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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY
MINUTES
OF
SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session on Friday, October 12, 1990, at 4:00 p.m in the Senate and Board Room.

Present with Mr. R. Carlson in the chair were:

Barkow, Birdsall, Brett, R.E. Brown, Burns, Casey, Corvin, Dickson, Eberhardt, Fingard, Graham, Gratwick, Grundy, Gwyn, Helleiner, Hodgson, Kimmins, Mason, McGrath, Moriarty, Palmer, Ravindra, Retallack, Ritchie, Robertson, Shaw, Simpson, Stuttard, Sullivan, Surette, Szerb, Thomas, Verabioff (representing de Burger), Wien.

Invitees: B. Christie, M. MacGillivray, J. Redden, M. Wright.

Regrets: Belzer, Bérard, Clark, Cohen, Dykstra, Fernandez, Gray, Hawkins, Jones, Konok, Lane, Purdy, Rees, Stairs, Tan, Wassersug, Williams, Writer, Young.

90:038

Minutes of the Meeting of 24 September 1990

The minutes of the meeting of the 24 of September 1990 were approved upon motion (Kimmins/Ravindra).

90:039

Awarding of Degrees, Prizes and Medals -- All Faculties

College of Arts and Science

Senate agreed upon motion (Kimmins/Ravindra) that degrees and diplomas be awarded as follows:

Bachelor of Arts..... 2
(Distinction 2, Honours 4, First-Class Honours 3, Adv.Major 2)

Bachelor of Arts Advanced Major Certificate.....	1
Bachelor of Arts Honours Certificate	4
(Honours 4)	
Bachelor of Education	8
Certificate in Education Administration.....	1
Bachelor of Music.....	1
Bachelor of Science	6
(Distinction 4, Honours 5, Advanced Major 7)	
Bachelor of Science Honours Certificate.....	1
(Honours 1)	
Diploma in Engineering	0
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Faculty of Graduate Studies

Senate agreed upon motion (Fingard/Stuttard) that degrees be awarded as follows:

Master of Business Administration	3
Master of Development Economics.....	4
Master of Environmental Studies	5
Master of Arts.....	4
Master of Science.....	5
Master of Education	2
Master of Health Services Administration	2
Master of Laws	8
Master of Public Administration.....	2
Master of Social Work	2
Master of Nursing	1
Master of Arts in Teaching French	1
Doctor of Philosophy	3
	Tot
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Faculty of Health Professions

Senate agreed upon motion (Verabioff/Wien) that degrees, certificates, and diplomas be awarded as follows:

Certificate in Community Health	19
Bachelor of Social Work	23
(Distinction 9)	
Bachelor of Science (Occupational Therapy)	2
Bachelor of Recreation	1
Bachelor of Science (Health Education).....	2
Bachelor of Science (Kinesiology).....	5
Bachelor of Nursing (Post RN)	3
Bachelor of Science (Nursing)(Post RN).....	4
Diploma in Outpost & Community Health Nursing.....	7
Bachelor of Science (Physiotherapy)	2
(Distinction	1)
.....	Tot
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Faculty of Law

Senate agreed upon motion (Thomas/Wien) that the following degrees be awarded as follows:

Bachelor of Laws..... 3

Faculty of Management

Senate agreed upon motion (Kimmins/Ravindra) that degrees be awarded as follows:

Bachelor of Commerce..... 2
(Honours 1)

Faculties of Dentistry and Medicine

There were no candidates for degrees at this time; therefore, Senate agreed upon motion (Gratwick/Ritchie) that no degrees be awarded in the Faculty of Medicine or the Faculty of Dentistry.

Senate also agreed upon motion (Kimmins/Ravindra)

that the Provost of the College of Arts and Science or the Dean of the appropriate Faculty and the Registrar, in consultation with the Chair of Senate, be authorized to add to and remove from the graduation list the names of any students which have been omitted from or included in the graduation list due to demonstrable errors on the part of the University or one of its servants, and that any such additions or deletions be reported to Senate.

90:040

Report of the President

In the absence of the President, there was no President's report.

90:041

Question Period

No questions were asked.

90:042

Nominations from Senate Committee on Committees

This item had been put on the agenda in error. There were no nominations from the Committee on Committees.

90:043

Graduate Program in Neuroscience

Mr. Barkow spoke on the Neuroscience program on behalf of the Senate Academic Planning Committee. He pointed out that the program was not a separate degree, but a change in designation of existing graduate programs in the Departments of Psychology, Pharmacology, Biochemistry, Anatomy and Physiology/Biophysics. Mr. Carlson noted that the Senate Academic Administration had passed a motion recommending to Senate the designation "major/neuroscience" for degrees awarded for completion of the proposed graduate program in neuroscience. Mr. Birdsall noted that the present library allocation for neuroscience would be depleted during 1991-92. Mr. Dickson responded that further library allocations for Biology and Medical Science were still to come. Ms. Fingard clarified that scholarship funding would be taken from present departmental allocations; no new scholarships would be available. The degree designation would not be retroactive, but students in the program in July 1990 would have the option of having the new designation placed on their degrees. Mr. Shaw queried whether the new degree designations were simply a way to bypass the current moratorium on new programs; had any consideration been given to internal versus external funding? Mr. Barkow replied that neuroscience activities would be considered in routine departmental reviews, and agreed that there may be internal pressure to reallocate departmental funds. The lack of need for new or expanded resources resulted in this proposal not being viewed as a new program.

It was moved (Barkow/Brett) and **accepted**

that Senate accepts SAPC recommendation that Senate approve the proposal to designate certain graduate degrees in the Departments of Psychology, Pharmacology, Biochemistry, Anatomy, and Physiology/Biophysics as "department/neuroscience" degrees, with the stipulation that any future demands for additional resources in the neuroscience area is to be met either from external sources or from the re-allocation of existing resources within the co-operating departments

and faculties.

90:044

Senate Library Committee - Recommendations re Librarian Representation on Senate

It was **moved** (Archibald/Birdsall)

**that Constitution I(i) A. be amended to read (changes are underlined):
"A. All full Professors and Librarian 4s and, within the Faculties of
Dalhousie University, the Heads or Chairs of Departments and
Directors of Schools."**

**that Constitution I(i)B 8. on ex officio members be amended to read
(changes are underlined):"8. The Health Sciences Librarian, the Law
Librarian and the University Librarian."that Constitution I(i)C1. on
elected members be amended to read (changes are underlined):"1. Six
members of the Faculty of Arts and Social Science, seven members of
the Faculty of Science, one member from the School of Education, two
members of the Faculty of Dentistry, six members of the Faculty of
Health Professions, three members of the Faculty of Management, one
member of the Faculty of Law, six members of the Faculty of Medicine,
and one Librarian (elected by the Librarians of the University), all of
whom are not members of Senate in their own right, and are normally
elected for two-year terms."**

Mr. Carlson noted that these proposals require changes to the Senate Constitution. Therefore, in accordance with Constitution I(ii), the motions would be circulated to all members of Senate as a mail ballot and their approval would require a two-third majority of those voting.

In answer to Mr. Brett's question, Mr. Birdsall noted that at present there are 13 Librarian 4s (the most senior rank of Librarian). Mr. Carlson noted that current Senate membership is about 415.

The motion was then **carried**.

90:045

"Commentary" on the University Mission Statement

Mr. Christie read President Clark's letter to Dr. Lane dated the 26th of February in which Dr. Clark asked

that Senate consider and approve in principle the "Commentary" on the Mission Statement of Dalhousie University.

Mr. Christie explained that the President was seeking Senate's general approval of the document without subjecting it to further word-by word review; the text had already undergone extensive scrutiny and revision by SAPC which had recommended that Senate now approve this version. Mr. Carlson accepted the Committee's motion. Nevertheless, some minor revisions were proposed:

Mr. Sullivan asked that on page 3, line 9, "education," be inserted between the words "sciences, and natural;

Ms. Fingard asked that on page 7, line 5 be changed to read "needed by our region, by the nation, and by other countries.

Mr. Stuttard noted several editorial changes throughout the Commentary and agreed to provide Mr. Christie with a written copy of the accepted editorial changes.

Subject to these editorial changes, a **motion** (SAPC 90:131) to adopt the amended text as the Commentary on the Mission Statement **carried**.

90:046

Report of FPC on Tuition Fee Policy

The Tuition Fee Report and Policy were distributed at the meeting and members took time to read them. Mr. Brett objected to the fact that the materials relating to this item had not been transmitted to Senate by the Vice-President (Finance and Administration) in time for circulation with the agenda for the meeting. Mr. Carlson temporarily relinquished the chair to elaborate on the documents, highlighting points from SFPC's earlier discussions. Mr. Gratwick, on behalf of the Senate Financial Planning Committee, then moved

that Senate recommends to the Board of Governors adoption for 1991-92 of the Tuition Fee Policy issued by the Vice-President (Finance and Administration), with the understanding that the policy will recognize Recommendation 4.3 of the Final Report of the Financial Strategy Committee.

In the ensuing discussion, points were raised by various Senators including Mr. Brett, Mr. Gwyn, Ms. Ritchie, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Sullivan, with responses from Mr. Carlson, Ms.

Fingard, and Mr. Wright. Mr. Singh questioned why the MPHEC weighting scheme had been used. Mr. Wright explained that the FSC's policy was to weight by program and that at the present time the weighting scheme adopted by MPHEC best suited Dalhousie's requirements, although individual programs had not been accurately costed at Dalhousie or anywhere else. Mr. Singh felt that Table 3 of the report was misleading. Acadia's and St. Francis Xavier's Arts and Science fees are the same, whereas Dalhousie's proposed Arts and Science fees are not. Dalhousie's #3 ranking is only true if the Arts fee alone is used. If Dalhousie's Arts and Science fees were combined and then averaged, Dalhousie would rank #1. Mr. Wright answered "No" to Ms. Ritchie's question of whether any comparisons had been made with other institutions to assess the potential effects on enrolments. He also acknowledged the concern that Dalhousie's fee policy could lead to a fee spiral within the region. Mr. Brett perceived that the policy would mean that, in effect, other Nova Scotia universities would set Dalhousie's fees. Mr. McGrath expressed concern that the proposed changes did raise some Ph.D. fees by more than \$500 which violated one of the FSC's recommendations. Mr. Wright acknowledged this inconsistency.

After a show of hands (10 for, 8 opposed) the motion **carried**.

It was **moved** (Brett/Singh) and **carried** (nem.con.)

that the President or his delegate would report to Senate on any future Tuition Fee Policies proposals prior to such proposals being recommended to the Board of Governors.

90:047

Matters of Information

1. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Calling and Cancelling Senate Meetings. (see appendix to 24/9/90 Senate Minutes).

Mr. Carlson explained that at their meeting on October 1, 1990, the Senate Steering Committee recognized that Senate had no constitutional provisions regarding calling and cancelling Senate meetings, and decided that the motion of September 24 could not be interpreted as a constitutional change. Rather, it modified rules established by previous motions (past practice) of Senate and thus became the current practice of Senate. Therefore, the motion's reference to a "constitutional change" was an error. Mr. Carlson went on to explain that Senate when it lacks its own rules traditionally used Roberts Rules of Order, and as nether of the two conditions set out in Robert Rules of Order to amend the constitution (both a quorum and a majority of two-thirds of those voting) was satisfied at the 24th of September Senate meeting, the motion on calling and cancelling Senate meetings

would have to be interpreted as failed if viewed as a constitutional change rather than a simple motion. Mr. Brett contended that this "fall back" to Roberts Rules was not automatic. Mr. Graham observed that the status of Senate's constitution was "becoming messy". Mr. Carlson agreed and said that the problems were being addressed by the Steering Committee and the Chair of Senate who were seeking information on practices at other universities. Mr. Graham, noting the hour and number of senators remaining at the meeting, suggested that further discussion on this topic be postponed until the next Senate meeting. the meeting concurred.

2. Report of CAA on Grade Point Average Policy -

Mr. Carlson noted CAA's recommendation that, owing to the need to settle its implementation procedures, the Grade-Point Average policy will not become effective until the 1991-92 academic year.

3. Agenda Items listed as "For Discussion Only" -

Mr. Carlson noted that its meeting on October 1, 1990, the Senate Steering Committee agreed that the Chair could designate items on the Senate agenda "for discussion only. A time-limit would be set for each such item, and an effort would be made to adhere to it. In addition, members present at a meeting could request that an item be dealt with as if in a committee of the whole if one or more members believed that discussion rather than action on an item was needed.

90:48

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Secretary

Chair