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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

OF

SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session in the Board and Senate Room on Monday, 12 January 1981 at 4:00 p.m.

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

Andrews, Atherton, Belzer, Betts, Bingham, Bissett-Johnson, Bradley, Cameron D.M., Chaytor, Crawley, Duff, Eden, Edmunds, Erskine, Farmer, Flint, Fraser J., Fraser P., Friedenberg, George, Ghose, Godfrey, Gold, Graham, Gupta, Hall B.K., Horrocks, Huber, James K.M., Jamieson, Johnson, Jones W.E., Josenhans, Kent, King, Klassen, Kocourek, Kussmaul, Lamont, Lewis, MacDonald J.J., MacDonald K.F., MacKay W.A., Maloney, Martin, Matthews, McNulty, Monk, Morse, Myers, O'Shea, Owen, Pooley, Pronych, Ritchie, Roberts, Rodger, Runte, Stairs, Szerb, Tingley, Tonks, Varma, Webster L.M., Yung, Mercer (invitee). --

Regrets were received from Egan, Heard, and Malatjalian.

81:01. New Members of Senate

The Chairman introduced and welcomed to Senate two new members: Ms. Barbara Jean O'Shea, Director of the School of Occupational Therapy; and Mr. D. Hunter Thomson, Head of the Department of Radiology.

81:02. Minutes of Last Meeting

Mr. Jones indicated that in Minute No. 80:124 he had stated that the Financial Planning Committee would meet on 19 December 1980 and 5 January 1981 and not on the date indicated in the minutes. With this correction, the minutes of the meeting of 8 December 1980 were approved upon motion (Jones/Tonks).

Upon motion (Jones/Tonks) the minutes of the meeting of 15 December 1980 were approved as circulated.

Mr. Segelberg raised the question of the status of certain equipment at Dalplex. Mr. Maloney replied that the matter is being looked after, with parts being ordered, etc., and repairs will be made as soon as feasible.

Mr. Fraser asked whether the proposed committee "to develop a programme for increasing the proportional representation of women, and eliminating any barriers which may exist to the appointment of handicapped persons or members of minority groups by Dalhousie University" (Minute No. 80:130), could be considered a mandate for possible "reverse discrimination". The President replied that it constituted only a mandate to review existing procedures and suggest ways of correcting any possible injustices.

81:04 Reports and Recommendations - Committees of Senate

A. Committee on Committees

The Committee on Committees had been asked to submit a slate of nominees for a committee to review criteria to be employed in the evaluation of professional librarians (Minute No. 80:125, second motion). The Chairman pointed out that such a committee had been formed at the meeting of Senate held on 10 December 1979 (Minute No. 79:183), and it was agreed that this committee be activated.

The Committee on Committees had also been asked to nominate two representatives to a new committee concerned with increasing the proportional representation of women and eliminating any barrier which may exist to the appointment of handicapped persons or members of minority groups (Minute No. 80:130), and to present a slate of nominees for an ad hoc committee to examine the implications of Articles 23, 24, and 25 of the Collective Agreement (Minute No. 80:125, third motion). Mr. Bingham reported that due to difficulties in arranging an appropriate meeting time over the holiday season, the Committee was unable to submit nominations on these two matters for consideration at this meeting.

B. Academic Planning Committee

(1) Changes in the Diploma of the Engineering Programme

Upon motion (Jones/Betts) the following changes in the Engineering Programme were approved:

- (a) **the programme in engineering be a five year programme, for most students, the first two years of studies to be completed at Dalhousie**
- (b) **for students who commence their engineering studies in September 1981 or subsequently Dalhousie will award the Diploma in Engineering upon successful completion of the following programme of studies in the Faculty of Arts and Science:**

First Year

**Mathematics 128A/129B, Physics 110R, Chemistry 110R,
Engineering 100A/120B, the first year writing class**

Second Year

**Mathematics 248A/249B, Engineering 121A/222B, Engineering
230A/101B, Engineering 240A/331B, Engineering 340A/341B,
Elective from humanities, social sciences.**

It was pointed out that these changes had been negotiated with the Technical University of Nova Scotia and other participating institutions.

(2) Exchange Programme with the University of Stirling

It was moved and seconded (Smith/Horrocks)

**that the proposed exchange programme with the University of
Stirling be approved as an experiment in 1981-82.**

The motion was carried.

C. Committee on Academic Administration

The Chairman pointed out that the current Collective Agreement contains the following provision for renewable, but limited term, appointments under Clause 12.15(b)(i): "the appointment is made without prospect of tenure consideration on the recommendation of the Senate, to meet a special need of the department or other unit, or of the University."

It was moved and seconded (MacKay/Betts)

that Mrs. Gerta Josenhans in the Department of German be appointed to a renewable limited-term contract under Clause 12.15(b)(i).

An amendment was moved and seconded (Rodger/Andrews)

that the words "without prejudice to any future cases" be inserted at the beginning of the motion.

The amendment was carried.

The motion as amended was then carried.

81:05. Joint Meeting - Representatives of the Board of Governors and Senate

Mr. King, Chairman of Senate's Board - DFA Consultative Committee, noted that the Dalhousie Act states that

"There shall, in each year during the month of October, be a meeting between the President and six members of the Board with six representatives elected by the 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."

Upon motion (King/Sinclair-Faulkner) it was agreed

that the members representing the Senate at the "Six and Six" meeting and at other Joint Meetings shall be:

- A. The named officers of the Senate (Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary)**
- B. A member appointed by each of the following Standing Committees of the Senate: Academic Planning, Financial Planning, Physical Planning, Academic Administration. (A Standing Committee shall be at liberty to appoint one of the named**

officers of the Senate as its representative.)

It was also agreed that

In addition to the above, the respective representatives of the Senate on Board Committees, (e.g. Employee Benefits, Investments, etc.) and members of other Senate Committees (e.g. Steering Committee, Board-DFA Consultative Committee, etc.) shall also be invited to attend particular meetings, when items of concern to these committees are on the agenda.

It was moved and seconded (King/MacKay)

that the agenda for the meetings shall be set by the Chairman of the Board, the Chairman of the Senate and the President of the University, who shall act as convenor.

The motion was carried.

The Chairman of the Standing Committees of the Senate are requested to make proposals (to the Chairman of the Senate) on items of relevant interest which are presently under consideration in the committees and to prepare suitable reports in advance of the joint meetings, in order to facilitate this liaison between the Board and the Senate.

81:06. Report on the Dalhousie - Mount St. Vincent Joint Agreement

The Chairman reported that the item was on the agenda of this meeting as required by the motion passed at the meeting of Senate on 15 September 1980 (Minute No. 80:95). He reported that negotiations are still taking place and that a formal report would be premature at this time.

81:07. Request for Revocation of an Honorary Degree

Mr. Roberts had submitted a request that the item be placed on the Senate agenda and moved, seconded by Mr. Ghose

that Senate consider the revocation of the Honorary Degree of L. Borbes S. Burnham.

Mr. Roberts requested that Dr. Y. Sankar, Mr. K. Persaud, and Mrs. F. Shury be allowed to address Senate on the report that they had submitted for the consideration of Senate. The request was denied on the basis of objections from members that

- (1) the matter should have been referred for review to the appropriate Senate committee;
- (2) there was no representation on behalf of the recipient;
- (3) Senate would be considering a prejudiced case if only one side were heard.

An amendment was moved and seconded (Cameron/Belzer)

that the words "following a report from the Honorary Degrees

Committee" be added to the motion.

The amendment was carried.

Upon motion (Roberts/Ghose) an amendment that the Honorary Degrees Committee be instructed to report to Senate at the March meeting was carried.

With these amendments, the motion was passed.

The Chairman thanked Dr. Sankar, Mr. Persaud, and Mrs. Shury for attending the meeting and being willing to address Senate if requested.

81:08 Convocation Arrangements - Installation of the President

The Secretary reported on Convocation arrangements for the installation of W. A. MacKay as President and Vice-Chancellor of Dalhousie University on Saturday, February 7, 1981. He also described other events to be held in connection with the Installation on that date and on 13 and 14 February 1981.

81:09. Board - DFA Negotiations

Upon motion it was agreed that if tentative agreement should be reached on the Collective Agreement, a special meeting of Senate will be held on Monday, 19 January 1981 at 4:00 p.m., to consider the Collective Agreement before it is ratified.

Should agreement be reached, copies of the proposed Collective Agreement will be made available by noon Friday, 16 January 1981 in the Senate Office for the use of members.

81:10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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SENATE MEETING

Senate met in special session in the Board and Senate Room on Monday, 19 January 1981 at 4:00 p.m.

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

Andrews, Atherton, Belzer, Bennett, Betts, Bingham, Bradley, Braybrooke, Cameron D.M., Chaytor, Eden, Egan, Erskine, Fingard, Fraser J., Fraser P., Gaede, Graham, Haines, Haley, Horrocks, James K.M., Jamieson, Jones W.E., Josenhans, Kaill, Kennedy, King, Kocourek, Kussmaul, Lamont, Leffek, Lewis, MacDonald J.J., MacKay W.A., Maloney, Matthews, McNulty, Morgan, Morse, O'Shea, Owen, Pooley, Pronych, Puccetti, Ritchie, Runte, Sandhu M., Sandhu R.S., Thompson, Tingley, Tonks, Yung, Mercer (invitee).

Regrets were received from Johnson, Kent, Malatjalian.

81:11 Proposed Collective Agreement Between the Board of Governors and the Dalhousie Faculty Association

The Chairman reviewed the proposed Collective Agreement noting Articles and Clauses which have been altered or changed compared to the old Collective Agreement. He invited members to consider those Articles and Clauses of interest to Senate.

Mr. Belzer moved, seconded by Mr. Graham

that Senate requests the Secretary to write immediately to the Board of Governors and the Dalhousie Faculty Association calling to their attention that if they ratify the proposed Collective Agreement without changing Clause 7.03, they do so contrary to the wishes to Senate, as expressed in the resolution passed at the meeting of 8 December 1980 (Minute No. 80:125, sixth motion).

The motion was carried.

Questions were raised about a number of Clauses including the following:

- (1) Clauses 28.30 and 28.31 concerning travel;
- (2) Clause 28.28 on leaves of absence;
- (3) Article 4 concerned with discrimination.

Concern was also expressed about a number of items in the Collective Agreement related to academic matters

over which Senate is supposed to have jurisdiction. It was pointed out that Senate could provide input into the bargaining process through its Board - DFA Consultative Committee.

It was moved and seconded (Eden/Fraser)

that the Committee on Committees be asked to advise Senate on the composition and terms of reference of the Board-DFA Consultative Committee.

The motion was defeated.

It was moved and seconded (MacKay/Bingham)

that Senate invite the Chairman and members of the Board-DFA Consultative Committee to give a full report to Senate on the difficulties they have encountered in presenting Senate's views or protecting Senate's interests at the negotiations, and to suggest ways in which improvements may be made within the current terms of reference.

The motion was carried.

The President expressed the hope that Senate would continue to present its views on academic matters, and, through its committees, on other items of interest to Senate, and he urged Senate to play a more active role in making these views known to the negotiating parties.

81:12. Adjournment

Upon motion the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.