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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

OF

SENATE MEETING

Senate met in Special Session in the Board and Senate Room on Monday, 6 April 1981 at 4:00 p.m.

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

Andrews, Betts, Bingham, Bissett-Johnson, Bradley, Braybrooke, Cameron D.M., Charles, Chaytor, Comeau, Crowley, Duff, Easterbrook, Egan, Erskine, Fraser J., Fraser P., Friedenber, Gifford, Gold, Goldbloom, Graham, Gwyn, Haines, Haley, Horrocks, Jamieson, Jones D.W., Jones W.E., Josenhans, Kamra, Kennedy, Kimmins, Kocourek, Lesser, Lewis, MacDonald J.J., MacDonald K.F., MacIntosh, MacKay W.A., Maloney, Martin, Matthews, McNulty, Moffitt, Monk, Morgan, Morse, O'Shea, Owen, Pooley, Pronych, Rodger, Scheibelhut, Shaw, Sinclair-Faulkner, Smith, Sprott, Stovel, Szerb, Varma, Waite, Webster L.M., Wiktor, Young, Yung, Mercer (invitee).

Regrets were received from the following members:

Fulton, Johnson, Langley, Thompson, and Tonks.

**81:25. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the Senate meeting of 9 March 1981 were approved upon motion (Josenhans/Scheibelhut).

**81:26. 1981-82 University Budget**

President MacKay introduced the budget and thanked Vice-President Shaw, the Budget Office, the Deans of Faculties, and the Senate Financial Planning Committee for their roles in, and their contributions to, the budget process.

Vice-President Shaw presented an outline of the preliminary 1981-82 budget. He pointed out that the operating deficit of the university has grown in the past few years. This deficit has not been the result of any dramatic changes in income or expenses. Rather, it is primarily the result of unfunded capital expenditures undertaken in the past and the high interest rates associated with carrying these debts. Vice-President Shaw outlined the assumptions underlying current financial planning and described short and long-term measures currently under consideration for improving the university's financial position.

The purpose of these measures would be to produce a balanced budget in as short a time as possible. Mr. Shaw distributed a summary of the 1981-82 preliminary budget and answered questions from the floor. The Chairman stated that the item would be on the agenda for the next meeting, and members would have the opportunity of asking further questions at that time.

On behalf of Senate, the Chairman thanked Vice-President Shaw for his presentation of the budget.

**81:27. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

OF

SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session in the Board and Senate Room on Monday, 13 April 1981 at 4:00 p.m.

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

Andrews, Atherton, Bennett, Betts, Bingham, Bradley, Braybrooke, Brookbank, Burns, Chaytor, Comeau, Crowley, Egan, Erskine, Farmer, Fillmore, Fingard, Fraser J., Friedenber, Garside, Graham, Haines, Hall B.K., Huber, James K.M., Jamieson, Josenhans, Kennedy, Klassen, Kussmaul, Langley, Leffek, Maloney, Martin, McNulty, Monk, O'Shea, Owen, Pronych, Ritchie, Roberts, Rodger, Runte, Scheibelh-It, Segelberg, Sherwin, Smith, Sprott, Stovel, Szerb, Thompson, Tingley, Tonks, Varma, Waite, Webster L.M., Yung.

Regrets were received from Blum, Edmunds, Gold, Horrocks, Pooley, and Russell.

The Chairman welcomed and introduced Mr. G. Klassen as the new Vice-President (Academic and Research) who will officially take office on 1 May 1981.

**81:28. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Upon being regularly moved and seconded (Atherton/Jones), the minutes of the meeting of 6 April 1981 were approved as circulated.

**81:29. Question Period**

Mr. Leffek asked what the Officers of Senate had done or **what do** they intend to do about the recommendations of the report on Centres and Institutes at Dalhousie University. The Chairman replied that he will bring the matter to the attention of the Steering Committee.

President MacKay asked about the status of arrangements for the Learned Societies meetings to be held at Dalhousie University from 20 May to 6 June 1981. Mr. R. Smith, Chairman of the co-ordinating committee, described arrangements and stated that they were well in hand and proceeding smoothly.

The Chairman also replied to a question raised at the last regular meeting asking what powers Senate had at its disposal to express disapproval or displeasure about an Honorary degree recipient, since it does not have the power to revoke Honorary Degrees. He stated that it was his understanding that Senate was free to express an opinion but that any statements made would be governed by the laws of libel.

**81:30. Reports and Recommendations -- Committees of Senate**

A. Steering Committee

1. Senate Representatives to Meet with Board and DFA Representatives Regarding Clause 7:03

It was moved and seconded (Huber/Atherton) that,

**the officers of Senate serve as the Senate's representatives to meet with representatives of the Board of Governors and the Dalhousie Faculty Association to discuss Clause 7:03 of the Collective Agreement.**

President MacKay pointed out that the DFA had indicated that they would not agree to the meeting if Senate representatives were present. Mr. Friedenber, President of the DFA, explained that a meeting with Senate representatives present would amount to de facto recognition of Senate as a party to the Collective Agreement.

The Chairman noted that passing the motion would authorize the officers of Senate to serve as its representatives should Senate be invited at some future date to discuss Clause 7:03 with the parties to the Collective Agreement.

The motion was carried with 18 abstentions. The following members wished their abstentions recorded: Friedenber, King, Andrews, Kennedy, Monk, Sherwin, Jamieson, Braybrooke, Thompson, K. James, Comeau, Farmer.

2. Change in Date of Special May Meeting of Senate

Because of the holiday on 18 May 1981, it was agreed to change the date and time of the special May meeting of Senate to Friday, 15 May 1981 at 10:00 a.m.

3. Dalhousie - Mount St. Vincent Joint Agreement

The President stated that there was nothing to report at this time but he expected a report to be made on the agreement at the next meeting of Senate.

81:30. B. Academic Planning Committee

1. Senate Library Committee

It was moved and seconded (Jones/Egan) that

**a Senate Library Committee be established with terms of reference to be as follows:**

**The Committee shall actively monitor the services, collections, staffing and facilities of Dalhousie's libraries as components of an integrated network.**

**The Committee shall annually assess the proposed budgets for library acquisitions, operation, and expansion and shall report to the Senate and its planning committees.**

**The Committee shall act to coordinate the policies and assist in rationalizing the development of the University's libraries.**

**The Committee shall advise the Administration and the Senate regarding appropriate policies with respect to the relationships among Dalhousie's libraries and external libraries.**

**The Committee shall consider and make recommendations to the Senate regarding national, regional, or provincial policies which appear likely to affect significantly the well-being of Dalhousie's libraries.**

**and with the composition of the Committee to be as follows:**

**Four members elected by Senate, one member to be a representative of the Academic Planning Committee, one to be a representative of the Financial Planning Committee, with one of the four to serve as chairman;  
Two students, one of whom shall be a graduate student;  
The three Chief Librarians (of the Law, Medical, and University Libraries);  
One other professional librarian.**

An amendment was moved and seconded (Sprott/Monk) that

**Senate representation be increased to "six" from "four".**

The amendment was carried.

The motion as amended was carried.

## 2. Proposed Co-operative Education Programme with Honours in Mathematics and Computing Science Combined

The Chairman pointed out that a number of programmes in Computing Science were under consideration (APC Minute No. 81:19) and this item refers only to changing a presently existing programme into one which could be offered as a Co-operative Education Programme.

It was moved and seconded (Jones/Egan) that

**the proposed Co-operative Education Programme with Honours in Mathematics and Computing Science combined be approved.**

The motion was carried.

## C. Committee on Academic Administration

### 1. Ombudsman's Report

The Committee on Academic Administration's Report on the Ombudsman's Report was adopted by Senate (Minute No. 81:16.B.(I), with Recommendation IV deleted. Three items were referred back to the Committee for consideration and report.

The first concerned the matter of transfer credits which was dealt with in Recommendation IV. It was felt that the purpose of Recommendation IV was currently being served. (See Minute No. CAA 81:23A.) Therefore, no changes in the present system of assessing transfer credits were recommended.

The second matter concerned the nomenclature to be used for referring to persons who chair departments and committees. The Committee has recommended that Chairman, Chairwoman, Chairperson be used as equivalent

and equally appropriate terms.

It was noted that to accept the above two recommendations of the Committee on Academic Administration required no action on the part of Senate since they reflect current practices.

The third matter involved a situation where a student was asked by the Invigilator to identify another student in an examination. The Committee felt that it was not appropriate to ask one student to identify another, and Mr. Owen moved, seconded by Mr. Bennett, the recommendation of the Committee on Academic Administration that

**Invigilators be permitted to require that students display, if asked, their student identification cards on their writing desks or tables during examinations.**

It was moved and seconded (Tingley/Varma) that

**the motion be tabled until a mechanism for ensuring the effective implementation of the regulation can be formulated.**

The motion to table was defeated.

An amendment to change "student identification cards" to "some form of identification" was defeated after lengthy discussion.

An amendment was moved and seconded (Huber/King) that

**the following words be added to the motion, "this regulation to take effect at the end of the Fall Term 1981".**

The amendment was carried.

The motion as amended was carried.

## 2. Course of Studies for B.Sc. in Occupational Therapy

The Chairman reported that the programme for the B.Sc. in Occupational Therapy had been approved by Senate and the Board in 1968, and by the M.P.H.E.C. in 1976. Senate recommended implementation of the programme in 1980 (Senate Minute No. 80:57).

It was moved and seconded (Tonks/MacKay) that

**the proposed course of studies in Occupational Therapy be approved, and that the degree awarded for successful completion of the programme be the Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy.**

With the Dean of Health Professions and the Registrar agreeing to resolve outside of Senate some minor problems concerning whether it be called a four-year or three-year programme, the motion was carried.

## 81:30. D. Financial Planning Committee

### 1. Matters of Information - Correspondence

Correspondence from the Committee to the Chairman of the Board and the President had been previously circulated and was tabled for information.

It was moved and seconded (Josenhans/Fraser) that

**Senate endorse the opinion about new positions for Heads or Chairpersons, expressed in the Financial Planning Committee's letter of 18 March 1981 to the Chairman of the Board, for a one-year period.**

It was moved and seconded (Andrews/Webster) that

**the motion be tabled.**

The motion to table was carried.

## 2. 1981-82 University Budget

Information was circulated on Projected MPHEC Operating Assistance 1981-82, along with explanatory notes. Discussion of a number of points followed, and questions about the budget were asked and answered.

### **81:31. Report of Search Committee for a University Librarian**

Mr. Sprott, Chairman of the Search Committee, presented a brief report on the activities of the Committee to date. A summary of the report is appended to these minutes.

### **81:32. Joint Meeting - Representatives of the Board of Governors and Senate**

The Chairman noted that the next Joint Meeting of Board and Senate representatives will be held on 23 April, 1981, and he invited members of Senate to submit any items for discussion at that meeting to the Secretary.

### **81:33. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.