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**DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**OF**

**SENATE MEETING**

SENATE met in regular session on Thursday, October 7, 1999, at 4:00 p.m. in University Hall, Macdonald Building.

Present with Mr. C. Stuttard in the chair were the following:

Bell, Benoit, Binkley, Bleasdale, Bradfield, Brett, Carlson, Emodi, Flagel, Furrow, Galley, Girard, Ipson, Kimmins, Kipouros, R. Klapstein (for Jalilvand), Lohmann, B. MacDonald, N. MacDonald, MacInnis, Maloney, McConnell, McIntyre, Palermo, H. Powell, Rathwell, Ricketts, Russell, Sastri, Scully, Shafai, Treves, Ugursal, Vohra, Wainwright, Wallace, White.

Regrets: Alexander, Coffin, Connolly, El-Hawary, Fooladi, Jalilvand, Lee, MacKenzie, McAlister, Pacey, C. Powell, Shepherd, Slonim, Starnes, Tindall, Traves, Whyte.

**99:104.**

Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Stuttard noted that he would like to speak to item 2(b)ii, the Renaming of the B.A. and B.Sc., and requested that item be taken up after the Vice-Chair had arrived and was able to assume the Chair. Mr. Stuttard also wished to add, as item 2(b)iii, announcements of the approval of programs by MPHEC; and at the request of Mr. Scully, an opportunity for announcements from the Vice-President (Academic) and Provost was inserted before Question Period. The Chair reminded members that item 6 was an order-of-the-day for 4:30 pm, and that the final agenda item, the *in camera* session, should be an order-of-the-day for 5:50 pm. The agenda was then adopted as amended.

**99:105.**

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 13 September, 1999, were adopted as circulated.

**99:106.**

Dalhousie's Connections with Indonesia

Mr. Ricketts was saddened to have to announce that a Dalhousie doctoral candidate in Marine Biology, Joyce Dangeubun-Mahamuni, was missing and presumed dead following a beating she had received while returning home by ferry to her province of Mauluku, Indonesia. The attack had occurred September 18th/19th and according to eye witnesses, some of whom were family members, after the beating she had been dragged away and not seen again. Information remained sketchy, but reports indicated that a number of bodies had been thrown overboard before the ferry docked, and one of those bodies was presumed to be that of Joyce Dangeubun-Mahamuni. The area Joyce was from had seen considerable, centuries-old, violent ethnic and religious conflict unrelated to East Timor, and last year

the University of Pattimura, Ambon, where Joyce had been a professor of fisheries, had been closed because of violence aimed particularly at Christians and intellectuals. Mr. Axworthy had been petitioned to provide further information, and CIDA, which had been funding Joyce Dangeubun-Mahamuni's research as part of its program to help Eastern Indonesian Universities, was actively seeking additional information and taking precautions on behalf of students who might be planning to return to the area. Senate would continue to be informed. At some point the University community would be given the opportunity to show its respect for a student who had been engaged in very innovative work on behalf of her people.

Mr. Scully referred to his memorandum dated September 29, 1999, circulated in response to questions raised at the 13 September, 1999 meeting of Senate. He had sought information from a variety of Offices and Administrators within the University, and would be happy to answer any questions about the issues of concern. He appreciated the seriousness of the issues raised in this request for information, and would be happy to answer any further questions. Dalhousie would be revisiting the issue of its involvement in international projects and international dealings generally, arising from the report of the Task Force on Research Policy and Administration.

**99:107.**

Announcement of Approval of Programs by MPHEC

Mr. Stuttard reported that at its meeting on September 20, 1999, MPHEC had approved Dalhousie's proposed Master of Applied Science in Biomedical Engineering; the Master of Science in Medical Sciences; the Ph.D. in Medical Sciences; and the Bachelor of Science (Joint Major/Combined Honours) with a Concentration in Environmental Science. Ms. McIntyre noted that at the same meeting MPHEC had approved the Diploma in Disability Management.

**99:108.**

Announcements from the Vice-President (Academic) and Provost

Mr. Scully reported that as of October 1, 1999, enrolment information revealed that Dalhousie had achieved a modest increase in the number of students registered. The same data revealed a very modest shift toward part-time study. The number of visa students had increased significantly, by 11%, and first-year students had increased by 1%. Across the region, the pattern had been mixed, with Nova Scotia maintaining greater stability than other areas. New Brunswick Universities, for example, had seen the reduction in students anticipated because of demographic changes. Over all, the Atlantic region had registered a decrease in enrolments.

Mr. Scully was happy to confirm that the Computer Science Building was completed. The schedule for construction had been ambitious, and not surprisingly delays had resulted from a variety of factors. The University was indebted to Facilities Management and the team headed by Les Davey. On behalf of Dalhousie he thanked the faculty, staff, and above all the students, for adjusting to the last minute changes necessary to moving the Faculty to its new home.

Mr. Scully informed Senators that the soon to be released Report of the Task Force on Research Policy and Administration would pose important questions for the Senate and a new body, the Research Council, which was being proposed by the Task Force. Also, on behalf of the Search Committee for the Vice-President (Research), he asked that Senators join with the Dalhousie community in canvassing potential candidates for this position.

**99:109.**

Question Period

Mr. Galley asked Mr. Scully whether his report on enrolments meant that an enrolment list was now available from the Registrar's Office. Up until the end of the previous week, the Dalhousie Student Union had been unable to secure a list of those students enrolled for the current year. Mr. Scully agreed to communicate the answer to Mr. Galley. In response to Mr. Bradfield's question concerning how the enrolment increase had been measured, Mr. Scully clarified that the measurement was by head count, and not by full-time equivalents. Mr. Bradfield noted that the shift to part-time status had been anticipated with the move toward a system of fee per class. Mr. Scully agreed to investigate and would attempt to address Mr. Bradfield's question concerning the financial implications of the shift.

Mr. Bradfield also wondered whether it would be possible for interested members of Senate to receive a detailed report of Dalhousie's investment portfolio which would help them in determining whether we had investments in companies heavily involved in Indonesia. Given the events in East Timor over roughly the past month, Mr. Bradfield asked that Senate encourage Dalhousie faculty members developing new projects to consider concentrating their efforts on the rebuilding of East Timor. Mr. Wainwright asked Mr. Scully whether he believed he had been quoted accurately in an article in the previous week's Dalhousie Gazette in which, to paraphrase, he had indicated that it would be impossible to discern anything about Dalhousie's investments in Indonesia because there were too many companies and too many investments. Mr. Scully stood by the statement attributed to him. He believed Mr. Bradfield had been asking for a slightly different level of information.

**99:110.**

Presentation by Vice-President (Finance & Administration)

Mr. Mason spoke to the document which he had distributed to Senators, quickly outlining the basic financial information concerning the University, taking members through a series of charts and graphs demonstrating change over time.. He encouraged members to raise questions as he proceeded, and to contact him by email with any questions which he did not have the time or information to address directly following his presentation. He was pleased to report that the Budget for the current year was a balanced; however, he reminded members of the uncertainty surrounding funding for the present year of the three-year plan which had been adopted by the previous provincial Government. It appeared that the present Government would probably provide the money promised for the current year, but Dalhousie, like all Nova Scotian Universities, would face a very difficult funding situation in the following year. On a positive note, thanks largely to the continuing agreement on the use of pension surplus, the old "problem debt" had been retired.

Mr. Wainwright commented that given the emphasis on the large percentage of the Operating Budget which went to paying individual salaries at Dalhousie, he liked to read the benefits part of salary and benefits ironically. To the extent that we paid decent and competitive salaries we were able to attract and keep good people, with multiple benefits to the University. Mr. Wainwright's question concerned who made the decisions as to how we invested our money, and had any consideration ever been given at Dalhousie to ethical investment funds? Mr. Mason noted the role of Investment Committee of the Board of Governors, the group of Trustees for the Pension Fund and the group of trustees for the Retirees Trust Fund. Membership in those three groups overlapped significantly, and could be referred to collectively as an investment committee. They decided, based on the requirements to support expenditures out of specific funds, how funds should be invested, looking at broad issues such as how much should be put

into bonds and how much into equities, and how much to invest in Canada as compared to other parts of the world. They then selected professional investments managers to carry out the investment, deciding which companies in which to invest. Mr. Mason noted that when he had arrived at Dalhousie in the mid-eighties the University had had in place for the Endowment Fund a restriction on investment in companies significantly involved in South Africa. Legal advice provide to the University and Trustees had been that to apply that type of restriction to the area of pension monies would leave the institution and the trustees open to law suit if investment performance could be demonstrated to be less than what it would have been had they invested in some other way. At present, we did not look at factors other than the soundness of investment.

Referring to the comparison of salary and benefits from 1978/79 to 1984/85, Ms. Lohmann wondered how the number of employees had changed over the period. Mr. Mason did not have the numbers for 1984/85, but his educated guess was that we had more employees currently than we had had then. On another matter, Mr. Bradfield noted that because of the accounting method used, what looked like a very small surplus in the last fiscal year actually amounted to a \$4 mil surplus. His question concerned the nature of the cost recoveries which made up approximately 9% of the budget. Mr. Mason responded that the largest single area of cost recovery was in the Faculty of Medicine where in 1999 just under \$16 mil had been recovered primarily from the practice plans of the clinical faculty. The Faculty of Science had a significant, but more modest cost recovery of \$193, 000. Other examples included the sale of steam to other institutions; the charge to the University of King's College for teaching services provided by Dalhousie in excess of the tuition fees for King's students; and the revenues from the Dental Clinic.

In the area of ethical investment policies, Mr. Girard noted that the law of Nova Scotia had changed in 1995 such that the only requirement now for trustees was that they be active, prudent investors. Thus, it would be possible to have an ethical investment policy which complied with the prudent investor rule under the Provincial Trustee Act. Mr. Girard would be happy to provide a *pro bono* opinion to the endowment trustees. Mr. Bradfield asked Mr. Girard whether he would be willing to provide Senate with a pro bono opinion on the same matter. In response to Mr. Scully's earlier statement that the Task Force would revisit the issue of the University's international involvement, Mr. Girard noted that we could not revisit this issue since it had never been visited on a University-wide basis, at least in the area of human rights violations in host countries. He looked forward to seeing the Task Force Report and hoped such a debate would commence following its release.

### **99:111.**

#### Renaming of the B.A. and B.Sc. Degrees

Mr. Kipouros took the chair for this item. Mr. Stuttard spoke to the two emails which he had sent to Senators on this item. The issue had arisen because of a very late in the day plea from the Registrar concerning the motion which had been passed by Senate and was scheduled for the 21 September, 1999, meeting of the Board of Governors. As a result of that intervention, Mr. Stuttard had asked the Board to modify the motion by deleting reference to specific subjects on the parchments for the B.A. and B.Sc. degrees. When Mr. Stuttard had arrived at the Board meeting, Vice-President Scully, who was there to present the motion, indicated that he had spoken with the Chair of the Board, and was prepared to withdraw the motion from consideration at that time, in light of concerns raised. Mr. Stuttard had thought that a simple modification could overcome the Registrar's difficulty without seriously impairing the intent of the motion, and he had proposed an amendment which had been adopted without dissent. Since then, Mr. Stuttard had looked further into the question of the names of degrees and their representation on parchments, and had discovered a confusing situation, described in his email

distributed October 6, 1999. The seven key points set out in that email boiled down to the conclusion that MPHEC had already approved and Dalhousie has had in operation a twenty-credit major in B.A. and B.Sc., which was the intent of the motion which had gone to the Board. Without repeating the other issues raised in the email, Mr. Stuttard noted that the bottom line was that we could possibly ask this meeting to endorse the amended motion passed by the Board. On the other hand, there remained difficulties, not the least of which would be that the implementation of this motion would mean a change in the description of the fifteen-credit degree in that the transcript would no longer say "Major", but would say "Concentration." If Senate were to endorse the motion passed at the Board, we might be able to craft a submission to MPHEC which would smooth over this confusing record. If Senators believed unresolved issues needed to be addressed again, Mr. Stuttard suggested referral of the matter back to SCAA.

Mr. Scully asked for comments from the Deans of Science and Arts and Social Science on the matter. Mr. Kimmins believed that since this was simply a question of a name change too much had already been said about too little. Ms. Binkley noted the importance of providing students with a product which was labelled correctly. Ms. Binkley moved:

**That the motion be referred to SCAA to clarify the motions to come before the Senate.**

Mr. Bradfield suggested that we vote this motion down and pass a motion similar to that which had been passed by the Board of Governors. Mr. Brett believed that the very thing intended by the motion had been deleted in the amendment which had been passed at the Board of Governors -- the name change. Mr. Scully believed referral back to SCAA would clarify for Senate what it was being asked to do. As the individual largely responsible for urging this motion through the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Ms. Furrow thought that to some degree members of that Faculty had been persuaded by the idea that the parchment for the four-year degree would indicate the student's major. She would appreciate the time to consult back with the Faculty. Ms. McConnell was concerned about the students' response to the change in the motion, and about whether students in their final year would be graduating with the credential they had been expecting. She was also concerned about the response of students presently in the first and second years of their programs. Mr. Galley explained that the motion would not affect current students. Students had had input at both the Faculty and Committee level. Mr. Kimmins noted this was a complicated issue, but what was up for debate was whether the field for the major would appear on the parchment. In both the Faculty of Arts and Social Science and the Faculty of Science there had been extensive consultation. In one Faculty there had not been a consensus among the students, but he believed that by the time the motion reached SCAA there was a significant consensus in one Faculty and no opposition in another no. He would prefer that Senate adopt the motion as amended and adopted by the Board of Governors. That would ensure that the Calendar for the coming year would reflect the names of the degrees accurately.

Ms. Bleasdale shared Ms. Furrow's desire to consult with members of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. Similarly, Mr. Galley wished to have the opportunity to consult back with the students, to ensure their position was accurately reflected.

On a show of hands, the motion was **CARRIED**.

**99:112.**

Nominating Committee

On behalf of the Senate Nominating Committee, Mr. Stuttard moved:

**That the following nominations be approved:**

**To the Senate Committee on Academic Administration, Mary-Lou Ellerton (Nursing/Health Professions), October 1999-June 2002;**

**To the Senate Discipline Committee, Tom Boran (Dentistry), January 2000-June 2000; and Blyth Archibald (Business Administration/Management), October 1999-June 2000;**

**To the Senate Committee on Environment, Graham Gagnon (Engineering), October 1999-June 2001; and re-appointment of Carolyn Green (NSGEU Local77/Facilities Management), October 1999-June 2001;**

**To the Senate Computing & Information Technology Planning Committee, Ron Hoffman (Psychology/Science), October 1999-June 2002; and David Persaud (Health Services Administration/Health Professions), October 1999-June 2000;**

**To the Senate Committee on Instructional Development, Timothy Little (Engineering), October 1999-June 2000; Heather Schellinck (Psychology/Science), October 1999-December 1999; and Susan Mansour (Pharmacy/Health Professions), October 1999-June 2000;**

**To the Senate Library Committee, Richard Price (Dentistry), October 1999-June 2001; Stephen Kuzak (Engineering), October 1999-June 2002; and re-appointment of Robert White (Chemistry/Science), October 1999-June 2002;**

**To the University Security & Parking Committee, Michael Gray (Biochemistry/Medicine), October 1999-June 2000;**

**To the Advisory Council on Athletics, Nila Ipson (Health & Human Performance/Health Professions), October 1999-June 2000; and**

**To the Board Student Relations & Residence Committee, Robert Lee (Biology/Science), October 1999-June 2001.**

After the requisite calls for further nominations, the motion was **CARRIED**.

**99:113**

Awarding of Degrees and Diplomas

**College of Arts and Science (Provost - Dr. Marian Binkley)**

Bachelor of Arts.....	108
(Distinction 3, Honours 12, First Class Honours 5, Advanced Major 19)	
Bachelor of Arts Advanced Major Conversion .....	1
Bachelor of Arts Honours Conversion Certificate.....	1
(Honours 1)	
Bachelor of Music.....	2
Bachelor of Science .....	59
(Distinction 3, Honours 3, First Class Honours 2, Advanced Major 18)	
Bachelor of Science Advanced Major Conversion.....	3
Bachelor of Science Honours Conversion Certificate .....	1
(First Class Honours 1)	
Diploma in Engineering.....	1
	<b>TOTAL 175</b>

**Faculty of Architecture** (*Dean, Dr. Thomas Emodi*)

Bachelor of Environmental Design Studies.....	40
(Distinction 10)	

**Faculty of Computer Science** (*Dr. Ruth Bleasdale in the absence of Dean Slonim*)

Bachelor of Computer Science .....	14
(with Co-op 12)	
Bachelor of Science .....	11
(with Honours & Co-op 1)	
B.Sc. Advanced Major Conversion .....	1
	<b>TOTAL 26</b>

**Faculty of Engineering** (*Dean, Dr. Adam Bell*)

Bachelor of Engineering .....	8
(Distinction 1)	

**Faculty of Health Professions** (*Dean, Dr. Lynn McIntyre*)

Bachelor of Science (Nursing) - Post RN.....	3
Bachelor of Science (Nursing).....	1
Diploma in Health Services Administration .....	2
Bachelor of Social Work.....	7
Bachelor of Science (Occupational Therapy).....	1
Bachelor of Physical Education .....	1
Bachelor of Recreation .....	3
Bachelor of Science (Health Education).....	1
Bachelor of Science (Kinesiology).....	2
	<b>TOTAL 21</b>

**Faculty of Law (Dean, Professor Dawn Russell)**

Bachelor of Laws .....7

**Faculty of Management (Acting Dean, Dr. Ray Klapstein)**

Bachelor of Commerce .....22

**Faculty of Graduate Studies (Dean, Dr. Peter Ricketts)**

Doctor of Philosophy .....45  
 Doctor in the Science of Law (JSD) .....1  
 Master of Laws .....7  
 Master of Arts .....61  
     (Joint M.A. in Women’s Studies 3)  
 Master of Business Administration.....91  
     (Financial Services 68)  
 Master of Computer Science.....14  
 Master of Engineering .....4  
 Master of Environmental Studies .....9  
 Master of Information Technology Education.....2  
 Master of Marine Management.....19  
 Master of Nursing .....7  
 Master of Nursing/Master of Health Services Administration .....1  
 Master of Public Administration.....4  
 Master of Science.....42  
 Doctor of Medicine/Master of Science .....1  
 Master of Social Work .....16  
**TOTAL 324**

**DalTech Graduates (Graduate Studies)**

Master of Urban and Rural Planning .....5  
 Master of Architecture (First Professional) ..... 15  
 Master of Applied Science.....15  
 Master of Science in Agriculture .....7  
**TOTAL 42**

**TOTAL GRADUANDS 665**

Mr. Ricketts moved:

**That Senate approve the awarding of degrees to candidates identified in correspondence with the Secretary.**

The motion was **CARRIED.**

Ms. Binkley moved:

**That the appropriate Dean or the Provost of the College of Arts and Science, and the Registrar, in consultation with the Chair of Senate, be authorized to amend the graduate list to correct any errors or omissions discovered before the relevant Convocations; and that each amendment and its explanation be reported to Senate.**

The motion was **CARRIED**.

**99:114.**

Sexual Harassment Policy

Mr. Stuttard introduced Ms. Susan Brousseau, the President's Advisor on Sexual Harassment, who had been asked to report back to Senate within six months of its adoption of the new Policy on Sexual Harassment in February 1999. Speaking to the Report circulated to Senators, Ms. Brousseau noted that the period since the adoption of the Policy by the Board of Governors in March 1999 had been one of transition during which the Advisory Committee had been working to put in place the structures necessary to the operation of the Policy. Only now was the Resource Group in a position to begin using the procedures. From this point they would be in a position to monitor how well the Policy was working.

In light of the protestations in early 1999 to the effect that individuals and groups on campus had not been given adequate time for consultation and input in the drafting of this Policy, Mr. Ugursal found it interesting that, according to the Report, over the past six months no group or individual had come forward with suggestions for revisions. As one of those who had expressed concerns about the Policy, and as a member of the DFA Committee reviewing the Policy, Ms. Bankier was surprised to see this item on the agenda, and had hoped that the suggestions of concerned groups, including the employee groups and DWFO, would have been solicited prior to submission of this Report. She understood from what Ms. Brousseau said that the initial start-up period would have delayed the opportunity to assess the Policy in action. However, she hoped Senate would find a more appropriate time to consult and review the Policy.

**99:115.**

Proposed Department of Bioethics

On behalf of SAPBC, Mr. Stuttard moved:

**That the Office of Bioethics and Research be reconstituted as a Department of Bioethics in the Faculty of Medicine.**

The motion was **CARRIED**.

**99:116.**

***IN CAMERA.***

Report of Senate Academic Appeals Committee

Senate moved *in camera* for this item. The appeal was dismissed.

**99:117.**

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm.

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Secretary

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Chair