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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session in the Board and Senate Room on Monday, 14 September 1981 at 4:00 p.m.

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

Atherton, Baker, Barron, Barry, Belzer, Bennett, Betts, Braybrooke, Byham, Chambers, Charles, Chaytor, Comeau, Duggal, Fingard, Fitzgerald, Flint, Friedenber, Friedrich, Garside, Graham, Gwyn, Heard, Horrocks, Jamieson, Jones W.E., King, Kirk, Kocourek, Kussmaul, laidlaw, Lewis, MacKay W.A., Maloney, Manos, Martin M.J.C., Martin R.M., Martin S., McKenzie, McNulty (Secretary), Monk, O'Shea, Parks, Pooley, Pronych, Ravindra, Runte, Shaw, Sprott, Stairs, Stewart, Thompson, Tingley, Varma, Waite, Wien, Yung, Mercer (invitee).

Regrets were received from Dickson, Egan, Ettlinger, Fulton, Goldbloom, Hatcher, Jacobson, Johnson, Kent, Moffitt, Morgan.

81:67. New Members of Senate

The Chairman introduced and welcomed new members of Senate appointed since the last meeting. He also re-introduced the new student representatives to Senate whose names were read at the August meeting, but who were not present at that meeting.

81:68. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Secretary proposed, seconded by Mr. Heard, that

**the minutes be amended to replace the last sentence in Minute No. 81:64.B.2. with the following sentence. "It was pointed out from the floor that Recommendation 2(b) need not be voted upon since it was the prerogative of the Academic Planning Committee to establish its own committees."**

The amendment was carried, and upon motion (Pooley/Josenhans) the minutes of the meeting of 10 August 1981 were approved.

As a result of a response to a question of his, Mr. Andrews requested that it be noted in the minutes that motions which are moved and seconded, and then withdrawn, are not normally noted in the minutes. He requested that motions moved and withdrawn be noted in the minutes. The Chairman indicated this would be done in future.

Ms. Fingard, one of Senate's representatives on the President's Committee concerned with proportional

representation of women and eliminating any barriers to the appointment of handicapped persons and minority groups, asked that Senate provide guidelines for its representatives so that they may accurately transmit the views of Senate to that committee. The Chairman agreed to put the matter before the Steering Committee for advice.

Mr. Axworthy stated that it was his understanding that the procedures for the appointment of a dean contained in the report of the Senate Committee on University Government were circumvented in one case recently. He asked whether the President had any comment on the matter or on the procedures that were used. The President replied that the Faculty Committee did act in a manner consistent with the regulations, although not necessarily so in the minds of all those involved. He suggested that consideration might be given to modifying the regulations in the case of a dean finishing one term and being considered for a second. The President agreed to report further to Senate on the matter at a later date.

Mr. Graham asked why the name on the outside of the meeting room says "Board Room", whereas formerly it stated "Board and Senate Room". The Chairman agreed to look into the matter.

#### 81:70. Reports and Recommendations -- Committees of Senate

##### A. Academic Planning Committee

##### 1. Reports from M.P.H.E.C. on Dalhousie Programmes

The actions of M.P.H.E.C. reported in Minute No. APC 81:58.A, previously circulated, were noted. The Chairman stated, however, that there is still some uncertainty as to whether or not the four-year Honours programme in Computing Science was in fact approved.

##### 2. High Field Regional NMR Centre

The Chairman brought Minute No. APC 81:58.B to the attention of members, noting that the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council had awarded a major installation grant to establish the High Field Regional NMR Centre.

#### 81:70 B. Honorary Degrees Committee

##### 1. Honorary Degree Candidates -- Voting

Voting took place on the candidates whose names were tabled at the last meeting. Two of the three candidates were approved. (This item was considered as the last item of business.)

#### 81:71. King's College Encaenia

It was moved and seconded (MacKay/Horrocks) that

**Dalhousie University degrees in Arts and Science be awarded at the King's College  
Encaenia to be held at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 12 May 1982.**

The motion was carried.

81:72. Joint Meeting -- Representatives of the Board and Senate

The Chairman noted that the statutory joint meeting between representatives of the Board and Senate would be held on Thursday, 22 October 1981. He asked that any members who would like to suggest agenda items, or who would like to have any particular matters discussed, should notify the Secretary.

Mr. Andrews asked whether a report could be made back to Senate on the joint meeting. The Chairman agreed this would be done.

81:73. Financial Situation

The President read a letter, directed to the Chairman of Senate, on the current financial situation. A copy of the letter is appended to these minutes.

Considerable discussion followed and a number of questions were raised, primarily on the following two points:

- (1) whether financial constraint was being invoked, de facto or otherwise, regardless of intent;
- and
- (2) whether Senate would be asked to change or modify programmes for financial rather than academic reasons.

The President emphasized that if the time comes when a declaration of financial constraint is necessary, he will issue one, but he hoped that situation could be avoided. He expressed the hope that acceptable procedures, which would be consistent with the Collective Agreement, could be worked out with Senate.

The Chairman thanked the President for informing Senate about the current financial situation.

81:74. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.