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**DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY**  
**MINUTES OF SENATE MEETING**

Senate met in regular session in the Senate and Board Room on Monday, 13 April 1987 at 4:00 P.M.

Present with Mr. W.E. Jones in the chair were the following:

Andrews, Angelopoulos, Betts, Birdsall, Borwein, Boyd, Bradfield, T.S. Cameron, Caty, Chaytor, Clark, Dunn, Egan, George, Gratwick, Holloway, D.W. Jones, Leffek, R.C. MacKay, Maloney, Manning, McAllister, D.W.P. O'Brien, O'Shea, Oore, Ozier, Pooley, **Ritchie**, Sinclair, Sinclair-Faulkner, M. Stewart, P.N. Stewart, Tonks, Wien, Winham, Yung, Zakariasen, Christie (invitee), M. MacDonald (invitee), Traversy (invitee).

Regrets: Belzer, Braybrooke, A.D. Cohen, Forgay, Hersom, J.V. Jones, Precious, Sharp, Stern, Walker, Waterson.

87:043-

The Chair, Mr. W.E. Jones, informed the meeting that agenda items \$5 and #7 concerning the implementation of a change in the Master of Science program and the Jurisdiction of the Senate Academic Appeals Committee respectively might be deferred.

87:044.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of February 23

Mr. Andrews identified the need to change the word "will" to "would" in the last sentence of the first full paragraph on page

Motion (Sinclair/Maloney):

**that the minutes of February 23, 1987 be approved as corrected.**

Carried.

Minutes of March 2

Motion (Sinclair/Zakariasen):

**that the minutes of March 2, 1987 be approved as circulated.**

Carried.

#### Minutes of March 9

Mr. Bradfield pointed out that in the statement ascribed to him in the third paragraph on page 2 the reference should have been to the Bank of Nova Scotia. Mr. Bradfield also questioned the assignment of funds mentioned in the last paragraph of minute 87:035. After some discussion, it was agreed that it would be left to Mr. Sinclair and the Secretary to insert an appropriate statement. (Secretary's note: The following statement will be inserted in Minute 87:035. "Mr. Sinclair further clarified that the original, pre fire, plans for expansion of the law building were not confined to the library but included other required academic facilities."

Motion (Borwein/Ritchie):

**that the minutes of March 9, 1987 be approved as amended.**

Carried.

87:045

#### Question Period

#### Campaign for Dalhousie

Mr. Bradfield asked if the report from Mr. Mason 'o references made in minute 87:035 could be placed on the next Senate agenda. The Chair informed the meeting that this report is being discussed by various Senate committees and gained the agreement of Senate for it to be brought forward to Senate when the Committees are in a position to report on it.

#### Clause 26.07(a) of the Collective Agreement

Mr. Andrews asked several questions regarding the implementation of Clause 26.07(a). Included in these were questions on who will advise the President and by what method will they report to Senate on the advice they tender or refuse to tender to the President. He asked when a report can be expected. The Chair asked Mr. Sinclair to comment. Mr. Sinclair stated that the Committee will continue its work for some months and suggested that perhaps Senate would wish to request a report. Mr. Andrews volunteered to make a motion to this effect. The Chair responded that he does not like to receive motions in Question Period but

agreed that a report could be requested.

### Provincial Funding

Mr. Borwein. asked for the President to comment on provincial funding. The President responded that he would cover this subject in the presentation of his report.

### Cultural Activities

Mr. Andrews expressed concern about the fate of the Dalhousie Arts Centre and especially Cultural Activities. He asked if it would be possible for Senate to have a report on cultural activities at Dalhousie, and referred to a committee of which he had been a member. In response to a question, he identified it as the Committee on Cultural Activities.

### Ritchie Process

Mr. Bradfield asked for a report to Senate on savings resulting from the Ritchie process to indicate how savings are estimated to measure increased productivity but to exclude cuts in expenditures obtained through reductions in service. The President expressed the view that Mr. Mason could comment. Referring specifically to the Registrar's Office, it was revealed that the rate of processing of applications was the same as or a little ahead of last year.

### Report of the President

The President commented on a written report which ne had made available. He first addressed the announced level of provincial funding. He stated that it represents a renewal of commitment by the provincial government, but that it does not translate into a 6% increase for Dalhousie. Dalhousie's basic grant increase is expected to be approximately 2%. It is also expected that funding for Medicine and Alterations and renovations will bring the increase up to 3.2%. He said that as long as the formula continues and the enrolment trends continue, this kind of increase will continue for Dalhousie. He stressed portions of his report on funding. He also read extensively \_rom his report on 'he progress of implementation of Novanet. The third section Or his report dealt with International Development and the Pearson Institute. He stated his expectation to bring forward a proposal for the May meeting.

Mr. Stuttard stated that he thought there was a commitment not to support Novanet unless external funding became available. The President responded that the university is faced with a choice of participating in Novanet or buying its own system. He added that there are good prospects for support.

Mr. Bradfield stated that a recent article in University News revealed that \$800,000 of Canelco

funds had gone into the Capital Campaign. He asked how this affects the operating budget and could it have been used to lower the deficit. The President responded that this means that the Canelco funds are being used in keeping with the original bequest. Mr. Derek Jones asked if any consideration is being given to using Canelco interest in terms of matching funds. The President said that this is an interesting idea and that he can look into it.

Ms. Ritchie said that she did not understand the reply to Mr. Bradfield. After some further discussion, the President said the point at which the value of the shares was realized coincided with the start of the campaign. There then was agreement that because this represented a windfall, \$3 million will be put into the campaign. It was therefore treated as any other major gift. When Mr. Bradfield asked who had made this agreement, the President replied that he was not here at the time, and would not like to comment further.

87:047.

Submitted Motion re Library

The agenda included a notice of the following motion (Stewart/Borwein):

**WHEREAS the Senate has previously passed motions recommending "a high priority for the library within the University", and whereas the library has been chronically underfunded relative to libraries at comparable Universities;**

**RESOLVED that the Senate deplors the proposed cuts in the Library's acquisitions budget and strongly encourages the university administration to give the highest priority to avoiding these cuts and maintaining the integrity of the library collection.**

(Carried after discussion)

Messrs. Stewart and Borwein both spoke in support of the motion. Mr. Osborne spoke of the importance of the collection to research. Mr. Birdsall stated that the increase in the collections budget last year would be 9%, but the increases in costs were of the order of 20 to 25%. They are especially high in science. Mr. Winham asked where the cuts would -likely be in lieu of being made in the Library. The President said he has no difficulty supporting the intent of the motion. He assumes it would mean that Senate would like the administration to give the Library the highest priority. He said we have to recognize that the difficult position the Library is in has been partly brought about by ourselves (i.e. the emphasis on publications leading to the proliferation of journals). He said to believe that the universities can continue to cope is unrealistic. Mr. Osberg noted in response that he understood that some \$2 million of the cost of the Law School renovations was at present unfunded and that interest on \$2 million would fund the proposed reduction in library acquisitions in perpetuity. Mr. Borwein stated that the Library is waiting for eliminations before ordering new journals. He expressed fears about starting the next year with a lower base, and

that the intent of the motion is to find the money in the budget. Mr. Betts said that the motion gives him trouble. He is sympathetic to the Library, but is opposed to budgeting by this process. He stated the importance of looking at the whole picture.

The motion was finally put to a vote and carried.

87:048.

Committee on Committees

(a) Special Joint Committee on Community Access and Service

The terms of reference for a special joint committee on community access and service had been supplied by the President. The Committee on Committees included a copy of them in its report nominating two persons to serve on that Committee.

Motion (Boyd/D. Jones):

**that Mr. R.A. Leslie and Mr. D.J. Patton be appointed to the Special Joint Committee on Community Excess and Service.**

Motion carried.

(b) Advisory Committee on the Appointment of a Vice-President (Academic and Research)

A report of the Committee on Committees containing nominations for appointment to the Advisory Committee on the Appointment of a Vice-President (Academic and Research) had been circulated with the agenda. The Chairman of that Committee informed Senate that Ms. C. Boyle had withdrawn her acceptance of a nomination. He also informed Senate that there will be a student name submitted by the Dalhousie Student Union.

Motion (Boyd/Bradfield):

**that the report of the Committee on Committees nominating the following persons to serve on a Committee to advise the President on the Appointment of a Vice-President (Academic and Research) be accepted:**

**P.E. Dresel (Pharmacology)**

**R.M. MacDonald (Dentistry)**

**L. Osberg (Economics)**

**J. A. Ritchie (Nursing)**

**R.G. Storey (Business Administration)**

**The number of nominees was questioned with reference to the University Government Report on Appointments which suggests at least six members for such a committee.**

Mr. Betts called for a larger representation from the Faculty of Arts and Science. Mr. Boyd commented that the Committee **on Committees had kept** in mind that only three nominees from Senate served on the Committee that advised on the appointment of a President. Mr. Jones then called three times for further nominations, none were received. He declared the persons nominated to be elected. Mr. MacMullin stated that he will bring forward the name of a student at the next meeting of Senate. Senate agreed to accept a nomination from the Student Union. Mr. Andrews asked if it could be taken for granted that this Committee will consult widely to which the Chair replied "Yes, that is within its mandate."

(c) Senate Library Committee

A report from the Committee on Committees containing nominations for the Senate Library Committee had been circulated with the agenda.

Motion (Boyd/Caty):

**that the report of the Committee on Committees nominating two new members for the Senate Library Committee be accepted.**

The Chair pointed out that an additional nomination had been received in writing. After some discussion, the written nomination submitted by Mr. Kennedy, was seconded by Mr. Andrews. The Chair ruled that a mail ballot would be required as a result of the additional nomination being submitted.

87:049.

Implementation of the Change from a Two to Three Year Program in M.S. (Human Communications Disorders)

The Vice-President (Academic & Research) reported that he had requested that this item be added to the agenda. He also reported that funding was a condition for implementation of this program and that he was not in a position to assure this. He therefore suggested that consideration of this item be deferred. Senate agreed.

87:050-

Jurisdiction of the Senate Academic Appeals Committee

The President reported that there had not yet been an opportunity for the subcommittee to meet with the Senate Academic **Appeals** Committee. Additionally, Mr. Christie was not present at the meeting. The President therefore asked that consideration of this item be deferred. Senate agreed.

87:051

Procedural Changes re Membership on Senate

The Chair informed Senate that its advice is being sought on how to respond to the memorandum from the President indicating his intention to seek changes in the statutory provisions relating to the Board of Governors of Dalhousie College and University. He said that the Collective Agreement requires consultation with the Dalhousie Faculty Association but that there is no written requirement for consultation with the Senate. The President had, however, asked for comment. He said that the Senate Steering Committee had considered the matter and suggests a mail ballot.

Mr. Jones also reported that the Steering Committee has been discussing the elected membership of Senate and the need for change to recognize the changes in size of faculties. He said an increase in student representation is also under consideration. Considerable discussion then ensued concerning previous efforts to change the composition of the Senate and the views of senators regarding various aspects of the Act governing the University. Several senators pointed out additional changes they would like to see implemented. At different points in the discussion the President and the Chair both pointed out that the changes recommended are minimal and that some points to which senators had objected were in fact present in the Act as it now stands. The rationale for requiring a mail ballot was sought. The alternative of due notice was suggested. Finally it was agreed to refer the matter back to the Steering Committee.

Motion (Walsh/Leffek):

**that consideration of the changes in the statutory provisions relating to the Board of Governors of Dalhousie College and University be returned to the Steering Committee for further consideration.**

Motion carried.

87:052.

Report on Redistribution and Development Fund

Mr. Jones alerted senators that a report on the distribution and Development Fund recommendations had been distributed.

87:053-

Presentation of Academic Plan for 1987

The Chair reported that the academic plan for 'he 1987 will not be ready an the April 27 meeting. He said that there will probably need to be a special meeting in mid May. He also said that the report will not be widely circulated, but will be available upon request. All senators will be informed when it is ready.

87:054.

Meeting Cancellation

As a consequence of the 1987 academic plan not being ready for April 27, the Chair informed Senate that there would be no meeting on that date.

87:055

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 P.M.