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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

OF

SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session in the Great Hall of the Faculty Club, Monday, 15 September 1980 at 4:00 p.m.

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

Atherton, Bennett, Betts, Bingham, Blum, Bradley, Braybrooke, Brookbank, Burns, Cameron D.M., Charles, Chaytor, Comeau, Coxon, Doull, Duff, Eden, Egan, Farmer, Flint, Fraser J., Friedenberg, Fulton, Garside, George, Ghose, Gifford, Graham, Grant, Hare, Horrocks, Huber, Irwin, James K.M., Johnson, Jones W.E., Josenhans, Kaill, Kennedy, Kent, Kimmins, King, Klassen, Korowski, Leffek, Lewis, MacDonald K.F., MacKay W.A., Malatjalian, Maloney, Mangalam, Martin M.J.C., Matthews, McNulty (Secretary), Mezei, Myers, Nestman, Owen, Ozere, Parker, Pooley, Pronych, Pross, Ravindra, Ritchie, Rodger, Scheibelhut, Scott, Sherwin, Sinclair-Faulkner, Sprott, Stairs, Thompson, Tingley, Tonks, Varma, Waite, Webster L.M., Yung, Mercer (invitee).

Regrets were received from Mr. E.A. Moffitt.

80:83. New Members of Senate

The Chairman introduced and welcomed the new members of Senate appointed or elected since the last meeting.

80:84. Minutes of the Senate Meetings of 9 and 20 May 1980

It was moved and seconded (Tonks/Maloney)

**that an omission in the minutes of 9 May 1980 be corrected to note that two degrees of Bachelor of Science (Health Education) were awarded with Distinction.**

The motion was carried.

It was moved and seconded (Kimmins/Horrocks)

**that the minutes of 9 May 1980 be approved as amended.**

The motion was carried.

It was moved and seconded (MacKay/Huber)

**that the minutes of 20 May 1980 be approved as circulated.**

The motion was carried.

80:85. Question Period

On a point of order Mr. Braybrooke asked whether a question period could be held following consideration of the minutes of the last Senate meeting. He moved (seconded by Ms. Sherwin)

**that a question period limited to one-half hour be held before considering other agenda items.**

The motion was carried.

The meeting then proceeded to a question period not touching on items on the agenda.

Mr. Braybrooke raised the question of the search for a Vice-President (Academic). He inquired whether the newly-appointed Executive Director Policy and Planning was functioning as a Vice-President. The President reported that the Executive Director Policy and Planning was not functioning as a Vice-President, although he was consulted on matters pertaining to his areas of responsibility.

Mr. Brookbank, a member of the Search Committee for a Vice-President (Academic), reported on the progress of the Committee. After working for several months, the Committee developed a short list of candidates. The Committee is still working and will review the short list. The President reported that he is working closely with the Committee to find an acceptable candidate.

The question was raised as to whether or not an interim Vice-President would be appointed for the current year. The matter has been discussed and may be raised at the next meeting.

It was agreed that a complete report be requested from the Committee for consideration at the next meeting of Senate.

80:86. Awarding of Degrees and Diplomas

On motion it was agreed (Tonks/Egan) that the degree of Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy be awarded to Nancy Elaine Haverstock, and the degree of Bachelor of Nursing to Elizabeth Ann McGibbon, both degrees effective 30 July 1980, the date on which the Committee on Academic Administration approved the awarding of these degrees on behalf of Senate.

It was moved by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Pronych

**that Senate award diplomas in Periodontics to Dr. Mark Mitchell Richardson and Dr. John Cecile Rooney and the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery to Claude John Dubé and Terrence James Fogarty.**

The motion was carried.

The general question as to how often and when degrees and diplomas should be awarded by Senate was discussed. It was agreed to refer the matter to the Committee on Academic Administration for report and recommendations.

80:87. Matters of Report

A. Addition to May 1980 Convocation List

The Secretary reported that, on the basis of the authority delegated by Senate to add names to the graduation list omitted in error, the Registrar had added Eric Allan Thomas Eisenhower to the list of Bachelor of Commerce graduates.

B. Board Approval of New Programmes

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, at its meeting of 24 April 1980, approved the implementation of the programme leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science (Occupational Therapy). At the same meeting the following programmes were also approved: the Four-Year Advanced Major B.A. and B.Sc., and the Three-Year B.A. Major in Theatre.

C. New Programme Approved by the M.P.H.E.C.

It was reported that the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission had approved the Master of Social Work programme.

D. Schedule of Senate Meetings 1980-81

The schedule of 1980-81 Senate Meetings was presented as circulated, and no changes were suggested for the dates of the meetings.

E. 1980 Submission to the M.P.H.E.C.

The Chairman commented on the 1980 Submission of Dalhousie University to the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission. He also expressed the hope that in future the document could be considered by Senate before being submitted in order to enable Senate and its Committees to contribute more meaningfully to the Submission.

80:88. Senate Representative on DALPLEX Advisory Committee

A request had been received from the President that Senate name one representative to serve on the DALPLEX Advisory Committee. Mr. R. H. Bingham, Chairman of the Committee on Committees, reported that R. H. March (Physics) had been nominated. There being no other nominations, Mr. March was declared elected as Senate's representative to the DALPLEX Advisory Committee.

80:89. Recommendation from the Faculty of Arts and Science - Change of Name of Department of Mathematics

Upon recommendation of the Committee on Academic Administration, it was moved and seconded (Betts/Thompson)

**that the name of the Department of Mathematics be changed to the  
Department of Mathematics, Statistics, and Computing Science.**

The motion was carried.

80:90. Hood for the Degree of Master of Environmental Studies

Upon recommendation of the Committee on Academic Administration, it was moved and seconded (Leffek/MacKay)

**that the hood for the degree of Master of Environmental Studies be brown silk.**

The motion was carried.

It was moved and seconded (Huber/Pooley)

**that decisions on matters of academic regalia, including hood color, be made by the Committee on Academic Administration, with subsequent report to Senate.**

The motion was carried.

80:91. Circulation of Information to Senate

The Chairman reported that the Steering Committee circulates its agenda, and the Academic Planning Committee its minutes, to all members of Senate. The Financial Planning Committee also circulates its minutes to the Academic Planning Committee. The Committee on Academic Administration circulates excerpts from its minutes pertaining to items on the Senate agenda with the agenda. Complete minutes of the Steering Committee, Financial Planning Committee, and the Committee on Academic Administration are available upon request to all members of Senate. Since members of some Senate committees are not members of Senate, it was moved and seconded (Webster/Owen)

**that Senate minutes be circulated to all members of Senate committees.**

The motion was carried.

80:92. Remedial Examinations - College of Pharmacy

The purpose of holding remedial examinations in the College of Pharmacy and the procedures to be followed were described by Mr. Tonks.

It was moved and seconded (Tonks/Young)

**that Senate approve remedial examinations for the College of Pharmacy as follows:**

**A student who has met the yearly academic requirements outlined in Regulation 8(b), but who has a D in one professional class, and no failures, at the discretion of the Committee on Studies and the professors of the class, may be allowed to raise the grade to an acceptable level through a remedial examination, subject to the following regulations:**

**(1) Remedial examinations will be allowed for not more than six credit**

**hours of class work in a student's programs.**

**(2) Remedial examinations will be written at a time specified by the department offering the examination. However, for B, C or R classes, this must be before September 1 immediately following the class and for A classes this must be before April 1 immediately following the class.**

**(3) On successful completion of a remedial examination, a grade of C will be entered on the student's record along with the notation that the C was earned by examination. In the case of a failure an F will be entered. The final mark recorded will be used for grade point average calculations. However, the original grade of D will also remain on the transcript.**

The motion was carried.

80:93. Recommendation for New Ombudsman and Assistant Ombudsman

Recommendations for these positions were received from the Dalhousie Student Council. Upon motion (Owen/MacKay) the appointments of Mr. Calvin Miller as Ombudsman and Ms. Shauna Sullivan as Assistant Ombudsman were approved.

80:94. Ombudsman's Report

The report of the University Ombudsman was received. It was moved and seconded (MacKay/Doull)

**that the report be referred to the Committee on Academic Administration for consideration.**

The motion was carried.

80:95. Dalhousie-Mount Saint Vincent Joint Agreement

It was moved and seconded (MacKay/Fulton)

**that the present Dalhousie—Mount St. Vincent Joint Agreement be extended for one more year (until 31 August 1981), pending resolution of current discussions between the two institutions.**

An amendment was moved by Mr. Huber, seconded by Mr. Braybrooke

**that a report be submitted to Senate by January 1981 concerning this agreement.**

The amendment was carried.

The amended motion was then carried.

80:96. Report of the Committee to Investigate the Extension of Grievance Procedures to Part-Time Staff

It was moved and seconded (Comeau/Sherwin)

**that Senate adopt the recommendations contained in the report.**

A motion to table the report (Betts/Waite) was carried. It was agreed to refer the report back to the Committee on Academic Administration with a request that this Committee state reasons for its recommendation that the present regulations not be changed at this time.

80:97. Joint Meeting of Representatives of Senate and the Board of Governors

The Chairman reported that statutory provisions in the University Act exist to ensure liaison between the Senate and the Board of Governors. The relevant provision reads as follows:

"There shall, in each year during the month of October, be a meeting of the President and six members of the Board with six representatives elected by Senate, at which meeting may be discussed any matters pertaining to the welfare of the University, and any recommendations of such meeting shall be communicated to the Board and to the Senate."

Rather than elect six representatives at the present time, the Chairman suggested that the members of the Steering Committee plus the Chairman of the Physical Planning Committee meet with Board representatives at the October joint meeting to discuss procedures for future meetings and liaison between the two bodies. Upon motion (Huber/Bingham) this suggestion was adopted.

It was also agreed that an observer from Senate's Board - DFA Consultative Committee be invited to attend the meeting.

80:98. Honorary Degrees - Fall Convocation

On behalf of the Honorary Degrees Committee, President MacKay proposed two candidates for Honorary Degrees at the Convocation to be held on 17 October 1980.

It was moved and seconded (MacKay/Varma)

**that the normal "waiting" period of one month before voting on the candidates be waived in this instance.**

The motion was carried.

A ballot was taken and both candidates were approved.

80:99. University Librarian

Since the University Librarian has resigned, it was moved and seconded (Sinclair-Faulkner/Burns)

**that the Steering Committee of Senate present, at the October meeting of Senate, proposals for the composition, election procedure, and terms of reference for a committee to search for a new University Librarian.**

The motion was carried.

80:100.        Other Business

It was moved by Mr. Huber, seconded by Mr. Pronych

**that Senate recognize the contributions of two retiring Vice-Presidents,  
L. Vagianos and G.R. MacLean, and express its appreciation to them.**

The motion was carried.

The death of C. L. Bennett, Professor Emeritus in the Department of English, was noted. Upon motion, the Secretary was requested to express the condolences of Senate to the family of Professor Bennett.

President MacKay wished the new Officers of Senate success in their tasks and indicated the desire of his office to co-operate with the newly re-organized Senate.

80:101.    Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.