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**DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY**  
**MINUTES OF SENATE MEETING**

SENATE met in regular session in the Senate and Board Room on Friday, 7 October 1988 at 4:00 P.M.

Present: Archibald, Barkow, Belzer, Betts, Besse, Byham, T.S. Cameron, Christie, Cromwell, Cross, Curri, deBurger, Duff, Dykstra, Egan, Farmer, Frick, Haley, Hart, Imrie, W.E. Jones (Chair), Klassen, Maloney, Marchant, Mason, McNiven, Mehn-Anderson, Montalvo, Morgan, D.W.P. O'Brien, Parks, Richards, Ritchie, Shires, Smith, Stairs, M. Stewart, Tamlyn, Thiessen, Yung, B. Christie (invitee).

Regrets: Casey, Clark, Givner, Gold, Gratwick, J.V. Jones, Konok, Ozier, M.H. Tan, Wassersug, C. Williams.

88:121.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 12 September 1988 were approved upon motion (Montalvo/Klassen) with one amendment to 88:112, paragraph 3, line 2 - insert the words "the President" after "asked".

88:122.

Question Period

A response from Mr. Birdsall to a question posed at the September meeting was distributed. Mr. Lewis added some information to the question he posed at the previous meeting concerning the Board's opening salary offer reported in the Dalhousie News. He believed that the correct answer to his query regarding whether the 7% figure was a net increase to the salary budget for members of the DFA should be "non. Mr. Lewis elaborated that he had exchanged correspondence with President Clark and Vice-President Mason which led to his conclusion that the answer should be "no".

88:123.

Report of the President

As the President was away from the University, there was no President's Report.

88:124.

### Awarding of Degrees, Prizes and Medals

The awarding of degrees and diplomas to individuals identified by Deans in letters to the Secretary of Senate for various Faculties was approved upon motion as follows:

#### College of Arts and Science (Smith/Betts)

Bachelor of Arts .....	64
(Distinction 2, Honours 5, FC Honours 1)	
Bachelor of Arts Honours Certificate .....	2
(Honours 1, FC Honours 1)	
Bachelor of Science .....	76
(Distinction 1, Honours 6, FC Honours 4)	
Bachelor of Science Honours Certificate           6	
(Honours 5, FC Honours 1)	
Bachelor of Education .....	2
Certificate in Education Administration	
Bachelor of Music Education	
Diploma in Engineering .....	9
TOTAL .....	161

#### Faculty of Graduate Studies (Parks/Montalvo)

Doctor of Philosophy .....	21
Doctor in the Science of Law (J.S.D.)	
Master of Arts .....	36
Master of Business Administration .....	7
Master of Development Economics .....	6
Master of Education .....	16
Master of Environmental Studies .....	3
Master of Health Services Administration .....	2
Master of Laws .....	1
Master of Library and Information Studies .....	1
Master of Nursing .....	2
Master of Science .....	59
Master of Social Work .....	13
Master of Arts in Teaching (French) .....	4
TOTAL .....	172

#### Faculty of Health Professions (deBurger/O'Shea)

Bachelor of Nursing (Post RN) .....	19
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(Distinction 7)	
Diploma in Outpost and Community Hlth Nursing --- 6	
Bachelor of Social Work .....	13
(Distinction 3)	
Bachelor of Science (Occupational Therapy) .....	1
Bachelor of Science (Kinesiology) .....	4
Bachelor of Physical Education .....	1
TOTAL .....	44

Faculty of Management Studies (McNiven/Dykstra)

Bachelor of Commerce .....	19
Certificate in Public Administration .....	1
TOTAL .....	20

Faculty of Law (Christie/Archibald)

Bachelor of Laws .....	4
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There was further agreement upon motion (Smith/S. Cameron)

**that the Dean of the appropriate Faculty or Provost of the College and the Registrar be authorized to add to and remove from the graduation list the names of any students which have been omitted from or included on the graduation list due to errors on the part of the university or one of its servants.**

The awarding of University Medals to

Patricia Ann Hoyt (Computing Science) and Stanislawa-Joanna Alapin-Rubilowicz (Spanish)

was approved upon motion (Smith/Betts).

88:125.

Nominations from the Committee on Committees

The following individuals, nominated by the Committee on Committees, were declared elected to the designated committees following nomination by Mr. B. Archibald and three calls for further nominations by the Chairperson.

Academic Planning Committee

T. Tomkow (Philosophy) - 1990

Committee on Academic Administration

A. Bissett-Johnson (Law) - 1990  
D. Luke (Political Science) - 1989  
L. Mazany (Economics) - 1989

Senate Steering Committee

J. Flint (History) - 1990

Senate Library Committee

P. Lutley (Macdonald Science Library) - 1991  
G. Roberts (Business Administration) - 1990

Senate Advisory Committee on International Development

B. Lesser (Economics) - 1989

Senate Committee on Instructional Development

B. Roald (Education) - 1991  
C. Starnes (Classics) - 1991  
R. Devlin (Law) - 1991

Advisory Committee on Affirmative Action in Education

P. Paris (Transition Year Program) - 1991

Senate Academic Appeals Committee

R. Williams (Social Work) - 1989

President's Council

B. Cotter (Law) - 1991

University Public Relations Committee

K. Waterson (French) - 1991

Mr. Archibald commented that the Committee on Committees endeavored to ensure a balance on committees insofar as possible taking into consideration the terms of reference of committees, present membership distribution and willingness to serve. A few members raised questions about the current membership as listed in the memorandum from Mr. Pross. The concern expressed by Mr. Betts concerning the lack of representation from the Faculty of Science on the President's Council would be referred to the Joint Senate-Board Meeting of the "6 and 6" to be held on 24 October 1988.

Four Senate representatives on the Board of Governors nominated by Mr. Archibald on behalf of the Committee on Committees were approved following the requisite three calls for further nominations.

J. Ritchie (Nursing) - 1991

P. Thomas (Law) - 1991

T. Vinci (Philosophy) - 1991

M. Brooks (Business Administration) - 1990

The Chairperson pointed out that the "Observer" positions were no longer needed and extended thanks to Messrs. Rodger and McNulty for effectively serving in this capacity.

88:126.

Proposed Changes to Elected Representation on Senate

A memorandum dated September 15, 1988, outlining the rationale for the proposed changes to the elected representation on Senate by students and faculty members from individual Faculties and to the membership of the University Librarian, had been precirculated along with the relevant Senate minute excerpt and a draft sample mail ballot. On behalf of the Steering Committee, Mr. Cross moved

**that the proposed mail ballot be approved for circulation to all Senators.**

Ms. Montalvo clarified that the position of Vice-President (Academic) should be specified on the ballot.

It was agreed upon motion (Betts/Smith)

**that the sample ballot be divided into three separate items:**

**Faculty members, student members, University Librarian.**

The original motion subsequently carried.

88:127. Proposed Degree Completion Program in Dental Hygiene

A memorandum dated 7 July 1988 to the Chair of Senate enclosing a copy of the proposed new program had been precirculated with the pertinent minute excerpt from the Senate Academic Planning Committee. Dean Zakariasen confirmed that the Faculty of Dentistry had placed a high priority on this program which was oriented to those in public health positions and in dental hygiene education. It was agreed upon motion (Cross)

**that Senate approve the degree completion program Dental Hygiene with implementation subject to the availability of sufficient external or Faculty funds for an additional faculty member and the library as stated in the proposal.**

88:128.

1987/88 Annual Report of the Senate Library Committee

The 1987-88 annual report had been distributed with the agenda. Mr. Grossert briefly outlined the points made regarding a realistic collections budget for the library, an initiative regarding funding for the library portion of new programs, and the implementation of Novanet.

Mr. Barkow questioned whether procedures concerning the legal production of multiple copies had been developed in response to the new copyright law. The Chairperson suggested that this question could be taken back to the Senate Library Committee (SLC) by Mr. Grossert. Mr. Barkow agreed to defer other questions regarding photocopying until the University Librarian could be present. He wanted to bring to the attention of the SLC the perception that many library policies were arbitrary (e.g. the limitation of items which could be put on reserve). This was a serious problem affecting faculty morale and student perceptions, in his view. Mr. Grossert wondered whether this concern should be referred to the University Library Committee or to SLC. Ms. Ritchie believed that the problem identified by Mr. Barkow concerned many of the university libraries and involved teaching methods and student access to libraries. She suggested that the SLC consider the manner in which operational policies were established. Ms. Dykstra reported that the recent increase in number of hours open had been instituted as a result of an infusion of funds.

Mr. W. Jones agreed that the SLC could examine the way decisions were made and relayed. Mr. Haley queried whether a review of allocation to subject areas had been initiated and referred to a historical funding formula by subject specialty. Mr. Andrews, who served on the University Library

Committee (ULC), believed that the question of review by subject was still under discussion. This Committee had anticipated the concerns of students regarding cutback in hours. He thought that the ULC was regarded only as an advisory committee by the University Librarian.

Mr. Barkow shared the confusion expressed by others regarding the rationale for two library committees. He thought it would be useful to have the Chair of the SLC, the Chair of the ULC and the University Librarian present at the next meeting in order to continue discussion of the Annual Report. The Chair concurred and thanked Mr. Grossert for his report. He thought that the question of combining the two committees could be considered at that time.

88:129.

Proposed Education Program for the Development of Indian and Inuit Health Personnel in the Atlantic Region

Mr. Cross, on behalf of the SAPC, moved

**that Senate approve the Education Program for Development of Indian and Inuit Health Personnel in the Atlantic Region with the understanding that the program would be fully funded by external agencies.**

He reported that the program had the support of the Faculty of Health Professions and of Henson College. The question of the small overhead provision associated with the salary of the Coordinator had been clarified since the last Senate meeting. Mr. Cross believed that the program served an obvious need and had been designed following discussion with those to be served.

Ms. Ritchie maintained that the program fit with government initiatives to deliver primary health care and to train community health representatives. She sought clarification regarding the program structure and the lack of content on maternal-child care and nutrition (problems prevalent in this population). She wondered what interdisciplinary and legal issues would be addressed in the program. Mr. Fraser responded that the program had been developed following extensive consultation by the advisory body. The proposal only outlined a basic framework. Some monies in the budget had been designated for detailed work on the specifics of course development.

In response to a further question by Ms. Ritchie, Mr. Belzer explained that admissions would be managed by the advisory committee in consultation with the bands and health agencies. Many courses were already offered by the University. It was hoped that native instructors would be used. Further to Ms. Tamlyn's query, he clarified that the Faculty of Health Professions Committee on Studies would make decisions with respect to credit courses.



Mr. Barkow believed that this was a very important program which had been organized by individuals who had successful experience in launching the Micmac BSW program. Mr. W. Jones clarified for Vice-President Stairs that approval of the program and of implementation was sought at this time.

The motion carried.

88:130.

Proposed Policy for Scheduling of Final Examinations and Spring Convocations

A policy responding to concerns raised regarding the need for a study break between the end of classes and the beginning of final examinations and for long term planning of scheduling convocations had been recommended by the Senate Committee on Academic Administration to Senate. Considerable discussion, contributed to by Messrs. Betts, Lewis, McKee, Andrews, Smith and Ms. Vance and Ms. Montalvo, focused on: the impact on students wishing to seek employment; requirements to leave residence; the view that a study break was desirable, but that seven days was too long; undue consideration of R and B level courses only; the existing February break; the need to ensure that no examinations or tests be administered during the study break; and, the **protracted period for submission of grades.**

It was agreed upon motion (Montalvo/Vance)

**to table a decision on the policy until the CAA had the opportunity to consider the policy further in light of comments made. The DSU would also give further consideration to the matter.**

88:131.

Matter of Information

A letter of acknowledgement from the Prime Minister in response to the Secretary's letter regarding Bill C-54 was precirculated for the information of Senators. Senate had conveyed its position on the academic implications of Bill C-54.

88:132.

Motions Concerning the Impact on Students of the Negotiations between the DFA and the Board of Governors

The Officers of Senate brought to the attention of members correspondence from the President of DSU dated 29 September 1988 and the minute excerpt from the 14 January 1985 (85:08) meeting of Senate when two motions were passed. These motions were brought to Senate for reconfirmation:

**Insofar 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.**

**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.**

It was moved and seconded (Montalvo/Andrews)

**That Senate reconfirm these two motions.**

A friendly amendment proposed by Mr. Lewis was accepted by the mover and seconder with respect to lines 1 to 3 of the first motion: "Insofar as regulations of the university or any Faculty require .... "

After some discussion by Messrs. Lewis and Smith, Mr. S. Cameron, seconded by Ms. Walker, moved an **amendment to include "avoidable before ~no" in the last line of the second motion and to delete "whatsoever"**. Mr. de Burger pointed out that a lengthy strike would necessarily have some adverse academic consequences. While Messrs. Betts and Belzer supported the amendment, Mr. Andrews, taking into account the different context of the current negotiations recounted by Mr. Belzer, did not believe that the amendment helped. Mr. Stairs wondered if the motion was premature. The Chair noted that Senate would not meet again for another month. Mr. Cross was prepared to vote for the amendment. Ms. Vance reminded Senators that they had already voted on these motions. An amendment, moved by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Montalvo was accepted as a friendly amendment to the amendment.

**matter should not result in any formal academic penalty.**

The amendment carried.

Mr. Smith clarified for Ms. Vance that "formal academic penalty" referred to marks or grades.

The main motion as **amended carried**.

Ms. Vance informed Senators of a planned march on Province House.

88:133.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 P.M.