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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY
MINUTES
OF
SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session on Monday, 10 July 1995 at 3:00 p.m. in University Hall, Macdonald Building.

Present with Mr. Dunn in the chair were:

Andrews, Bérard, Binkley, Birdsall, Bleasdale, Brett, Cameron, Camfield, Conrod, Cox, Cummings, Dickson, Doolittle, Farmer, Fraser, Haley, Hartzman, Hooper, Kay-Raining Bird, Kenny, Kiang, Kimmins, Klein, Lee, Lovely, Lydon, MacDonald, MacInnis, Maloney, Marble, McIntyre, Pacey, Pereira, Ricketts, Ruedy, Russell, Shafai, Sherwin, Siddiq, Stuttard, Sutherland, Tatton, Taylor, Thomas, Traves, Wrixon.

Invitees: J. Bankier, G. Curri, B. Greenfield.

Regrets: Egan, Hobson, Moore, Starnes.

95:073

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 12 June 1995 were approved as circulated upon motion (H. Dickson/F. Doolittle).

95:074

Nominations to Senate Committees

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees, Ms J. Bankier and Mr B. Greenfield tabled the following names for election to Senate Committees:

Senate Committee on Academic Administration

J. Yogis	(Law)	1996	
J. O'Brien	(Arts/Social Science)		Jan.- Je. '96
J. Connolly	(Science)	1997	

Senate Steering Committee

D. Kiang	(Science)	1996
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Senate Physical Planning Committee

W. Currie	(Medicine)	1998
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Senate Library Committee

C. Foong	(Dentistry)	1998
C. Hawkins	(Dentistry)	1996

Senate Committee on Instructional Development

E. Sutow	(Dentistry)	1998
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University Public Relations Committee

C. Stuttard	(Medicine)	
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University Environment Committee

E. Smits	(Health Professions)	1998
K. Dilcher	(Science)	1996

Nominee to the Board of Governors

J. Conrod	(Management)	1997
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Nominee to the Audit Committee of the Board

J. Conrod	(Management)	1997
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Following the requisite calls for further nominations, Mr Dunn declared elected the persons named above.

95:075

Nomination for Chair of Senate

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees, Ms J. Bankier and Mr B. Greenfield tabled the following name for election as Chair of Senate:

C. Stuttard (Science) 1998

Mr Farmer asked why the Senate Office had not issued a public call for nominations for this position. Mr Dunn replied that the procedure followed was that which has always been followed in nominations for the Chair of Senate. Mr Lee said that suggestions could have been forwarded to the Senate Committee on Committees.

Mr Cameron suggested that the nomination brought by the Committee on Committees was not in keeping with his hope that the reformed Senate would enjoy a less adversarial relationship with the Board of Governors. Ms Binkley said that she saw no reason to believe that Senate would have an adversarial relationship with the Board. Mr Andrews said that Mr Cameron's comments created a confrontational atmosphere in Senate.

It was moved (L. McIntyre/H. Dickson)

that Senate suspend its procedures governing nominations for Officers of Senate and issue a public call for nominations, extending for two weeks.

Ms Bleasdale asked if notice had to be given for this motion. Mr Dunn said that he would rule the motion in order but require a two-thirds majority for its passage.

Mr Bérard pointed out that the procedures followed were identical to those used in the past without objection from members of Senate and that no one suggested instituting alternative procedures in the debates surrounding the reform of Senate.

Ms Bankier explained the process followed by the Senate Committee on Committees and pointed out that it had come to a unanimous decision on its nominees.

Mr Klein argued that the motion on the floor would amount to an amendment of the terms of reference of the Senate Committee on Committees and that a plenary meeting was not the place to undertake such an amendment. It was moved (R. Klein/M. Binkley)

that the motion on the floor be tabled.

The motion to table carried by a vote of 26 in favour to 16 opposed.

In response to Mr Dunn's first call for further nominations, Mr Maloney moved the nomination of:

P. Farmer (Health Professions).

It was then moved (D. Cameron/H. Dickson)

that the call for further nominations remain open for one more week; and that an election be held immediately thereafter, using a mail ballot.

Mr Andrews asked that the two parts of the motion be taken up separately. It was moved (A. Andrews/N. Brett)

that the motion on the floor be split into its two constituent parts.

The motion carried.

Ms Conrod said that she could not support the motion to extend the call for further nominations. The Senate Committee on Committees, she said, had followed proper procedures, that those procedures were clear to members of Senate, and that the Senate should not change the procedures at this time.

The question having been called, the motion was defeated.

Mr Andrews pointed out that Senate's electoral procedures called for an election to be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate. Mr Dunn said that in the only previous contested election for Chair of Senate, a mail ballot was used. Mr Andrews said that he favored following the procedures as written.

The question having been called, the motion was defeated by a vote of 19 in favour to 20 opposed.

Several members expressed concerns about having to meet again during July. It was moved (N. Pereira/R. Bleasdale)

that the vote for Chair of Senate be held at the current meeting.

Mr Kimmins pointed out that this proposal would violate several of the established voting procedures. Mr Ricketts said that he would appreciate the time to review the c.v.s of the candidates.

The question having been called, the motion was defeated.

Mr Bérard suggested that it might be possible to have an advance poll to accommodate those members who could not be present at the next meeting of Senate. It was moved (N. Brett/R. Bleasdale)

that Senate make provisions for an advance poll for the election of a Chair of Senate.

The motion carried.

Following the requisite calls for further nominations, Mr Dunn declared the nominations closed and informed members of Senate that an election would be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate, at 3:00 p.m., Monday, 24 July.

Mr Dunn added that an advance poll for those unable to attend the 24 July meeting would be held from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. from Wednesday, 12 July to Friday, 14 July, and from Monday, 17 July to Thursday, 20 July at the Senate Office.

95:076

Nomination for Vice-Chair of Senate

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees, Ms J. Bankier and Mr B. Greenfield tabled the following name for election as Vice-Chair of Senate:

J. Conrod	(Management)	1997
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Following the requisite calls for further nominations, Mr Dunn declared Ms Conrod elected as Vice-Chair of Senate.

95:077

Schedule of Meetings, 1995-96

Ms G. Curri, Acting Chair of the Senate Committee on Academic Administration, presented the proposed schedule of meetings for Senate and Senate committees for the 1995-96 academic year. It was moved (J.E. Sutherland/L. McIntyre)

that Senate approve the proposed schedule of meetings.

Mr Andrews noted the absence of scheduled Senate meetings in August 1996. Mr Dunn said that the frequent cancellation of August meetings led the Senate Office several years ago to delete August meetings of Senate from the schedule. Mr Andrews said that, as it was easier to cancel a Senate meeting than to call one if needed, at least one meeting of Senate should be scheduled for August. It was then agreed by the mover and seconder

that a meeting of Senate be scheduled for 12 August 1996.

The question having been called, the amended motion carried.

Mr Stuttard asked if a meeting had been scheduled for August 1995. Mr Dunn said that Senate had approved the 1994-95 schedule without an August meeting.

It was then moved (C. Stuttard/J.E. Sutherland)

that Senate approve the scheduling of a Senate meeting for 14 August 1995.

The question having been called, the motion carried.

95:078

Report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Certificates, Degrees, and Diplomas

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Academic Administration, Ms Curri explained the background to the Report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Certificates, Degrees, and Diplomas, adopted by SCAA at its last meeting. Mr Bérard noted that SCAA had also passed the following amendment to the report:

Change: p. 7, §9, ¶2 to read: "The Committee recommends the following changes in diploma and certificate designations become effective for students who graduate from the programme in October 1995."

It was moved (L. McIntyre/Y. Shafai)

that Senate adopt the amended Report.

Mr Fraser said that he foresaw major problems for students in Henson College's Public Management programme if the changes were made effective for the October Convocation. It was moved (L. Fraser/D. Cameron)

that p.7, §9, ¶2 of the Report be amended to read: "The Committee recommends the following changes in diploma and certificate designations become effective for students who graduate from the programme in October 1995, with the exception of the change in designation for the Diploma in Public Management programme, which should become effective by the academic year 1996-97."

The amendment carried.

Mr D. Myers (Henson College) asked that Henson College be removed from the examples of non-academic units given on p. 3, §4, ¶3, l.1 of the Report.

The question having been called, the amended motion carried.

95:079

Appointment of the Ombudsperson and Assistant Ombudsperson for 1995-1996

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Academic Administration, the Acting Chair, Ms G. Curri, reported that SCAA had approved the recommendations of the Ombudsperson Advisory Committee for the positions of Ombudsperson and Assistant Ombudsperson. It was moved (Y. Shafai/C. Lydon)

**that Senate approve the appointment of Mr K. Bomhof
as Ombudsperson and Ms K. Shea as Assistant Ombudsperson.**

Mr Andrews asked how the nominees were selected. Ms Curri said that each year the Ombudsperson Advisory Committee recommended a slate to SCAA, which, in turn, made a recommendation to Senate. Mr Andrews then asked how long it had been since the two positions had been filled by students not in the Faculty of Law and what the stipend for each position was. A member indicated that the office of the Ombudsperson had been reviewed recently and the results reported to SCAA. Mr Dunn said that he would seek the answers to those questions.

The question having been called, the motion carried.

95:080

For Information - Acting Director, School of Education

Mr Bérard reported that, in accordance with a recommendation from the School of Education, the College of Arts and Science had approved the nomination of Mr Kimmins, in his capacity as Provost of the College of Arts and Science, as Acting Director of the School of Education. Mr Andrews asked if the members of the School of Education had agreed to this proposal. Mr Bérard replied that members of the School had been informed that the Administration had proposed that the Vice-President (Academic and Research) should become Acting Director and that the Administration would not appoint an Acting Director from the eight faculty members remaining in the School. In light of the latter decision, the members of the School proposed that it would be more appropriate for the Provost of the College to serve as Acting Director than the Vice-President (Academic and Research). Mr Kimmins noted that no objection to the School's request had been raised at the meeting of the College.

95:081

Rationalization

Mr Traves reported that meetings had taken place with representatives of other local universities to identify possible organizational changes with respect to services which could generate savings. A report, prepared at the end of June, suggested that possible savings of up to \$10 million could be effected with greater cooperation, but further discussion was needed to see if such cooperative efforts would be practical. Mr Traves also reported that the Presidents and Board Chairs will meet on 19 July with the Minister of Education.

Ms Sutherland asked how the discussions referred to would relate to the expected report of the Nova Scotia Council on Higher Education. Mr Traves replied that the report would likely only acknowledge the discussions among the local universities.

Ms Bleasdale noted that the International Labor Organization had publicly condemned the Government of Nova Scotia for violating freedom-of-association rights in its public-sector wage legislation. She asked if Dalhousie would make a public request that freedom-of-association rights not be further infringed in the university rationalization process. Mr Dunn said that Ms Bleasdale could file a notice of motion on the topic for debate at Senate. Mr Traves said that the local universities, in their discussions of possible cooperation, set those discussions in the context of assuring all existing collective agreements. He noted that, while the rationalization process did have a potential impact on both university regulations and collective agreements, it was the intention of the universities to undertake a process of negotiation to resolve any potential conflicts.

95:082

Report of the President

There was no written Report from the President.

95:083

Question Period

Mr Dunn asked members of Senate for suggestions about improvements in communication of information in the new Senate and about the set up of the room for meetings. It was suggested that the Agenda and Minutes be made available on the Notice Digest. Mr Lovely suggested that name plates be provided for each Senate member at his or her seat. Mr Andrews said that he found the acoustics in University Hall to be quite poor and suggested that the Chair of Senate inquire into a possible return to the Old Senate and Board Room in the Arts and Administration Building for regular meetings.

Ms Sutherland expressed thanks on behalf of Senate to Mr Dunn for his work as Chair of Senate and especially for his successful efforts in the reform of the structure and membership of Senate.

95:084

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. upon motion (C. Stuttard/M. Binkley).

Secretary

Chair

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Senate met in regular session on Monday, 24 July 1995 at 3:00 p.m. in University Hall, Macdonald Building.

Present with Mr. Dunn in the chair were:

Andrews, Bérard, Binkley, Birdsall, Bleasdale, Brett, Cameron, Camfield, Cox, Doolittle, Farmer, Hartzman, Hobson, Hooper, Kenny, Kimmins, Klein, Lee, MacDonald, Maloney, Moore, Pereira, Ricketts, Rosson, Ruedy, Shafai, Sherwin, Siddiq, Starnes, Stuttard, Tatton, Taylor, Traves, Wrixon.

Invitees: T. Boran.

Regrets: Cummings, Egan, Haley, Lovely, MacInnis, McIntyre, Sutherland, Thomas.

95:085

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Upon motion (Y. Shafai/D. Lee), the minutes of the meeting of 10 July 1995 were approved as circulated, with the following corrections:

Add Ms MacDonald to the list of members present; and

95:083, p. 7, ¶1, l. 3 - Add, after "was.", "A member indicated that the office of the Ombudsperson had been reviewed recently and the results reported to SCAA."

95:086

For Information - Distribution of Senate Minutes and Agenda

Mr Bérard reported that after discussions with the Public Relations Office the Senate Agenda will be posted on the Dalhousie Notice Board, while Minutes, which are too lengthy for such posting, will be made available through DALINFO. This is accessible through a Gopher Server or the Gopher Serve section of the World Wide Web. He also noted that upon request individuals will be able to receive

the Senate Agenda and Minutes personally through electronic mail.

95:087

Election of the Chair of Senate

Mr Bérard reported that 18 members of Senate had voted in the advance poll conducted over the previous two weeks. Members who had not voted were invited to cast ballots. After balloting had been completed, Mr Bérard announced that the final totals were:

Mr C. Stuttard (Science) 28

Mr P. Farmer (Health Professions) 17

Mr Dunn declared Mr Stuttard elected as new Chair of Senate.

95:088

For Information - Faculty of Health Professions Review

Mr Dunn reported that the final report of the Senate Review Committee for Health Professions, the SAPC response to that report, and the Faculty response to the report were all available from the Senate Office.

95:089

Rationalization

Mr Traves reported that a meeting had taken place between the Minister of Education and the presidents and board chairs of the metropolitan Halifax universities. The Minister gave approval in principle to a draft plan for interuniversity cooperation among those institutions. Mr Traves said that the universities would have to report on their progress by October. The universities also asked for financial support to hire a coordinator for the process and a consultant to advise on the restructuring of administrative services. Mr Traves said that he was impressed with the commitment to cooperation shown by all institutions, but he noted that such cooperation would entail major changes in policies and practices at each institution. Dalhousie had to realize that change was inevitable, but also to reflect on which values and principles should not be open to change.

Mr Andrews asked if copies of the draft plan for cooperation could be placed in the Senate Office. Mr Traves said that the documents were to be treated as confidential, but could have a limited circulation. It was agreed that a single copy could be placed in the Senate Office for consultation by members of Senate.

Mr Birdsall asked if the Minister had provided any budget guidelines for the rationalization process. Mr Traves replied that the Minister had not given a clear answer on that question. He added that Dalhousie will be calling for a new funding formula to create differential funding for research-oriented institutions, such as Dalhousie and T.U.N.S.

Mr Andrews said that he was pessimistic about the Minister's willingness to lobby federal officials

about reductions in Established Programmes Financing for education, and asked if the President was prepared to undertake a lobbying campaign. Mr Traves said that he has raised the matter informally with both the Minister of Education and the Premier. Mr Andrews also expressed concern that many provincial politicians and bureaucrats showed little interest in research activities except insofar as they bore on the economic interests of the specific province.

Mr Ricketts asked how the universities outside Halifax might be involved in the current rationalization initiatives. Mr Traves said that the NSCHE believed that the greatest opportunities for savings through cooperation would be realized in the Halifax area.

Ms Binkley asked how rationalization discussions were affecting the faculty in the School of Education. Mr Traves replied that the administrations and faculty associations of Dalhousie, Mount Saint Vincent, and Saint Mary's universities had entered into an agreement to allow Mount Saint Vincent to give priority in hiring for its new Education programmes to faculty members currently involved in Education at the other two institutions. This agreement would not, he noted, guarantee a job for any of Dalhousie's faculty members. Mr Traves said that Mount Saint Vincent hoped to have its offers to prospective faculty members by 4 August.

Mr Maloney asked if arrangements had been made to accommodate those students in integrated B.P.E./B.Ed. programmes who will be seeking Education classes in the Fall Term. Mr Traves said that cooperative arrangements were being made with Mount Saint Vincent to see the students through to graduation.

Mr Bérard observed that faculty members in the School of Education had been told that they had to cut their ties to Dalhousie if they wished to remain in their field and move to another institution, that transfers could not be effected through secondments, and that the University would not consider their requests for unpaid leaves of absence should they seek a position elsewhere. In light of that position, Mr Bérard asked if Mr Traves had been quoted correctly by the Daily News to the effect that future transfers of faculty between universities would be likely but that such future transfers would occur through secondments. Mr Traves replied that, had the universities made the progress they have made earlier in the rationalization process, a secondment policy might have been applied to Education. It was his view, however, that the arrangements for Education were complete. He said that it seemed likely that the changes in Education were the first and would be the last externally imposed changes on university programmes. Mr Traves concluded by saying that it was unfortunate that the faculty members in the School of Education found themselves in this anomalous position.

95:090

Nomination from the Senate Committee on Committees

Mr Boran, on behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees, brought forward the following nomination:

Senate Nominee to the Board of Governors

F. Lovely

(Dentistry)

1996

Following the requisite calls for further nominations, Mr Dunn declared elected the person named

above.

Mr Boran said that he hoped to have nominations for the new Senate Academic Priorities and Budget Committee available for the meeting on 14 August.

95:091

Nomination for Secretary of Senate

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees, Mr Boran tabled the following name for election as Secretary of Senate, for a one-year term:

A. Andrews (Arts/Social Sciences) 1996

On Mr Dunn's first call for further nominations, the Secretary read a memorandum from Ms McIntyre adding a further nomination:

M. Binkley (Arts/Social Sciences)

Following two additional calls for nominations, Mr Dunn explained that an election would be held for this position at the meeting of 14 August 1995, with an advance poll available.

95:092

Question Period

In response to a request, Mr Dunn gave his assurance that an updated list of Senators would be produced.

95:093

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m. upon motion (Y. Shafai/M. Binkley).

Secretary

Chair