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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session in the Board and Senate Room on Monday, 14 February 1983 at 4:00 p.m.

Present with Mr. A. M. Sinclair in the chair were the following:

Andrews, Atherton, Axworthy, Barkow, Bennett, Betts, Birdsall, Bradfield, Braybrooke, Brett, Byham, Cameron D.M., Cameron T.S., Chambers, Charles, Chaytor, Christie, Cohen A.D., Comeau, Cromwell, Cross, Cunningham, Duff, Fraser (Philip), Friedenberg, Garside, Gesner, Graham, Haley, Hall B.K., Hatcher, Heard, Horrocks, Jacobson, Jones W.E., Kamra, Kennedy, Kent, Kimmins, King, Klassen, Laidlaw, Leffek, Manos, McKenzie, McNulty (Secretary), Myers, Myrden, Nestman, O'Shea, Ozier, Pooley, Pronych, Rans, Renner, Richards, Robinson S.C., Rodger, Schotch, Shaw L.R., Shaw T., Sherwin, Shires, Sinclair-Faulkner, Stairs, Stewart, Stern, Tan, Thiessen, Thompson, Tingley, Tomlinson, Tonks, Varma, Vohra, Waterson, White F.M., Yung.

Regrets: Belzer, Blecher, Friedrich, Fulton, Moffitt, Runte.

83:10.

New Member

The Chairman introduced and welcomed Mr. Martin Tomlinson, newly elected student representative to replace Mr. G. Fitzgerald.

83:11.

Minutes of the Meetings of 13 and 20 December 1982, and 10 January 1983

Upon motion (Horrocks/Waterson) the minutes of the meeting of 13 December 1982 were approved, with the following corrections. In Minute No. 82:100, page 3, Ms. Waterson's name is incorrectly indicated as Ms. Waterhouse. In Minute No. 82:102, the second motion was corrected to read

notification of any proposed reductions in access to the computer so as to be able to review the academic implications of these changes before they are implemented.

The minutes of the meeting of 20 December 1982 were approved upon motion (Horrocks/Waterson) with the following corrections. After "Computer Science" in the second last line on page 1 (Minute No. 82:106) should be added "special funding for non-space capital," and the last line on page 1 should be amended to read "Assistant Director and restoration of full-time secretarial services for the Transition Year Programme."

83:11.

Minutes of the Meetings of 13 and 20 December 1982, and 10 January 1983

On page 2 (Minute No. 82 :106) line 24 in paragraph 2 should be amended to read, "Ms Waterson suggested that a consensus was developing that continuing education should receive greater attention and that Senate needed to receive more detail about proposals for its development. " In Minute No. 82:106 on page 4, line 25, the word "systematic" should be changed to "systemic".

Upon motion (Heard/Braybrooke) the minutes of the meeting of 10 January 1983 were also approved.

83:12.

Question Period

Mr. Pooley indicated that the President was to provide an answer to a question he raised at the last meeting (Minute No. 83:03) about fees paid by students enrolled simultaneously in two faculties. The President asked the Registrar to provide details. The Registrar pointed out that three facts have to be kept in mind:

- (1) The policy at the university is to charge per class fees up to a course load of three classes; for more than three classes full fees are charged.
- (2) Students who register for two programmes register twice and pay fees applicable to each programme. (For example, a student who takes 3 classes in one program and one in another, gains in that he/she pays less than full fees, whereas a student who takes four classes in one programme and one in another pays more than the normal full fees.)
- (3) Students carrying class overloads in one programme do not pay more, whereas students carrying a full course load in one programme plus one or more additional classes in another programme pays for the additional class(es).

Mr. Kamra asked whether it was true that the paper towel dispensers in the Dental Building use special towels that cost \$5 per roll and have to be imported from the U. S.A. Mr. Cunningham responded that the paper towels are purchased locally at competitive rates.

Mr. Kamra also reported that he had heard that the Dean of Dentistry has plans to rent the fourth floor of the Dental Building, and he asked if this were true. The President stated that it was his understanding that some discussion had taken place but no commitments had yet been made.

Ms. Laidlaw asked for the further information on campus security which she had requested (Minute No. 82:99). The Chairman noted that a report on the matter had been sent out with the information for this meeting.

Mr. Manos asked a question about Kenyan students whom the Department of Education had agreed to accept. He stated he understood that the programme has now been canceled and asked for clarification. The President replied that last summer he and the High Commissioner of Kenya had discussed the possibility of Kenyan students coming to Dalhousie to obtain Bachelor of Education degrees. The Ambassador had said that as many as 10 to 12 students might come. Subsequently, the President learned that all have been placed through a "middleman" in Ontario universities. He emphasized that the proposals from the High Commissioner were at no time firm.

Ms. Sherwin asked why, when so many departments were under severe restraint, a faculty member was given severance pay when it was rumoured that he had left to take up a position at another university. The President replied that there was one such person in that category.

Mr. Axworthy asked (1) if the President has considered whether he will prepare a comprehensive plan as requested (Minute No. 82:96); (2) if the Chairman of Senate could indicate what responses had been made by the Board of Governors to Senate's motions on Restraint and Renewal; and (3) if further information could be given on the voluntary termination case when the university knew that the person had accepted another position. In response to (1) the President stated that he will circulate a detailed report containing information related to the topic, but he had no full and formal plan at this state, and he circulated an outline with the full report to follow shortly.

The Chairman responded to (2) and reported that the Joint Board/Senate Committee to Investigate Circumstances Surrounding the President's Declaration of Restraint and Renewal had met and considered some of the matters referred by Senate and would discuss these and other matters further at future meetings. The recommendation of Senate that all three officers of Senate be permitted to attend Board meetings as observers (Minute No. 82:96) was discussed at the last joint meeting of representatives of Senate with the Executive of the Board. The Chairman reported that the consensus of the meeting was that provision be made for an alternate to attend Board meetings when the Chairman was unavailable. He added that the matter will be referred to the Joint Board/Senate Committee for further consideration.

Mr. Kamra stated that, in his view, the Chairman did not present Senate's views accurately on this last matter and felt that he should have sought further information from the mover and seconder of the motion. The Chairman replied that the problem as he saw it could be solved by making provision for an alternate.

83:13.

Awarding of Degrees and Diplomas

Upon the recommendations of the Deans of Faculties, the following degrees were awarded upon motion:

Faculty of Arts and Science

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| Bachelor of Arts | 14 |
| (Distinction 1) | |
| Bachelor of Science | 25 |
| (Distinction 2, Honours 2) | |
| Bachelor of Science Honours Certificate | 1 |
| (Honours 1) | |
| Bachelor of Science in Engineering Physics | 2 |
| (Honours 1, First Class Honours 1) | |
| Bachelor of Education | 3 |
| Diploma in Engineering | 4 |

Faculty of Law

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| Bachelor of Laws | 1 |
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One additional student had completed all requirements for the LL.B. degree and been presented with the degree at the fall convocation, but there was no record of his having been granted the degree by Senate. Upon motion (Charles/ Christie) the degree was formally approved retroactive to 15 October 1982.

Faculty of Graduate Studies

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| Doctor of Philosophy | 11 |
| (Distinction 1) | |
| Master of Arts | 2 |
| (Distinction 1) | |
| Master of Science..... | 5 |
| Diploma in Public Administration | 1 |
| Master of Social Work | 1 |
| Master of Business Administration | 2 |

Faculty of Health Professions

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| Diploma in Outpost and Community Health Nursing | 6 |
| Bachelor of Physical Education | 9 |

Four students for the Diploma in Outpost and Community Health Nursing were, through an oversight, omitted from the list of graduands from the Faculty of Health Professions approved on 15 October 1982. It was agreed that these Diplomas be awarded retroactive to 15 October 1982.

83:14.

Notice of Motion -- Mr. Peter Rans

Mr. Rans, seconded by Mr. Axworthy, presented the following motion.

that the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students be invited to appoint a representative to Senate for the year 1983/84 and for all consecutive years.

Mr. Rans spoke to the motion and stated that graduate students are largely represented by undergraduates and, in his opinion, they should be permitted their own representative.

The motion was carried. A mail ballot of all members of Senate will be carried out, as regulations require, to add a graduate student representative to the Senate membership.

83:15.

Reports and Recommendations -- Committees of Senate

A. Academic Planning Committee

1. Proposed Ph.D. in Philosophy

It was moved and seconded (Cross/Sherwin)

that it be recommended to the Board of Governors that the Ph.D. in Philosophy be approved.

The motion was **carried**.

2. Proposed Residency Programme in Community Medicine

Upon motion (Robinson/Haley), it was agreed that it be recommended to the Board of Governors that the Residency Programme in Community Medicine be approved.

B. Committee on Academic Administration

1. Departmental Fee Charges -- Matter of Report

Vice-President Klassen reported that the question of fees and charges set by departments has been considered by the Committee on Academic Administration. He stated that there were few fees charged in any faculty, but that there were costs associated with some programmes. He indicated that information on such costs should be available to students at the time of registration, perhaps through the University News. He also emphasized that if any unit of the university wishes to impose fees, they must follow the regular university procedures to obtain approval from the Board before doing so. In response to a question from Mr. Andrews, it was agreed to ask the Committee on Academic Administration for clarification of what "regular university procedures" constituted in such cases.

2. Report of Sub-Committee on Student Appeals and Discipline Matters

The President presented the report on behalf of the Committee on Academic Administration. He stated that it should be considered as an interim report since some matters require further consideration.

Dean Charles also presented a brief prepared by a graduate student on the matter which had been approved by the Faculty of Law, and he distributed copies. (A copy of the Faculty of Law's submission is appended to these minutes.)

83:15. Reports and Recommendations -- Committees of Senate

B. Committee on Academic Administration

2. Report of Sub-Committee on Student Appeals and Discipline Matters Continued

The President moved, seconded by Mr. Andrews,

that the matter be tabled pending further report from the Committee.

The motion was carried.

C. Interim Ad Hoc Board of Appeals -- Recommendation on Appeal of Student for Re-admission to the Faculty of Law

Mr. Horrocks, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Board of Appeals considering the appeal of Mr. Christopher Joule for readmission to the Faculty of Law, presented the committee's conclusions. He reported that,

- 1) The procedures for handling the appellant's request for review of the appellant's marks were carried out correctly in accordance with the Review Procedures in the Faculty of Law Calendar;
- 2) Because the Law School has clearly defined procedures to consider cases of re-admission, there is no justification to recommend to Senate that the Law School be directed to vary its procedures in the manner requested in the letter of 9 December 1982, submitted by the appellant's legal counsel;
- 3) The Law School's determination of the appellant's appeal was justified.

Upon motion (Horrocks/Charles) the appeal of Mr. Christopher Joule for re-admission to the Faculty of Law was dismissed.

D. Committee on Committees

1. Advisory Committee on the Appointment of a Vice-President

The Chairman reviewed the current situation and presented the slate of nominees for the Advisory Committee from the Committee on Committees. He suggested a number of possible ways of proceeding.

It was moved and seconded (Cunningham/Betts)

that the Advisory Committee be composed of ten members -- nine members of faculty plus one student.

Mr. Sinclair-Faulkner moved, seconded by Mr. Braybrooke,

that the motion be tabled.

The motion was carried.

It was moved and seconded (Sinclair-Faulkner) that,

WHEREAS the selection of vice-presidential search committees, the establishment of terms of reference, the processes of advertising, interviewing and negotiation, need both careful consideration and ample time to be carried out properly.

WHEREAS Dalhousie is in the midst of an unprecedented financial and academic crisis - brought on by government cutbacks, declared financial constraint, and other factors - which require urgent attention and action by the entire university community, and

WHEREAS the President's Office must be in a position to deal immediately and effectively with the mass of material generated by the Restraint and Renewal reporting process, to present thoughtful and clear policy and program alternatives for Senate consideration and action, to deal effectively with day-to-day administrative responsibilities, and to represent the University externally in a firm and forceful manner.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

(1) that the President move immediately to appoint one or more Acting Vice-Presidents for a term of one year to fill the vacancy created by Vice-President's Klassen's resignation and to provide whatever administrative support the President deems to be appropriate in a time of restraint,

(2) that the Committee on Academic Administration in consultation with the President review the duties of existing and proposed Vice-Presidents and report to Senate so that Senate may advise the President as to how many Vice-Presidents with what duties are likely to be necessary in the near future at Dalhousie, and

(3) that the Senate proceed in the light of this advice to establish the appropriate vice-presidential search committee or committees with terms of reference, procedures and schedules as required to recommend the appointment of qualified candidates one year hence.

An amendment was moved and seconded (Kennedy/Barkow)

that in section (1) of the motion the words, "one or more Acting Vice-Presidents for a term of one year..." be replaced by the words, "...whatever number of advisors may be needed for a term up to one year..."

The amendment was defeated.

After discussion the motion was passed.

Upon motion (Sinclair-Faulkner/Braybrooke), the motion made by Mr. Cunningham was raised from the table.

Questions were raised about the ideal size and composition of such a committee, and upon motion (Kennedy/Horrocks) it was agreed to refer the matter back to the Committee on Committees to consider further the number and composition of the membership on the Advisory Committee.

2. Senate Representatives on Review Committees

Mr. Cunningham, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, presented the following nominees:

Centre for African Studies

Dr. D. O'Brien (Social Work)

Professor B. O'Shea (Occupational Therapy)

Institute for Resource and Environmental Studies

Dr. A. J. Bowen (Oceanography)

There being no further nominations, these people were declared elected as Senate representatives on the Review Committees named.

E. Honorary Degrees Committee

1. Fall Convocation

It was agreed that the regular Fall Convocation would be held on Thursday, 20 October 1983 at 2:00 p.m.

2. Special Convocation -- Faculty of Law Centennial

The dates of 28 and 29 October 1983 were approved to mark the Law School Centenary, with one of those dates to be chosen for the Special Convocation.

83:15.

Reports and Recommendations -- Committees of Senate

E. Honorary Degrees Committee

2. Special Convocation -- Faculty of Law Centennial (Continued)

A candidate to receive an honorary degree at that Convocation was presented. By unanimous consent, the normal one-month waiting period was waived, and a vote was taken. The candidate was approved.

3. Honorary Degree Candidates -- Spring 1983

The names of 13 candidates, plus one alternate, for the Spring 1983 Convocations were tabled. Information on all of these candidates is available in the Senate Office and may be examined there by members of Senate.

83:16.

Safety Problems in the Chemistry Building

Mr. Chaytor, Chairman of the Physical Planning Committee, presented a report on a safety problem in the Chemistry Building. (A copy of the report is appended to these minutes.) Mr. Chaytor added that, since writing the report, the dangerous research in adjacent laboratories has ceased and classes are continuing temporarily in Room 506.

83:17.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.