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D A L H O U S I E     U N I V E R S I T Y  
M I N U T E S  
O F  
S E N A T E     M E E T I N G

Senate met in special session on Wednesday, 1 May 1991 at 2:30 p.m. in the Senate and Board Room.

**Present**, with Ms. P. Lane in the chair, were:

Bérard, Carlson, Curri, Haley, M.J. Myers, Stairs, Sullivan.

**Regrets:** Belzer, Corvin, Eberhardt, Gilroy, J. Gray, J.V. Jones, Purdy, Manicom, Mason, T.J. Murray, Rees, Tamlyn, Writer.

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m.

**91:053.**

Approval of Degrees -- Nova Scotia Agricultural College

Mr. L. Haley, Principal of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College, presented the names of candidates for the Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture, offered in conjunction with Dalhousie University. It was moved (L. Haley/D. Stairs)

**that Senate approve the awarding of degrees to  
those candidates identified on the attached list  
submitted to the Secretary of Senate.**

It was then moved (L. Haley/K. Sullivan)

that the Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture  
be awarded, posthumously, to Ms. Rhonda Rae Rumbolt.

Mr. Haley explained that Ms. Rumbolt was in the fifth year of a B.Sc. program at N.S.A.C., pursuing a double major, when she was killed in an automobile accident. He noted that she had

completed 43 credits toward her degree and that students were able to graduate with a minimum of 40 credits. Mr. Stairs asked if the Senate had in the past awarded degrees posthumously. The Secretary replied that this had been done previously. The question having been called, the motion carried.

It was then moved (D. Stairs/M.J. Myers)

that the Principal and the Registrar of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College, in consultation with the Chair of Senate, be authorized to add to and remove from the graduation list the names of any students which have been omitted from or included in the graduation list due to demonstrable errors on the part of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College or one of its servants, or Dalhousie University or one of its servants, and that any such additions or deletions be reported to Senate.

The motion carried.

91:054.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m. upon motion (G. Curri/D. Stairs).

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Secretary

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Chair

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

Senate met in regular session on Thursday, 16 May 1991 at 10:00 a.m. in the Senate and Board Room.

**Present** with Ms. P. Lane in the chair were:

Angelopoulos, Arklie, Bankier, Belzer, Bérard, Bradfield, Breckenridge, Brett, Burns, Carlson, Carruthers, R.F. Chandler, I.M. Christie, Clark, Clarke, Corvin, Cummings, Curri, Easterbrook, Eberhardt, Fillmore, Fingard, Fitzgerald, Fullerton, Gilroy, Gratwick, Hawkins, Johnson, Klassen, Langstroth, Mackinnon, L.C. MacLean, Mason, McGuire, McKee, Murray, Nestman, O'Shea, Poel, Retallack, Richards, Ritchie, Ruggles, Ryall, A.M. Simpson, Sinclair, Sinclair-Faulkner, Sketris, R.J. Smith, Stairs, M.J. Stewart, Stuttard, Sullivan, J.E. Sutherland, Tindall, Walker, K.S. Wood, Young, Zakariasen.

**Regrets:** Clovis, Doyle, J. Gray, Gwyn, Haley, Hare, Heffernan, J.V. Jones, Kamra, Konok, Manicom, Noftle, Purdy, Rees, Roald, Roberts, Tamlyn, M.H. Tan, Varma, Wassersug, C.N. Williams.

**Invitee:** B.D. Christie

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

**91:055.**

Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the meetings of 8 April 1991, 22 April 1991, and 1 May 1991 were approved upon motion (F. Langstroth/G. Klassen).

**91:056.**

### Awarding of Degrees

Ms. Lane asked representatives of each Faculty to present their candidates for degrees, diplomas, and certificates.

### College of Arts and Science

Mr. R.J. Smith proposed that degrees, diplomas, and certificates be awarded as follows:

Bachelor of Arts	321
(Distinction 8, Honours 36, First Class Honours 15, Advanced Major 22)	
Bachelor of Arts (Honours Certificate)	17
(Honours 16, First Class Honours 1)	
Bachelor of Arts (Advanced Major Certificate)	9
Certificate in Costume Studies	9
Bachelor of Education	65
Bachelor of Music	6
Bachelor of Music Education	4
Bachelor of Science	325
(Distinction 25, Honours 37, First Class Honours 15, Advanced Major 29)	
Bachelor of Science (Honours Certificate)	15
(Honours 13, First Class Honours 2)	
Bachelor of Science (Advanced Major Certificate)	13
Diploma in Engineering	54
Diploma in Meteorology	3
TOTAL	841

### Faculty of Dentistry

Mr. Zakariasen proposed that degrees and diplomas be awarded as follows:

Doctor of Dental Surgery	27
Diploma in Dental Hygiene	40
TOTAL	67

### Faculty of Graduate Studies

Ms. Fingard proposed that degrees be awarded as follows:

Doctor of Philosophy	17	
Master of Arts	8	
Master of Arts in Teaching (French)	1	
Master of Business Administration	80	
Master of Business Administration/Bachelor of Laws		12
Master of Development Economics	3	
Master of Education	12	
Master of Health Services Administration	10	
Master of Laws	1	
Master of Library and Information Studies	26	
Master of Nursing	4	
Master of Public Administration	17	
Diploma in Public Administration	1	
Master of Science	22	
Master of Social Work	2	
Diploma in Marine Affairs	8	
Master of Environmental Studies	3	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>227</b>	

Faculty of Health Professions

Mr. Zakariasen proposed that degrees and diplomas be awarded as follows:

Bachelor of Nursing (Post RN)	22	
Bachelor of Physical Education	6	
(Distinction 2)		
Bachelor of Recreation	20	
Bachelor of Science (Health Education)	17	
(Distinction 1)		
Bachelor of Science (Kinesiology)	25	
(Distinction 3)		
Bachelor of Science (Nursing)	47	
(Distinction 5)		
Bachelor of Science (Nursing)-Post RN	26	
(Distinction 6)		
Bachelor of Science (Occupational Therapy)		29
(Honours 3, First Class Honours 4)		
Bachelor of Science (Pharmacy)	61	
(Distinction 5)		
Bachelor of Science (Physiotherapy)	49	
(Distinction 8)		
Bachelor of Social Work	34	

(Distinction 5)

TOTAL 336

Faculty of Law

Mr. I.M. Christie proposed that degrees be awarded as follows:

Bachelor of Laws 163

TOTAL 163

Faculty of Management

Mr. Poel proposed that degrees and certificates be awarded as follows:

Bachelor of Commerce 114

Certificate in Public Administration 4

TOTAL 118

Faculty of Medicine

Mr. Murray proposed that degrees be awarded as follows:

Doctor of Medicine 90  
(Distinction 9)

TOTAL 90

It was moved (M. Bradfield/T.J. Murray)

**that the candidates proposed and identified in correspondence to the Secretary of Senate should be awarded their respective degrees, diplomas, and certificates by Senate.**

The motion carried without dissent.

It was thereafter agreed upon motion (I.M. Christie/F. Langstroth)

**that the Provost of the College of Arts and Science or the Dean of the appropriate Faculty and the Registrar, in consultation with the Chair of Senate, be authorized to add to and remove**

**from the graduation list the names of any students which have been omitted from or included in the graduation list due to demonstrable errors on the part of the University or one of its servants, and that any such additions or deletions be reported to Senate.**

**91:057.**

Nominations to the University Tenure Panel

Mr. Bérard reported that the following two people had been nominated by the Senate Committee on Committees to serve on the University Tenure Panel and that their names had been approved both by the Dalhousie Faculty Association and by the Office of the President.

**P. Brown (Management) 1993**  
**K. Loudon (Science/Graduate Studies) 1993**

These nominations were approved upon motion (E. Angelopoulos/J. Bankier), and the persons named declared elected.

**91:058.**

Role and Capacity Exercise

In a continuation of discussion begun at the meeting of 22 April 1991, Mr. Stairs said that the Academic Vice-Presidents of the various universities in Nova Scotia had been asked by the Nova Scotia Council of Higher Education to examine low-enrolment programs for possible rationalization. The Academic Vice-Presidents had done so and had also begun to examine certain high-demand programs, as well as those programs specifically identified in the Council's last major report. At the moment, these discussions are awaiting the outcome of discussions taken by the Council of Nova Scotia University Presidents (CONSUP).

Mr. Clark announced that CONSUP had produced a report with the assistance of facilitator Rev. Dr. Gregory MacKinnon. This report has been reproduced in full in the Dalhousie News, and copies are also available from the President's Office and the Senate Office. Mr. Clark said that the facilitator had planned that a report be issued containing specific recommendations, but CONSUP could agree only on a more general statement of principles. Mr. Clark said that the report made the important point that any rationalization of universities will entail substantial costs and asked the government to make a commitment to help universities meet those costs. The report asked further that the Nova Scotia Council on Higher Education review the financial base for provincial allocations to each institution.



CONSUP has asked the Government to respond to their document after the presentation of the provincial Budget. The report recommends the engagement of external consultants to help develop a continuing structure to oversee the process of rationalization. It is expected that recommendations for change in six areas of study will be made by the end of December 1991.

Mr. Clark said that while the report was agreed upon by all the Presidents, there is no agreed upon interpretation of all the points which it contains.

Mr. L.C. MacLean asked how the President interpreted the recommendation concerning business education. Mr. Clark said that a widespread, but unofficial, interpretation was that there should be one school of business in Halifax and that it should be located at St. Mary's University, but he has maintained that any change must be supported by some compelling, logical academic arguments. Ms. Curri asked if discussion of a single school of business included other institutions with business programs, such as Mount St. Vincent University. Mr. Clark replied that, to date, only the business programs at Dalhousie and St. Mary's have been discussed. Mr. Poel said that a relocation of the School of Business Administration would have a serious impact upon other programs in the Faculty of Management. Mr. I.M. Christie noted the links between the Faculty of Law and the School of Business Administration. Mr. Sinclair-Faulkner said that faculty members in the School of Business Administration were valuable colleagues, doing much exciting research, and he warned against the temptation for other faculty members to ignore the issue.

Mr. Fillmore asked how individual units could contribute their views to the process. Mr. Clark said that he has reported regularly to Senate about these matters and would hold an open meeting on the CONSUP report on Friday afternoon, 17 May, at Henson College. He said that he would accept submissions from anyone on any topic related to the Role and Capacity exercise. He added that he was seeking what was best in the context of the whole Atlantic region, not specifically in the interest of Dalhousie University.

Ms. Bankier said that the Canadian Association of University Teachers could suggest experienced resource people to assist CONSUP in the next stage of its discussions. Mr. Bradfield asked if any cost studies have been done on the impact of the Council's recommendations. Mr. Clark replied that such studies had not been undertaken. Ms. Bankier said that a September 1991 deadline was rather too soon to ensure widespread faculty input, and she asked if the names of the external consultants chosen would be made public. Mr. Clark said that he expected the names to be made public when they had been selected, but he added that the Government did expect clear evidence of progress by the end of September 1991.

**91:059.**

### University Budget

Mr. Mason said that the University had not yet received word of the funds it would receive this year from the Province. It appeared that there would be a minimal increase in the operating grant, that the University could expect a portion of the approximately \$1.5 million in targeted funding allocated for all universities, and that non-space capital monies would continue at 1990-91 levels. The Province had indicated that overall funding for higher education would grow at a maximum of 2% per year for three years. A freeze on wages and salaries for the next two years is in effect; all negotiated increases will be deferred for two years from the time that they were scheduled to take effect. It was not yet clear if the legislation would have the effect of extending all contracts, nor was it clear if the freeze covered only scale increases or all wage adjustments, such as the C.D.I. Measures to implement a pay-equity policy are to be deferred for two years, but the specific implications of this decision for the University are as yet unclear. It was expected that the University would receive approximately \$8.6 million in capital funding, which would include substantial expenditures on the Chemistry Building and on the Tupper Building.

Ms. Bankier said that the President of the University of New Brunswick has joined his faculty in resisting similar budgetary actions in that province, and she asked if the President of Dalhousie would be joining resistance to the actions of the Nova Scotia Government. Mr. Clark said that he was specifically concerned about government interference in the collective bargaining process that has been developed at Nova Scotia universities and about the long-term consequences of a wage-freeze.

Mr. Gratwick asked if the wage freeze applied to individuals or to the University as a whole, and, if the latter, would it be possible for the University to provide wage increases to some individuals. Mr. Mason said that he was not sure of the details of the freeze, but he thought that it applied to the wages and salaries of individuals. Mr. Brett asked if the wage-freeze was limited to two years from 14 May 1991, and Mr. Bradfield asked if the freeze would cover pension agreements. Mr. Mason said that he would look into both of those questions.

**91:060.**

### Report on Activities -- Office of the Vice-President (External)

Mr. Eberhardt reported on the current structure of his Office and the activities of its constituent departments, the Office of Alumni Affairs, the Development Office, and the Office of Public Relations (information appended). He pointed out that Dalhousie was, until well into this century, a private institution which received no government assistance, and he noted that the University would have to look increasingly to private donors for support. He reported on the success of the Annual Fund and other development activities.

Mr. Belzer asked if it would be possible to persuade the Province to adopt a policy to allow tax-deductible "gifts to a province" to be dedicated to the support of particular universities. Mr. Clark said that he understood that such a policy was under consideration in Nova Scotia. Mr. Clark commented on the great progress which had been made in setting up new alumni chapters across the country. He also reported the receipt of a number of large alumni gifts, including one of \$1 million to support a proposal related to graduate studies. He stressed the importance of good stewardship and acknowledgement of alumni support in maintaining a strong development program.

Mr. Bradfield urged that the next capital campaign, whenever it is held, should focus not only on the erection of new buildings but also on the reduction of the university's debt.

**91:061.**

Appointment of the Ombud and Assistant Ombud 1991-92

Ms. Curri, Acting Chair of the Senate Committee on Academic Administration, reported that the Ombud Advisory Committee had forwarded to SCAA nominations for the positions of Ombud and Assistant Ombud for 1991-92. SCAA has asked the Vice-President (Student Services) to look into the matter of finding alternative names (preferably English ones) for these offices, but the Committee did approve (SCAA 91:021) the nominations of the Ombud Advisory Committee. It was moved (G. Curri/E. McKee)

**that Senate approve Ms. Elizabeth Butt as Ombud and  
Mr. Brian Beck as Assistant Ombud for 1991-92.**

The motion carried.

**91:062.**

Board of Governors Approvals - For Information

Mr. Bérard reported that the Board of Governors had given conditional approval to the proposed Master of Marine Management program and the Bachelor of Commerce (Cooperative Education) program.

**91:063.**

Response to Query -- 14 January 1991

Mr. Bérard reported receipt of a response (previously circulated) from Mr. McKee reporting that the total cost of a recent conversion of a racquetball court at Dalplex into a squash court was \$7600.

**91:064.**

Report of the President

Mr. Clark gave a brief oral report. He announced the visit to campus later in the week of the President of Uruguay. He noted a meeting of the Atlantic Provinces Interuniversity Committee on Science (APICS) held earlier in Truro had called for greater recognition to be given in universities to the work of faculty members in promoting public awareness of science. Mr. Clark also reported on a recent meeting of the Corporate-Higher Education Forum, which discussed the relationship of universities to the public education system. He said that universities, which train future teachers, must take a greater interest in the state of public education. Finally, he noted the election of two Dalhousie faculty members, Ms. Judith Fingard, Dean of Graduate Studies, and Mr. W. Ford Doolittle, of the Faculty of Science, to the Royal Society of Canada.

**91:065.**

Question Period

Ms. Walker asked why one Faculty, the Faculty of Law, has been given permission to charge a higher application fee to prospective students than that charged normally, and why that Faculty has been given permission to retain the additional \$5 from the application fee for its own use. Mr. Mason said that the Faculty of Law has taken on added responsibilities in admitting students and has sought a budget adjustment to cover its costs. Ms. Walker pointed out that the Faculty of Law is only one of many units which handles its own admissions.

Mr. Tindall circulated a copy of the C.A.U.T. guidelines on conflict-of-interest as they applied to the use of external legal counsel by universities. He asked what legal firm Dalhousie used normally. Mr. Clark replied that the University normally engaged the firm of McInnis, Cooper, and Robertson. Mr. Tindall asked if any members of the Board of Governors were also members of that firm. Mr. Clark replied that one member of the Board, appointed by King's College, was a member of that firm. Mr. Tindall asked if the Board's conflict-of-interest guidelines were in accord with those of the C.A.U.T. Mr. Clark replied that he could not answer that question at this time. He added that he assumed that similar guidelines would apply to the Dalhousie Faculty Association in its engagement of counsel.

Mr. Bradfield asked if the Campus Plan exercise was paid for from Killam Residual Funds, and asked for a statement of revenues and expenditures of Killam Funds over the past two years.

Mr. Bradfield asked if members of the Administration used limousine service to and from the Halifax International Airport. Mr. Clark said that limousine service has been used, adding that it frequently proved less expensive to use the limousine service than to hire one or more taxis.

**91:066.**

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. upon motion (E. Angelopoulos/B. Mason).

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Secretary

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Chair