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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY  
MINUTES  
OF  
SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session in the Senate and Board Room on Monday, 14 September 1987 at 4:00 P.M.

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

Angelopoulos, Betts, Black, Bradfield, Burns, Byham, S. Cameron, Chaytor, Clark, Cromwell, Duff, Flint, Forgay, Haley, D.W. Jones, Kemp, Leffek, D. Lewis, M. Lewis, MacRae, McNulty, Munroe, Ravindra, Rodger, Sinclair, Stewart, Wien, Winham, Yung.

Invitee: R. Power

Regrets: A.D. Cohen, J.V. Jones, Konok, Laidlaw, R.C. MacKay, Precious, Ritchie, M.H. Tan, Walker.

**87:115.**

Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 22 June 1987 were approved upon motion (Andrews/Wien) with three typographical errors noted: page 3, line one - Faculties; page 5 - "motion (A. Cohen/Duff)" should be deleted from line 25 and the word "precede" was misspelled on page 6, line 16.

The minutes of the 6 July 1987 meeting were accepted upon motion (Rodger/Angelopoulos). Mr. Andrews noted a plural subject with a singular verb.

The minutes of the meeting of 13 July 1987 were adopted upon motion (Rodger/Wien) with Faculties capitalized on page 7, line 16.

The minutes of the 10 August 1987 meeting were approved upon motion (Rodger/Wien).

**87:116.**

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee to Hear Discipline Appeal  
[IN CAMERA]

The ad hoc committee established to consider the appeal of a student had agreed by majority decision that the penalty imposed by the Senate Discipline Committee was appropriate for the academic offenses committed. A report prepared by the Chair, Mr. L. Haley, had been

precirculated to Senate members. The legal counsel for the appellant, Mr. R. Power, indicated that the student was prepared to accept the decision of the ad hoc committee.

It was agreed upon motion (Haley/Chaytor)

**that the report of the hearing panel be ratified.**

**87:117.**

Results of Balloting -- Honorary Degree Candidates

The Secretary reported that all three names presented in August as candidates for receiving honorary degrees at the Fall Convocations had been approved by Senate. The President noted that these three individuals had accepted.

**87:118.**

Question Period

(1) Artistic Embellishment of Buildings

A memo from Vice-President Mason concerning artistic embellishment of new and existing buildings had been precirculated. Mr. Andrews' (10 August 1987) correspondence and Mr. McNulty's (28 August 1987) response were distributed at the meeting (attached). Copies of Mr. Andrews' letter had been sent to the Senate observers on the Board of Governors and to the Physical Planning Committee. The PPC will be asked to examine the issue and to report to Senate.

(2) Costs of Operating the Development Office

A letter, dated 29 July 1987, from President Clark had been circulated with the agenda.

(3) Effect of Productivity Improvement Study on Service Levels

A letter entitled "Effect of Productivity Improvement Study on Service Levels" from the Vice-President (Finance and Administration) had been precirculated. Mr. Bradfield inquired whether standardized mail delivery was not already a practice, to which Mr. Mason responded that some departments received two deliveries daily. Mr. Bradfield asked whether expenditures over \$200 required the approval of the Vice-President (Academic and Research). Mr. Mason indicated that this rule was imposed in one Faculty last year. Further to Mr. Bradfield's follow-up question, he indicated that ancillaries such as Howe Hall and Dalplex were expected to compete with other facilities for the public. Mr. Mason believed that landscaping and upkeep was therefore important.

Mr. Andrews commented on a Dalplex slogan with a negative subtextual meaning and asked that this be brought to the attention of the author(s).

(4) Funding of University Research Fellows

Two memos, dated July 21, 1987 and September 1, 1987 from Vice-President Sinclair

responding to an earlier question of a Senator were precirculated for the information of Senate.

87:119.

Awarding of Certificates in Periodontics and Retroactive Degrees

There was agreement upon motion (Chaytor/D. Jones)

**that the Certificate in Periodontics be awarded to George Glasser and Elizabeth Toporowski.**

Two degrees, retroactive to May 8, 1987, were approved upon motion (Betts/S. Cameron). Outstanding accounts had been cleared.

**Bachelor of Arts - Mark Adrian Moffett  
Diploma in Engineering - Wayne Austin Moffett**

87:120.

Report of the President

President Clark distributed his report dated 14 September 1987 at the meeting (appended). The report addressed such issues as registration/enrolment, funding, the national forum on postsecondary education, the fall meeting of NSERC Council, the appointment of a new Registrar, searches underway for senior appointments, submission of the women's studies program to MPHEC, and honorary degrees for the Fall Convocation.

Mr. McNulty reported difficulties with seating arrangements and room temperatures in certain classrooms. Mr. Clark agreed, and pointed to the need to schedule classes across the full range of hours available. Mr. Pross was disappointed that there was a relatively large number of administrators compared to teaching faculty from Nova Scotia who had been invited to attend the National Forum on Post-Secondary Education. President Clark stated that he had not been consulted, nor had other university presidents, about possible invitees. Mr. Rodger believed that NSCUFA and CAUT had been contacted. The President was certain that AUCC had also been consulted. In response to a further query from Mr. by Pross, he indicated that specific guidelines for search committees and advertisement for candidates had been developed over the past few months.

87:121.

Schedule of Meetings - 1987/88

A proposed schedule of meetings for 1987-88 for Senate and the Statutory Committees of Senate had been precirculated. Mr. Rodger identified a conflict on December 28, 1987, as this was Boxing Day. The CAA meeting on June 15, 1988 should be scheduled for 4:00 P.M., not 3:00 as listed.

It was agreed upon motion (Wien/Sinclair)

**that the amended schedule of meetings be approved.**

87:122.

Changes to Statute -- Membership of Senate

Mr. W. Jones introduced the background to the precirculated document entitled "Proposed Changes to the Statute Relating to Dalhousie University and to the Constitutional Provisions Governing the Operations of Senate". Revisions were proposed to the appointment of academic staff to the Board and to the procedures for changing the composition of Senate. The President expressed his agreement with the revisions proposed by the Steering Committee.

Mr. Rodger suggested that the numbering be revised to be consistent with the Act, prior to submission to the House of Commons. He preferred to see one individual nominated by each undergraduate Faculty and approved by Senate and the Board of Governors. He also suggested changing line 9 of the first amendment (page one) to read "those persons holding positions" rather than "those faculty members". Mr. Lewis supported Mr. Rodger's recommendation on representation and informed members of a letter which he had written to the President conveying a similar recommendation from the DFA executive. Mr. Sinclair was uncertain why the DFA recommendation omitted reference to Senate. Mr. Betts, pointing to the disparities in sizes of Faculties, supported the recommendation of the Steering Committee. Mr. Wien indicated that the Steering Committee modified their original proposal, taking into consideration Mr. Lewis' letter, to ensure that persons would come from different parts of the university. Mr. Rodger wished to have librarians represented and reiterated his belief that a broad spectrum would reflect the different perspectives of academic staff to the Board.

Ms. Fingard asked whether restrictions would be placed on the number of administrators who could serve as representatives of academic staff. Mr. Sinclair contended that the nominating committee of Senate, unlike individual Faculties, would be in a position to consider all these university-wide representational issues.

Mr. Birdsall confirmed that librarians hold academic appointments. Mr. Lewis observed that individuals nominated and appointed would act as representatives of academic staff not of individual Faculties.

It was moved and seconded (McNulty/Betts)

**that the first proposal as outlined in the sample mail ballot, with the amendment recommended by Mr. Rodger, "those persons holding positions" be approved.**

An amendment was moved and seconded (Rodger/Lewis)

**that "one person on full-time academic staff nominated from time to time by each of the undergraduate Faculties and approved by the University Senate" replace the first two and one-half lines of proposal one: "Four persons .. University Senate".**

Mr. D. Jones asked for an adaptation to those persons not members of the bargaining unit, but not excluded on the basis of positions, held such as in the Faculty of Dentistry. Mr. Welch clarified the words "those in comparable positions".

Mr. Wien anticipated difficulty in defining undergraduate Faculties. Mr. McNulty was unclear why every interest group required representation. Mr. Pross shared some of these concerns and worried that nominees would feel obligated to represent the Faculties nominating them. Mr. Rodger argued that the definition of undergraduate Faculties was an easy matter, and that individuals would be aware that they were not delegates or advocates for the Faculties.

Upon vote the amendment was defeated.

Brief discussion ensued on the position of the Faculty of Dentistry members, and the lack of reference to appointment for a specific term pointed out by Mr. Andrews.

The main motion carried.

Concern was raised by Mr. Andrews concerning the final sentence of the preamble. It was agreed that the Steering Committee would redraft the preamble to remove the apparent negative connotations of this sentence. Mr. Cromwell pointed out that the Steering Committee had wanted to convey the fact that a positive Senate recommendation would not necessarily result in enactment of statutory changes. Final authority for implementation rested with the House of Commons and the Board of Governors' recommendation. It was agreed that discussion on Proposal II would continue at the next meeting of Senate.

87:123

### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 P.M.

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

Senate met in regular session in the Senate and Board Room on Monday, 28 September 1987 at 4:00 P.M.

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

Andrews, Angelopoulos, Aspinall, Betts, Black, Brady, Byham, Cameron T.S., Chaytor, Clark, Cromwell, Flint, Greenfield, James, Lewis D., Littler, Myers, Ozier, Pooley, Ritchie, Rodger, Sastri, Sinclair, Tonks, Wien, Zayid.

Regrets: A.D. Cohen, Forgay, Gratwick, J.V. Jones, Konok, R.C. MacKay, Precious, Richards, M.H. Tan, Walker, Wassersug, Williams, Zakariasen.

87:124.

Changes to Statute Relating to Dalhousie University and to the Constitutional Provisions Governing Senate (Discussion cont'd)

It was moved and seconded (Wien/Zayid)

**that Senate accept the second proposal regarding changes to the Statute and composition of Senate for purposes of a mail ballot.**

Mr. Rodger expressed concern that important words in the present statute had been omitted from the proposal from the Steering Committee (pg. 3, paragraph 1). Mr. W. Jones explained that the current Constitutional Provisions of Senate defined the composition of Senate.

The motion carried.

Mr. Greenfield noted t-hat two words "however, that" had been dropped from line five of Proposal I as it appeared on the sample ma-l ballot.

It was agreed upon motion (Cromwell/Wien)

**that the amended mail ballot be sent out to seek the opinion of Senators on these issues.**

87:125.

Date of Kings Encaenia

It was agreed that the date proposed for the King's Encaenia, specifically Wednesday, 4 May 1988, was acceptable.

87:126.

Changes in Courses in the Faculty of Health Professions

Precirculated information concerning proposed changes and a new course offering in the Faculty of Health Professions, which had been dealt with by CAA, was received for information.

87:127.

"1987 and Beyond" -- Recommendation 7.3.3

The Chair reminded Senators that recommendation 7.3.3 had been referred back to APC- for further consideration and rewording. A revised version proposed at the 2 September 1987 meeting of APC had been circulated with the agenda.

It was moved and seconded (Wien/Ritchie)

**that academic units at the department, school, college and Faculty levels report to APC the criteria, the review and decision making processes by which they have made decisions with respect to Redistribution, Development and academic planning priorities, when they submit their requests for funding and upon submission of their academic plan.**

Mr. Wien agreed that the words "to APC" would be added 'o line 7 after "funding" to clarify that requests for funding would be directed to APC. Mr. Andrews was disturbed by the proposed process, as some departments may not have applied criteria in the first instance. In his view, APC had not explicated that committee's criteria. Mr. Wien believed that it was appropriate to request that the rationale by which selections had been made at the departmental level be clarified. He explained that Senate level criteria for allocation of Redistribution and Development Funds had been articulated in the preamble to the application forms. In response to a question from Mr. Lewis, Mr. Wien commented that the criteria could be used to articulate the sections on objectives and priorities in the basic form for unit academic plans. Mr. W. Jones added that the academic plan included a section which deals with resources allocated.

Mr. Betts was uneasy about whether a committee could make decisions on priorities and agree on a uniform weighting procedure. He expressed concern that the academic planning process, which was already tedious, would become protracted as a result of this recommendation. Ms. Ritchie recalled that it had not always been clear in the review of plans and applications submitted to APC why particular choices had been made. Faculties had used broad criteria, not specific weighting. APC had not been advised of the decision-making processes at the Faculty level. Mr. Rodger believed that frequently choices were made according to political judgements rather than measurable criteria. Mr. Andrews contended that the academic plan of the Faculty of Arts and Science already contained rationale for requests. Mr. W. Jones stated that APC provided criteria for academic plans, redistribution funds, development funds and areas of special emphasis. However, the basis on which some Faculties had made decisions had not always been clear in academic plans. Mr. Sinclair reassured Mr. Betts that the decision-making processes of his Faculty were by and large well expressed within submissions.

An amendment was moved and seconded (Rodger/Stuttard)

**that the words "the reasons and decision-making processes used replace "the criteria -- decisions". (lines 2-4)**

The amendment carried.

The main motion as amended carried. Amended Motion:

**that academic units at the department, school, college and Faculty levels report to APC the reasons and decision-making processes used with respect to Redistribution, Development and academic planning priorities, when they submit their requests for funding to APC and upon submission of their academic plan.**

87:128.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 P.M.