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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

OF

SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session on Friday, 11 October 1991 at 4:00 p.m. in the Senate and Board Room.

Present with Mr. R. Carlson in the chair were:

Ashley, Banerjee, Bérard, Betts, Birdsall, S. Boyd, Bradfield, Carlson, Clark, Clarke, Curri, Dykstra, Eberhardt, Fingard, Fullerton, Hanlon, Horrocks, J.V. Jones, R.S. McIntyre, McKee, L.C. MacLean, Maloney, Mazany, J.D. Myers, Ruggles, Ryall, A.M. Simpson, Sinclair-Faulkner, Stairs, Sullivan, J.E. Sutherland, Young, Zakariasen.

Invitees: B.D. Christie.

Regrets: A.D. Cohen, J. Gray, Haley, Hare, Laidlaw, Lane, Mason, Murray, Purdy, Rees, Ritchie, Roald, Tamlyn, Tan, Wassersug, Welch.

Mr. Carlson called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

91:126.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the special meeting of 16 September 1991 were approved, with the following correction:

p. 3, ¶1, l. 7: change "Surette" to "Forgeron";
p. 4, ¶4, l. 2: change "K. Surette" to "J.-G. Forgeron"

upon motion (E. McKee/J.E. Sutherland).

The minutes of the regular meeting of 23 September 1991 were approved upon motion (H. Eberhardt/P. Ryall).

91:127.

Awarding of Degrees

College of Arts and Science

Senate agreed upon motion (K. Sullivan/K. Zakariasen) that degrees and diplomas be awarded as follows:

Bachelor of Arts	74
(Distinction 2, Honours 8,	
First-Class Honours 2, Adv.Major 4)	
Bachelor of Arts Honours Certificate	3
(Honours 3)	
Bachelor of Education	5
Bachelor of Music Education	1
Bachelor of Science	50
(Distinction 4, Honours 4, Advanced Major 7)	
Bachelor of Science Honours Certificate	1
(Honours 1)	
Bachelor of Science Advanced Major Certificate	1
Diploma in Engineering	18

Total 153

Faculty of Graduate Studies

Senate agreed upon motion (J. Fingard/G. Curri) that degrees be awarded as follows:

Master of Business Administration	4
Master of Development Economics	4
Master of Environmental Studies	3
Master of Arts	46
Master of Science	31
Master of Education	26
Master of Health Services Administration	2
Master of Laws	6
Master of Library and Information Studies	2
Master of Public Administration	2
Master of Social Work	17

Master of Nursing	11
Master of Arts in Teaching French	2
Doctor of Philosophy	27

Total 183

Faculty of Health Professions

Senate agreed upon motion (K. Zakariasen/A. Young) that degrees, certificates, and diplomas be awarded as follows:

Bachelor of Social Work (Distinction 4)	19
Bachelor of Physical Education	1
Bachelor of Recreation	2
Bachelor of Science (Health Education)	7
Bachelor of Science (Kinesiology)	3
Bachelor of Nursing (Post RN)	6
Bachelor of Science (Nursing)(Post RN)	4
Diploma in Outpost & Community Health Nursing	6
Bachelor of Science (Physiotherapy) (Distinction 2)	2

Total 50

Faculty of Law

Senate agreed upon motion (S. Ashley/E. McKee) that the following degree be awarded:

Bachelor of Laws	1
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Faculty of Management

Senate agreed upon motion (L. MacLean/K. Zakariasen) that degrees be awarded as follows:

Bachelor of Commerce	25
Certificate in Public Administration	3

Faculty of Medicine

Senate agreed upon motion (K. Mann/J.E. Sutherland) that the following degree be awarded:

Doctor of Medicine

1

Senate also agreed upon motion (K. Sullivan/P. Ryall)

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.

91:128.

Nominations to the University Tenure Panel

Mr. Bérard presented the names of the following people, who had been nominated by the Senate Committee on Committees, and who have received the requisite approval of the President and the Dalhousie Faculty Association, for membership on the University Tenure Panel.

J. Harbison (Health Professions)
D. Patton (Management)
J. Clovis (Dentistry)
J. Crocker (Medicine)
D. MacIntosh (Arts and Social Sciences)
D. Kiang (Science)
W. Charles (Law)
A. Sedgwick (Science)
R. Holness (Medicine)
B. Richard (Health Professions)
G. Muecke (Science)
P. Pronych (Dentistry)
J. Armour (Medicine)
D. Vanderzwaag (Law)

After the requisite call for further nominations, Mr. Carlson declared the above-named persons elected.

91:129.

Annual Report of the Senate Physical Planning Committee

Mr. Bérard, Chair of the Senate Physical Planning Committee, presented the Committee's Annual Report for 1990-91 (previously circulated). It was moved (R. Bérard/K. Sullivan)

that Senate accept the Annual Report of the Senate Physical Planning Committee.

The motion carried.

91:130.

Revised Terms of Reference for the Senate Physical Planning Committee

Mr. Bérard presented a revised terms of reference (previously circulated) for the Senate Physical Planning Committee, explaining that the recommended increase of the elected membership from nine to twelve members was designed to bring the terms of reference in line with recent practice.

Mr. Bradfield asked if the Senate Physical Planning Committee felt that the new Campus Plan gave the Committee sufficient direction. Mr. Bérard replied that the members of the Committee, particularly those who had been involved with the campus planning process, thought that the plan was useful and should be incorporated in its future deliberations and decision-making. The Committee is to meet later in the month with the Board's Buildings and Grounds Committee to discuss how best to make use of the plan.

It was moved (R. Bérard/M. Dykstra)

that Senate approve the revised terms of reference for the Senate Physical Planning Committee.

Mr. Bradfield asked if the Senate Physical Planning Committee develops criteria for ranking building or other physical planning projects. Mr. Bérard said that the Committee had not yet

established specific criteria for new building projects, although discussion of such criteria was to be on the Committee's agenda during this year. Certain criteria, such as accessibility, safety, security, and relevance to teaching, had, however, been given priority in the Committee's annual task of assessing proposed Alterations and Renovations projects.

Mr. Birdsall asked that, as the terms of reference provided for representation normally from each of the Faculties, such representation should also be specified for the University Library. It was moved (W. Birdsall/M. Dykstra):

that the words "the University Library," be added before the words "Henson College" in §1 of the section entitled "Composition".

The amendment carried.

Mr. Bradfield said that the terms of reference should include a mandate for the Committee to advise Senate on the priority for any new capital campaign. Mr. Bérard replied that the Senate Physical Planning Committee had been involved in establishing priorities for the last capital campaign. Mr. Bradfield said that he thought it would be helpful to have that role made clear in the Committee's terms of reference. It was moved (M. Bradfield/A. Young)

that an §4 be added to the section entitled "Functions" to read "with the Senate Academic Planning Committee, to advise Senate on priorities for capital fund-raising campaigns.

The amendment carried.

The question having been called, the amended motion carried.

91:131.

Call for Nominations for Honorary Degrees, 1992

Mr. Bérard called the attention of members to the call for nominations (previously circulated) for honorary degrees to be awarded at Dalhousie in 1992. He noted that new guidelines required nominations to be seconded by two persons. The deadline for nominations was set at the end of November 1991.

91:132.

Co-operative Education Programs in Geology and Marine Biology

Mr. Carlson explained that Senate, in the early 1980s, had approved a number of co-operative education programs in science. At that time, the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission gave blanket approval to any new co-operative education program in science at Dalhousie organized along the lines of those already approved. Senate did not, however, extend such carte blanche to new co-operative education programs. Due to a problem of communication between the Vice-President (Academic and Research) and the Dean of Science, the Faculty of Science believed that it could proceed with the implementation of new co-operative education programs in geology and marine biology without specific Senate approval. Upon being informed that this was not permissible, the Faculty of Science presented formal proposals (previously circulated) for these programs to the Senate Academic Planning Committee.

Mr. Carlson reported that the Senate Academic Planning Committee had approved the two programs and recommended their approval to Senate (SAPC 91:088). Ms. Mazany, Assistant Dean of the Faculty of Science, pointed out that the academic content of the two programs was the same as that in the existing programs in geology and marine biology. Added costs for the programs were to be met from special fees paid by students who chose the co-operative education option.

It was moved (L. Mazany/M. Bradfield)

that Senate approve the proposed new co-operative education programs in geology [earth sciences] and marine biology.

Mr. Betts noted that the Technical University of Nova Scotia and St. Mary's University had recently received external funding for comparable co-operative education programs and urged that Dalhousie seek similar external support.

The question having been called, the motion carried.

91:133.

Revised Guidelines for Centres and Institutes

Mr. Bérard reported that draft guidelines for the establishment, review, and termination of centres and institutes at Dalhousie had been presented by the Senate Academic Planning Committee to Senate last November. As a result of discussions in Senate, the guidelines were referred back to the Committee for revisions. On the basis of suggestions received at that meeting and subsequently after contacting all Faculties and all centres and institutes at the University, a revised set of guidelines (previously circulated) had been prepared. These revised guidelines had been approved by the Senate Academic Planning Committee (SAPC 91:092) and were being recommended to Senate.

It was moved (R. Bérard/M. Bradfield)

that Senate approve the revised guidelines for centres and institutes at Dalhousie.

Mr. Bradfield pointed out that the word "approve" in Guidelines I-4(a) and I-4(b) should be replaced by the words "recommend approval to Senate of". This suggestion was accepted by the mover. Mr. Betts asked who would be responsible for carrying out reviews of centres and institutes. Mr. Bérard said that reviews would be undertaken by a special committee established jointly by the Senate Academic Planning Committee and the Associate Vice-President (Research). Support for the work of the special review committee was to be provided by the Office of the Associate Vice-President (Research).

The question having been called, the motion carried.

91:134.

CONSUP Report to the Minister of Education

Mr. Carlson reported that the Joint Statutory Committee, composed of Board and Senate representatives, had met to discuss with the President the response (previously circulated) of the Council of Nova Scotia University Presidents (CONSUP) to the report of consultants engaged to identify options for a continuing structure to promote co-operation and co-ordination among Nova Scotia universities. Strong reservations about the document were expressed at that meeting by both Board and Senate representatives, particularly about the role it described for CONSUP, the lack of vision in the document, and the mechanism for selecting members of the Nova Scotia Council of Higher Education. The Joint Statutory Committee recommended to the President that Dalhousie not accept the CONSUP response. Following that recommendation, President Clark issued a statement (previously circulated) communicating and explaining Dalhousie's decision not to support the CONSUP report.

Mr. Clark outlined the major features of the CONSUP document, noting that the appendix "A", circulated with the report, had not been included in the response to the Minister of Education. Mr. Clark said that the CONSUP recommendations, if implemented, could lead, depending on the personnel involved, to major changes or to no change at all. Dalhousie, therefore, found the response disappointing. Mr. Clark also expressed his concern that Dalhousie, given its size, its role in graduate and professional education, and its national and international reputation, be represented adequately on the Nova Scotia Council of Higher Education or any equivalent body.

Mr. Bérard asked what sort of reaction he had received from other members of CONSUP after he issued his statement. Mr. Clark replied that he had met several of his colleagues at a meeting of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) in Ontario and that he sensed a degree of frostiness, not totally related to the season.

91:135.

Report of the President

Mr. Clark summarized his report (appended). He noted the coming visit on 21 October of Dr. Stuart Smith, who has recently completed a report on Canadian universities for the AUCC. He asked that members of Senate read the synopsis of the report (circulated under separate cover) and attend the sessions being planned to discuss the report.

Mr. Simpson asked what will occur next in the Role and Capacity exercise. Mr. Clark replied that CONSUP had met on 10 October to discuss the question of membership on the Nova Scotia Council of Higher Education. He said that there has begun to be some recognition by members of CONSUP that it must attend to several specific issues related to program rationalization and co-operation on which it must report to the Minister of Education by the end of December.

91:136.

Question Period

Mr. Bradfield asked when the University Governance Document is to come before Senate again. Mr. Bérard replied that the revised draft of the document has been discussed at a meeting of the Joint Statutory Committee and by a small subcommittee of that body. Discussions are continuing to see if differences between the Board and Senate, both of which bodies must approve any changes to the document, can be resolved. Mr. Bérard pointed out that, until any revisions are approved, the existing University Governance Document remains in effect.

Mr. Bradfield asked when the COSMIC report would come before Senate. Mr. Bérard replied that the COSMIC Committee had completed a report, which has gone to the Senate Academic and Financial Planning Committees and to the Financial Strategy Committee of the Board for comment. The report will then be circulated to Faculties, and it is expected that some open forum on the document will be held. After those discussions, the COSMIC Committee will consider revisions before submitting a final report to Senate and the Board of Governors.

Mr. Bradfield asked if Dalhousie subscribed generally to the policy recommended by the Canadian Association of University Business Officers (CAUBO) that universities recover not only current costs but also debt charges related to ancillary operations. Mr. Clark said that he thought that the University did try to recover such charges but he would refer the question to the Vice-President (Finance and Administration) for a written response.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m. upon motion (E. McKee/G. Curri).

Chair

Secretary