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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

OF

SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session on Monday, 23 August 1993 at 3:00 p.m. in University Hall, Macdonald Building.

Present with Mr. Dunn in the chair were:

Bérard, Birdsall, Carlson, Carruthers, Clarke, Clovis, Curri, Fingard, Frick, Fullerton, Hansell, Hobson, D. Jones, Kaspar, Klassen, Lutley, K. MacDonald, L. MacLean, MacLennan, Mansour, McCabe, McIntyre, McKee, McMullen, Myrick, Rappell, Roald, Sketris, Starnes, Stuttard, J.E. Sutherland, Taylor, Walker, Woodman.

Invitees: B. Crocker.

Regrets: B. Archibald, J. Black, Brooks, Betts, Carruthers, Clark, M. Crowley, Eberhardt, Ghiz, Gilroy, J. Gray, Haley, Hare, Lane, MacInnis, Makrides, Marrie, Murray, O'Shea, Purdy, Schlech, Sullivan, Sullivan, Thomas, Wassersug, Waterson, N. Williams.

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. Mr Dunn noted the passing, on 25 June 1993, of Mr A. Cohen (Medicine), who had been very active in Senate and University affairs.

93:108

Minutes of the Meeting of 14 June 1993

The minutes of the meeting of 14 June 1993 (previously circulated) were approved upon motion (G. Klassen/R. Carlson).

93:109

Welcome to New Members

Mr Dunn welcomed all new members of Senate.

93:110

Matters Arising

The minutes (93:102) of the previous meeting, Mr Dunn noted, indicated that further discussion of the budget would "be on the next agenda of Senate". It seemed more appropriate, he said, for such discussion to be deferred until the September meeting, when the President and the Vice-President (Finance and Administration) will be in attendance.

Mr Stuttard asked how the ad hoc committee on Senate reform, established at the previous meeting (93:100) would be formed. Mr Dunn said that the Steering Committee would suggest names to the Senate Committee on Committees, which, in turn, would bring nominations to Senate.

93:111

Nominations to the Senate Committee on Committees

On behalf of the Steering Committee, Mr Bérard nominated the following persons for membership on the Senate Committee on Committees:

Mr T. Sinclair-Faulkner (FASS) - **One-year term**

Mr R. Blunden (Management) - **Three-year term**

Following the requisite calls for further nominations, the individuals named were declared elected.

93:112

Nominations to the University Tenure Panel

Mr Bérard reported that the following persons had been nominated by the Senate Committee on Committees to serve on the University Tenure Panel, and that these nominations had received the requisite approval of the President and the Dalhousie Faculty Association.

Mr J.W. Brown (FASS) - **Three-year term**

Ms E. Frick (Management) - **Three-year term**

Mr H. Wolf (Medicine) - **Three year term**

It was moved (J. Walker/G. Klassen)

that Senate approve the nomination of the persons named to the University Tenure Panel.

The motion carried.

93:113

Date of King's Encaenia and Schedule of Meetings and Convocations, 1993-94

Mr Bérard reported that the Senate Committee on Academic Administration had, at its last meeting, approved a draft schedule (previously circulated) of meetings and convocations, including the King's Encaenia, for academic year 1993-94. Mr Dunn noted one change in that schedule, namely that only one Fall Convocation for Dalhousie (that scheduled for the afternoon of 16 October 1993) would be held. Ms Curri pointed out that it would be somewhat less expensive to hold only one Convocation and that the number of people expected to graduate in October made it possible to do so.

It was moved (G. Curri/E. Frick)

that Senate approve the draft schedule of meetings and convocations, with the change noted by the Chair of Senate.

The motion carried.

93:114

Report of the Senate Library Committee

Mr B. Roald, Chair of the Senate Library Committee, presented the annual report of the Committee (previously circulated). It was moved (B. Roald/R. Carlson)

that Senate accept the report of the Senate Library Committee.

The motion carried.

93:115

Appointment of Ombud and Assistant Ombud

Mr Bérard reported that the Senate Committee on Academic Administration (**SCAA 93:027**) had accepted the recommendation of the Ombud Advisory Committee for the appointment of an Ombud and Assistant Ombud and was forwarding that recommendation to Senate. It was moved (E. McKee/J. Walker)

that Senate approve the appointment of Mr J. LeBlanc as Ombud and Ms J. Fowler as Assistant Ombud.

The motion carried.

93:116

Proposed Master of Science in Community Health and Epidemiology

Mr Bérard reported that the proposed Master of Science programme in Community Health and Epidemiology had received approval from the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission "on the understanding that existing resources are adequate for the implementation and operation of the programme". Mr Bérard added that the original documentation had described the programme, mistakenly, as a "two-year Master's programme", when it should properly have been termed a "one-year Master's programme" in which students could register for "thesis-only" status in subsequent years in the programme. This correction has been made by the Senate Steering Committee (**SC 93:083**) and has been reported to the Senate Academic Planning Committee (**SAPC 93:066**).

93:117

Combined Master of Science in Health Services Administration/Bachelor of Laws Programme

Mr Bérard reported that the Senate Academic Planning Committee (**SAPC 93:062**) and the Senate Steering Committee (**SC 93:062**) have examined the proposal of the Faculty of Graduate Studies to offer a combined M.Sc. in Health Services Administration/LL.B programme and concluded that the proposal is in conformity with existing combined programmes in the Faculty and that the programme requires no changes in curriculum or additional resources. The proposal will be forwarded to the Board of Governors for approval and to the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission for information.

93:118

Response to a Question Raised in Question Period

Mr Bérard reported receipt of a memorandum (previously circulated) from Vice-President (Finance and Administration) Mason concerning a question raised at Senate (**93:105**) concerning interest

expenses for 1992-93.

93:118

Appointment of a New Chancellor

Mr Bérard reported receipt of a letter from President Clark informing Senate that the Board of Governors had agreed to extend the appointment of Dr Reuben Cohen as Chancellor until 30 September 1994 and to approve the appointment of Sir Graham Day as the fourth Chancellor of Dalhousie for a three-year term, effective 1 October 1994.

93:119

Report of the President

Ms Hobson informed Senate that the President was away from campus and had not left a report for this month. She asked leave to speak briefly about her early impressions of Dalhousie. She commented that she was struck by the high level of institutional analysis that had been and was being done at the University, noting that Dalhousie may be further along the road toward recognition of its problems and, therefore, solutions to them than many other universities in Canada. She spoke of the University's entrepreneurial spirit and the number of people seeking funding and research linkages with other institutions, government, and the private sector. Finally, she said that she had found a strong sense of community and dedication to the institution across the campus.

93:120

Question Period

Ms Walker asked for some biographical background about the Chancellor-designate, Sir Graham Day. Mr Crocker explained that Sir Graham was a distinguished alumnus of Dalhousie who has held a number of important posts in industry and commerce in Great Britain and Canada. He is currently Chair of the Board of Cadbury Schweppes, plc.

93:121

In Camera - Report of an **Ad Hoc** Committee on a Disciplinary Matter

Mr Dunn reported that the Ad Hoc Committee on a Disciplinary Matter relating to a student in the Faculty of Law, established by Senate at its meeting of 8 February 1993 (**93:040**), had transmitted its decision to the Chair of Senate on 21 June 1993. The Committee concluded that the student in question should be suspended from the University indefinitely and indicated how the issue of re-

admission might be addressed.

93:122

In Camera - Continuation of a Suspension

Mr Dunn read a letter from President Clark reporting to Senate his decision to continue the suspension of a student in the Faculty of Law. In so doing, Mr Clark was exercising the discretion given to the President under the University Regulations.

93:123

In Camera - Ad Hoc Committee to Consider Allegations in a Faculty of Dalhousie

Mr Dunn reported that serious allegations of research fraud and/or unprofessional conduct had been made in a Faculty of Dalhousie. A preliminary investigation had been conducted by a small committee established by then-Vice-President (Academic and Research) Stairs and had concluded that the matter should be thoroughly investigated by a properly constituted authority. The Senate Steering Committee, at its meeting of 5 August 1993 (SC 93:080), agreed to establish an ad hoc committee to carry out an investigation.

On behalf of the Steering Committee, it was moved (R. Bérard/R. Carlson)

that Senate establish an ad hoc committee consisting of three persons appointed by the Chair of Senate in consultation with the Steering Committee. The ad hoc committee will:

- (i) investigate all allegations made against two members of a Dalhousie Faculty which include allegations of research fraud and/or unprofessional behaviour, and will also investigate the circumstances surrounding the allegations. The ad hoc committee will make recommendations to Senate concerning the matter and, if appropriate, will recommend disciplinary or other action; and**
- (ii) investigate the policies, practices, and procedures of the Faculty and University and, in particular, consider the reasons for the delays that have occurred in the process. The ad hoc committee will make recommendations to Senate for the improvement of these policies, practices, and**

procedures if deemed necessary or appropriate.

The ad hoc committee will include one person with extensive research expertise in microbiology, and the committee is authorized, if it is deemed necessary, to call on external expertise to complete its deliberations.

Mr Stuttard asked if the persons who are to be the subjects of the investigation have seen the terms of reference. Mr Dunn replied that they had not, but that they had specifically asked for a Senate investigation of the matter and that the terms of reference had been drawn up to include the concerns and issues with which they had asked the committee to deal. Mr Stuttard also suggested that one of the two people referred to was not, in fact, a faculty member.

Mr Birdsall asked if the allegations had been made within or without the University. Mr Dunn replied that the allegations had come from within the University.

Mr Klassen asked if there was a standard process for dealing with such allegations. Mr Crocker said that a draft policy on research fraud was currently circulating within the University but had not yet been given formal consideration by Senate or its committees. Mr Klassen asked further if graduate students were being educated about the issue of research fraud. Ms Fingard said that the matter has been discussed in the Faculty of Graduate Studies and that the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students is planning workshops for students on this topic.

Mr Stuttard asked if the committee will be operating in accord with principles of natural justice. Mr Dunn replied that this was understood.

The question having been called, the motion carried.

93:124

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m. upon motion (E. Sutow/C. Starnes).

Secretary

Chair
