whether the fact that ongoing programs, would "only be supported in exceptional circumstances" (pg 2, point 4) indicated that programs would have to generate funds. Mr. Welch refuted this possibility. Mr. Maloney then emphasized the distinctly separate administration of the School of Recreation, Physical and Health Education from Dalplex, adding that the former was indeed an academic centre. Mr. Stuttard identified an editorial error at the end of page 3, point 2, line 3: to substitute the word "faculty" for
"academic". On behalf of the FPC, Mr. Welch moved the acceptance of this report. The motion carried.

## 2. Proposed Senate Level Inter-University Committee on Cooperation

The Chairman advised members that the 4 December 1984 correspondence from President MacKay incorporates three proposed Terms of Reference for this committee. Senate should ask the Committee on Committees to propose a nominee for the representative from Senate. Mr. Rodger revealed his consternation about having another level in the hierarchy and indicated that he might move to defer the matter to another meeting of Senate. Mr. Sinclair contended that the structure duplicated exactly recommendation 2(1) in the report "Proposed Procedures and Committee Structures for Dealing with Interuniversity Cooperation in Academic Matters" which had been agreed to by Senate in January 1984. Mr. Huber wondered whether any thought had been given to abolishing the Interuniversity Committee on Cooperation (IUCC). The President replied that this committee (IUCC) dealt with non-academic as well as broad academic issues while the proposed Senate Committee would consider academic aspects only. Mr. Rodger remained concerned that there were two committees and withdrew his original objections with the expectation that in the future there would only be one committee.

It was agreed upon motion
that the Committee on Committees should be asked to nominate a representative to the proposed Senate Level Interuniversity Committee on Cooperation.

85:05
Reporting to Senate
Two documents "Reporting to Senate by APC, FPC and PPC" and "Reports to Senate - Statutory Committees (1980-84)" were distributed at the meeting.

Following a brief introduction by the Chairperson, there was agreement upon motion (Andrews/Horrocks)
that the Recommendation on pp 2-3 be approved; namely, that the committees be asked to report in a regular manner as follows:

Nov. - Joint APC-FPC preliminary report on budget progress for following year

# Mar. - Joint APC-FPC report on financial budget 

May - Annual report by PPC
June-- Joint APC-FPC assessment of previous year's budget
July - APC report on University 3-year operational plans and projections for MPHEC

85:06.
Matters of Information
The Chairperson advised Senate members that the AAU Brief to the MPHEC "Funding of Maritime Universities 1985-86" and correspondence between the President and the Minister of Education concerning recognition of Honours degrees and higher teacher certification are available for perusal in the Senate Office. The 20 December 1984 correspondence from VicePresident Shaw attaching a breakdown of the application of funds raised in the 1983 Annual Fund had been precirculated for information of Senators.

85:07.
Other Business
Mr. Rodger submitted a Notice of Motion regarding the reconstitution of the Senate Advisory Committee on Computing - to form a Single University Wide Advisory Committee on Computing. Two additional terms of reference had been proposed along with the modification of the committee's composition.

It was moved and seconded (Rodger/D. Cameron)

## that the Senate Advisory Committee on Computing be reconstituted to form a single university wide Advisory Committee on Computing.

Mr. Cameron provided a historical overview of the steps which had led to this proposal and verbally proposed amendments. Mr. Rodger urged that discussion be postponed as Senate had not had time to consider these amendments and he accepted Mr. Cameron's proposal that the two committees meet jointly to constitute a university committee in the interim.

At 5:50 P.M., as previously agreed, Mr. Andrews' Notice of Motion was considered.
It was moved and seconded (Andrews/Gigeroff)
In so far as regulation 13 of the University Regulations and regulation 2.3 of the UnderGraduate Regulations require attendance at classes and participation in examinations and/ or tests. Senate agrees that these regulations not be enforced for the duration of any legal strike. and requests the Vice-President (Academic) to notify all instructors accordingly.

Ms. Waterson agreed with the intent but believed that papers should be included in the motion; to which Mr. Andrews replied that he had used the same language as the regulation. After further comments by Messrs. Jones, McCann, Zinck and Andrews, the motion was put to a vote and passed.

It was moved and seconded (Waterson/Wooton)
that Senate ask the President to send a letter to all Dalhousie teaching staff reiterating unequivocally that to cross or not to cross picket lines in the event of a legal strike is a question of conscience to be determined by each individual student and that the student's decision on this matter should have no academic consequences whatsoever.

At this point it was agreed that the time of adjournment be extended until 6:30 P.M. Debate on the motion continued with participation by Ms. Waterson, Messrs. McCann, Hatcher, Wooton, Welch, Gigeroff, Rodger and Sinclair in which practical mechanisms, potential inferences regarding "penalties", the difficulty in predicting eventual outcomes and the necessity to disseminate information more widely were discussed.

The motion passed.
Mr. Bradfield then read his proposed motion:
that Senate waive the maximum on non-Dalhousie credits for a Dalhousie degree if a student exceeds the maximum by taking their second term. 1984-85 at another university

Mr. Tingley believed that Senate and Faculties could do anything they wished. Mr. Friedenberg sympathised with the intent of the motion but worried that the impact might be in effect "strike breaking". Ms. Caty indicated that such a motion was not appropriate to all units (e.g. some professional schools). Ms. Paquet and Messrs. Gigeroff and McCann noted that the negative effect of a strike on students should be minimized and added that many students, particularly
potential 1985 graduands, would investigate such options. Mr. Stuttard contended that the issue of major concern should be to avert a strike.

It was agreed upon motion (Huber/Leffek)

## that consideration of this motion be deferred until a special meeting

There was a consensus that this special meeting be held on Monday, 21 January 1985 and that the question of Senate meetings during a protracted strike period could be addressed at this time. Mr. Wooton requested that a President's Report and Question Period be included on the agenda of the special meeting.
85.09

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

# DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY 

## MINUTES OF

## SENATE MEETING

Senate met in Special Session in the Board and Senate Room on Monday, 21 January 1985 at 4:00 P.M.

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

Anderson, Andrews, Aucoin, Bakvis, Belzer, Betts, Birkett, Bonen, Bradfield, Braybrooke, Cameron D.M., Caty, Chandler, Chesley, Cohen A.D., Cross, Dempster, Egan, Fentress, Field, Fraser P., Friedrich, George, Gibbling, Graham, Gratwick, Hatcher, Hennen, Holloway, Horrocks, Huber, Josenhans, Keast, Lee J.O., Leffek, Maclntosh, MacKay W.A., Maloney, Martin, Mayer, McCann, McLaren, Morrison, Myers, Norvell, O'Shea, Paquet, Ravindra, Renner, Rodger, Ruf, Sandhu, Scheibelhut, Sherwin, Sinclair, Sprott, Stern, Stovel, Stuttard, Sutherland, Thiessen, Tindall, Tingley, van Feggelen, Wall, Winham, Wooton, Yung, Zinck.
Regrets: Chaytor, Cromwell, Jones J.V., Konok, Munroe, O'Brien D.W.P., Waterson.

85:010
Approval of Graduands

On the recommendation of the Deans or their representatives of the various faculties, the following degrees and diplomas were awarded upon motion:

Faculty of Law (Brent/van Feggelen)

Bachelor of Laws 1

Faculty of Arts and Science (Betts/Holloway)
Bachelor of Arts 18
(Distinction 1)
Bachelor of Science 35
Bachelor of Science Honours Certificate 2
Diploma in Engineering 3

## Faculty of Graduate Studies (Leffek/Stern)

| Doctor of Philosophy | 8 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Master of Arts | 2 |  |
| Master of Business Administration |  | 5 |
| Master of Education | 2 |  |
| Master of Environmental Studies | 1 |  |
| Master of Library Service | 1 |  |
| Master of Nursing | 1 |  |
| Master of Science | 5 |  |
| $\quad$ (Distinction 1) |  |  |

Faculty of Health Professions (Maloney/Stern)

Diploma in Outpost and Community Health Nursing 7
Bachelor of Physical Education 1
Bachelor of Recreation 1
Bachelor of Science (Health Education) 1
Bachelor of Social Work 4

Faculty of Management Studies (Horrocks/Scheibelhut)
Bachelor of Commerce 17
(Distinction 1, Honours 2)

Upon motion (Horrocks/Betts) it was agreed
that the Deans of the respective Faculties and the Registrar be permitted to add the name(s) of any student omitted in error.

85:011.
Notice of Motions $-=\underline{\text { Mr. M. Bradfield }}$

It was moved and seconded (Bradfield/Lee)
that Senate waive the maximum on non-Dalhousie credits for a Dalhousie degree if a student exceeds the maximum by taking the second term of the 1984-85 year at another university.

Mr. Bradfield noted in response to Mr. Friedrich's question that while it may be too late for many students to register, this action might help some. The Chairman confirmed that the deadlines have passed in the Nova Scotian universities but that some may be admitted on an individual basis. Mr. Renner advised members that several students had already changed. Some concern was expressed that students might take courses elsewhere which would normally not be considered acceptable. Mr. Rodger
believed the spirit of the motion was acceptable. Mr. Graham contended that these series of motions were intended to overcome, at least in part, the inevitable harm to students. He proposed to vote against the motion, as he believed that those who were really concerned about students would continue to teach. Mr. McCann stated that some students would choose not to cross the picket line and that the motion might assist a few students. Mr. Graham indicated that he would not oppose the motion if it was accompanied by a phrase acknowledging the irreparable harm which a strike would cause students. Ms. Allen spoke in support of Mr. Renner's earlier statement.

An amendment was proposed by Friedrich/McCann, namely
that the option be prefixed by the words "in order to alleviate the inevitable harm a strike will do to students."

Mr. Rodger asked how one could "alleviate" the "inevitable". Mr. Bradfield recommended
that the words "labour management situation" replace the word strike. Mr. friedrich agreed that this was a friendly amendment. The amendment carried.

Debate on the main motion continued. Mr. Tingley confirmed for Mr. Andrews that the students require written permission, provided by the department responsible for the degree programme, and countersigned by the Registrar. Mr. Huber was concerned about how the motion would be applied to Honours programmes. Mr. Tingley noted that the regulation referred to by Mr. Huber was no longer in effect. Mr. Braybrook said that the potential difficulties and effects of the motion could not be foreseen.

The motion was defeated.

It was moved and seconded (Bradfield/McCann)
that departments be permitted to grant a half credit. based on Christmas grades, for all students requesting a half credit in any full year ("R") course they may be taking this academic year.

In response to Mr. McCann's question, Mr. Bradfield indicated that if there was no Christmas mark, the Professor could be approached regarding the possibility of taking an examination. Mr. Wooton recommended

## that "Instructors" replace the word "departments"

This was accepted as a friendly amendment by the mover and seconder.
Ms. Caty thought that the motion if passed would prove to be an "academic nightmare" in professional schools. Mr. Friedrich indicated that it would be impossible to comply with this motion in the class he taught. Mr. Huber spoke against the motion as it might be implemented differently by instructors of different sections of the same class. Mr. Maloney noted that the motion was not linked to the duration of a possible strike and asked if this would apply to the one day strike. Mr. Bradfield confirmed that this was the case. Mr. Wooton said that the way the motion was worded, rights were accorded to instructors rather than students. Mr. McCann and Ms. Allen maintained that students would use this option judiciously in exceptional circumstances only. Mr. Renner wondered whether the deadline to
withdraw without penalty from classes, namely Wednesday, January 23, should be delayed. He moved an amendment, seconded by Mr. McCann
"that students be permitted to receive" to replace "Instructors - - grant"
Messrs. Braybrooke and Rodger spoke against the amendment, contending that it infringed on academic freedom. Mr. Hatcher believed that a committee would need to assist Faculties with the implementation of the motion if passed as it was operationally difficult. The amendment was defeated.

The main motion passed.
After some discussion by Messrs. Tingley, Bradfield and Huber, it was moved and seconded (Huber/Hatcher)

## that a subcommittee be established to look at ways the motion could be enacted in all Faculties.

After some indication by Mr. Huber of the urgency of this matter and the necessity to avoid delays inherent in the usual election procedures, the first motion was withdrawn and it was moved and seconded (Leffek/Huber)
that Senate ask the CAA to implement the motion.
Mr. Belzer spoke against this motion noting that it should be left up to the instructors to communicate the intent of the motion to students. Messrs. Huber, Stuttard and Bradfield supported the motion.

The motion carried.
Mr. McCann pursued Mr. Renner's earlier point by asking
that Senate would consider extending the deadline of withdrawing without academic penalty by two weeks.

This was put in the form of a motion and seconded by Mr. Ravindra. Mr. Scheibelhut noted that there would be an extended deadline even if there was no strike, which would be unrealistic. He moved, seconded by Mr. Zinck

## to defer consideration of the motion.

The motion to defer passed.
The Chairman commented that the situation could be handled retroactively, although Mr. McCann maintained that this "left students up in the air". Mr. Hennen asked if the original motion was confined to this year. Mr. Bradfield confirmed that this was the case.

85:012.
Senate Meetings in the Event of a Protracted Strike
The Chairman relayed the recommendation of the Steering Committee that Senate meetings not be held during a strike. Mr. Leffek wondered if this would be considered a strike action. It was moved and seconded (McCann/Wooton)
that Senate not meet during any strike action by faculty.
They agreed with Mr. Huber that the words "or management lockout" should be added as a friendly amendment. Mr. Graham contended that this would set a poor precedent, as faculty responsibilities to Senate should be separate and apart from DFA, and Senate was the governing body which had statutory authority for the academic management of the university. In response to Mr. Friedrich's question, Mr. Braybrooke advised that bargaining unit faculty were not permitted on university property during a strike.

Mr. Betts believed that there should be a time limit on the motion and recommended canceling the February meeting only. Messrs. McCann, Wooton and Huber thought that a Senate meeting could be held off campus on neutral territory, but that notification of members by the Chairperson would be a problem. Mr. Betts proposed

## that the February meeting of Senate be canceled in the event of strike action by faculty or management lockout.

This was accepted as a friendly amendment and after points made by Messrs. Andrews, Jones and Braybrooke, the following phrase was added as an additional friendly amendment

## that meetings would not be called thereafter unless deemed absolutely necessary by the Chairperson.

The motion carried.

85:013
President's Report
President MacKay acknowledged letters from Senate members, many of which stressed the necessity to maintain the excellent reputation of the university and to acknowledge the quality contributions of faculty. He concurred with these points and added that he was hopeful that the differences between the Board and the DFA and the difficult financial situation could still be resolved. He reported that the Capital Campaign was progressing well and summarized the MPHEC recommendations to the Maritime Council of Premiers regarding the level of funding.

## 85:014. <br> Senate Advisory Committee on Computing

Following introductory comments by the Chairperson, Mr. Rodger read item $\$ 4$ in the Committee's report. Mr. Andrews referred to the last sentence and inquired whether the committee had knowledge
of the Student Information System before the decision to implement was reached. Mr. Rodger responded by stating that the Senate Advisory Committee had not been in existence at that time. Mr. Dempster, speaking as a member of the President's Advisory Committee, reported that a well formed proposal for the SIS had been considered by that group. Mr. Rodger confirmed for Mr. Hatcher that the proposed committee would have a university wide mandate. Mr. Dempster suggested that the amendments proposed by the President's Advisory Committee in D. Cameron's correspondence of $11 / 1 / 85$ should be considered concurrently with the Senate Advisory Committee's recommendations. Mr. Andrews concurred with these comments and believed Senate should not only be informed annually by the proposed committee but be involved in major issues and decisions. Some debate followed, participated in by Messrs. Wooton, Rodger, D. Cameron, Andrews and Jones about the costs of the SIS and the decision making process involved. Mr. Cameron reported that the FPC had considered the proposal for the SIS. He added that the proposed committee should avoid similar problems in the future. Mr. Hatcher asked if research proposals which included computing services and facilities as a cost would have to be submitted to this new committee. Mr. Rodger affirmed this possibility.

The motion carried.

85:015
Honorary Degree Candidates $=-$ Tabling of Names
On behalf of the Honorary Degrees Committee, the President tabled the names of 15 candidates for the Spring Convocations and 2 candidates for the Fall Convocation and presented a brief resume for each nominee. He referred to the centennial of the first woman graduate. Detailed information on all of these candidates is available for perusal by Senators in the Senate Office.

85:016.
Adjournment.
The meeting adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

