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**DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**OF**

**SENATE MEETING**

Senate met in regular session on Monday, 22 March 1999, at 4:00 p.m. in the University Hall, Macdonald Building.

Present with Mr. C. Stuttard in the chair were the following:

Abi Daoud, Bell, Binkley, Bleasdale, Brett, Carlson, Chiasson, Clements, Coffin, El-Hawary, Emodi, Furrow, Galley, Guppy, Johnston, Kipouros, Lee, Lohmann, MacDonald, MacInnis, MacKenzie, Maes, Maloney, McIntyre, McNiven, Neumann, Rathwell, Russell, Rutherford, Scully, Shepherd, Slonim, Ugursal, Vohra, Wallace, White.

Regrets: Apostle, Barnes, Bradfield, Fooladi, Giacomantonio, Ipson, McConnell, Morrissey, Phillips, C. Powell, H. Powell, Ricketts, Rosson, Sastri, Starnes, Tindall, Traves, Treves, Wainwright.

**99:026.**

Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Stuttard noted that in the absence of the President there would be no President's Report. The agenda was adopted as amended.

**99:027.**

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 22 February 1999 were adopted as circulated.

**99:028.**

Question Period

Mr. Chiasson asked the Vice-President (Academic & Research) if he would provide some background on the changes to registration procedures being proposed for 1999/2000, and on the procedure used to come up with the proposed changes. Mr. Chiasson was particularly interested to know who had been consulted before the decision regarding registration deposit fees had been taken. Mr. Scully explained that Mr. Chiasson was referring to the green page included in the first batch of Calendars circulated roughly 10 days previously. The page had informed students that a deposit of \$100, to a maximum of \$500, would be required to maintain their seats in the classes for which they registered. As a relatively new member of the Dalhousie community, Mr. Scully was not familiar with the method by which such matters were normally handled. However, his investigation had determined that neither the Deans nor the students had been consulted - a major deficiency in the method of proceeding; the notice and the proposal had been withdrawn pending further consultation. Mr. Scully and Mr. McKee would be happy to meet

with Mr. Chiasson and Ms. McKenzie, and any other interested parties in an attempt to resolve this issue. In future, such actions would only be taken after consultation with the appropriate bodies.

**99:029.**

Nominations to Senate Committees

On behalf of the Senate Nominating Committee, Mr. Stuttard moved:

**That the following individuals be elected to serve on the Senate Committee on Academic Administration: Stephen Parcell (Architecture), March 1, 1999 to June 30, 2001; Emilia Santos Montero (FASS), March 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000; and Edna Staples (Science), March 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000;**

**On the Senate Committee on Instructional Development: Michael Poulton (Architecture) March 1, 1999 to June 30, 1999; RONALDA MURPHY (Law), March 1, 1999 to June 30, 2001;**

**And on the Senate Library Committee: Philip McAleer (Architecture), March 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000.**

After the requisite calls for further nominations, Mr. Stuttard declared the above individuals appointed to their respective committees.

**99:030.**

Nomination to the Nominating Committee

On behalf of the Senate Steering Committee, Mr. Stuttard moved:

**That Mr. Frank Palermo (Architecture) be appointed to serve on the Senate Nominating Committee for the term March 1, 1999 to August 31, 2001.**

The motion was **CARRIED**.

**99:031.**

Senate Computing and Information Technology Planning Committee

On behalf of the SCITPC, Mr. Stuttard moved:

**That the SCITP Committee's composition be revised to comprise one representative of each Faculty, except the Faculty of Graduate Studies; three students appointed by the DSU, including one from a Faculty on each of the three campuses; four other members appointed by the President, including at least one with a special interest in administrative computing; and the Executive Director of University Computing and Information Services, without vote. Where possible, each Faculty representative should be a member of their Faculty Information Technology Committee.**

Mr. Shepherd inquired about the rationale for the change to the current composition of the Committee. Mr. Sullivan (Chair of SCITPC) noted that the Committee no longer had a representative from the Dalhousie University Computer Users Group which was now defunct, but the primary reason behind the request for a change in composition was the desire to communicate more directly and effectively with the Faculties across campus. Rather than continue with the two-tier process which at present required frequent to-ing and fro-ing between the Committee and the Faculties on important IT issues, SCITPC was suggesting a model which would facilitate the exchange of information more quickly, and keep the Senate Committee abreast of issues as they arose among specific groups. It was hoped that the representative from each Faculty would be a member of that Faculty's IT Committee.

Ms. Guppy understood that it was normal to not have a representative of the Faculty of Graduate Studies on such Committees; however, in the area of IT the needs of undergraduate and graduate students could differ significantly, making a representative from FGS desirable. Ms. Guppy moved:

**That the words "excepting the Faculty of Graduate Studies" be removed.**

Mr. Scully supported the proposed amendment, but noted the difficulty of finding an individual who could represent the broad range of graduate student needs. Mr. Slonim noted graduate students' particular concerns in the area of research, for example. Mr. Rutherford suggested that an appropriate comparison would be with the Senate Library Committee, and anticipated that the individual representing the Faculty of Graduate Studies would likely be drawn from the Faculty Office, either the Dean or the Associate Dean.

The amendment was **CARRIED**.

Ms. McIntyre moved:

**That "a quorum of 40% of voting members" be added under the second item of the terms of reference.**

The amendment was **CARRIED**.

In response to Mr. El-Hawary, Mr. Chiasson explained that the proposal to base student representation on geographical location rather than constituency, such as Medical/Dental, reflected the belief that at this time the greatest need was for student representatives familiar with the realities of the infrastructure in different areas of the campus.

The main motion, as amended, was **CARRIED**.

**99:032**

Bachelor of Health Science (specific discipline\*)

On behalf of SAPBC, Mr. Stuttard moved:

**That the proposed Bachelor of Health Science (specific discipline\*) degree program be approved, provided that:**

**1) before the new program starts, the Faculty of Health Professions transfers to the Kellogg Health Sciences Library \$4,500 for retrospective acquisitions, and then annually provides a combined total of \$8,100 for continuing acquisitions, funded by a \$6,000 base budget transfer to the Library from the Faculty of Health Professions, and an annual contribution of \$2,100 from the budget(s) of the Allied Health Schools, QEII Health Sciences Education;**

**2) an appropriate contract with QEII Health Sciences Education is negotiated before the Board of Governors is asked to approve the program;**

**3) it is understood that faculty members of the QEII Allied Health Schools may be given adjunct faculty appointments in the Faculty of Health Professions at ranks commensurate with their qualifications and experience; and**

**4) an administrative arrangement approved by the Senate and Board is in place to administer the program before classes begin for the first students registered in the program.**

**\*Specific discipline refers to: Respiratory Therapy, or Diagnostic Cytology, or Radiological Technology, or Nuclear Medicine Technology, or Diagnostic Medical Sonography, or Medical Laboratory Technology (post-diploma only).**

Ms. McIntyre introduced the Acting Director of QEII Allied Health Schools, Ms. Michele Brennan, and the Acting Program Coordinator, Ms. Susan Nasser. The proposal before Senate had been part of the vision of the Faculty since 1993, and active planning had proceeded since 1995, prompted by a number of variables: the movement towards Baccalaureate entry to the allied health professions; the requirement in the health system for better qualified employees; and the general understanding that current programs did not offer sufficient professional preparation, though the skills of current employees were excellent. Along with other initiatives undertaken by the Faculty, this integrated model would place Dalhousie at the forefront nationally in the preparation of these types of professionals.

Concerning the first condition in the motion before Senate, Ms. McIntyre noted that the Library Review had been undertaken for a slightly different program which had anticipated inclusion of Radiation Therapy, Health Record Science, and Emergency Medicine, none of which were in the current proposal. Given that the most expensive journals were in Emergency Medicine and Radiation Therapy, the deletion of those two components resulted in a downward revision of the figures in the Library Budget. In addition, the Kellogg and QEII Libraries had yet to sort out the number of duplicate holdings. After discussion and further clarification, members agreed to delete "\$6000" and "\$2100" so that the first condition of the motion would read "funded by a base budget transfer . . . , and an annual contribution from the budget(s)". The precise figures would be specified before consideration by the Board.

Ms. Bleasdale asked when Senate would be able to see the contract. Ms. McIntyre indicated that the signed memorandum of agreement circulated with the proposal was the contract as it stood at present. Legal counsel was being sought on any necessary additions. Ms. McIntyre also noted that a proposal for a joint School would be going through Faculty Council and then taken to the

Senate and Board. Mr. Stuttard reminded members that Senate would revisit these items as necessary, in particular the fourth condition concerning the creation of an administrative arrangement.

The motion was then **CARRIED**.

**99:033.**

Diploma in Nurse Practitioner Studies for Remote and Under-Serviced Communities

On behalf of SAPBC, Mr. Stuttard moved:

**That the proposal for a Diploma in Nurse Practitioner Studies for Remote & Under-Serviced Communities be approved.**

Ms. McIntyre introduced Ms. Downe-Wamboldt, the new Director of the School of Nursing, and Ms. Martin-Misener, the proponent of the proposal. The proposal was a major modification of the dormant Outpost Nursing Program. The major modifications were in the title, the curriculum of the Outpost Nursing classes, and the funding structure which in the past had been entirely provided by the federal Medical Services Branch. An additional innovation was the inclusion of an opportunity for those with a Diploma in Nursing to complete the B.Sc(N) degree concurrently with obtaining a Nurse Practitioner Diploma. Other graduates already holding a Nursing degree would receive a post-baccalaureate Diploma. After initial consideration regarding the program's eligibility for ERBA, the proposers agreed that part of the funding deficit could be met through the addition of a program fee for the Nurse Practitioner component of the program. This seemed appropriate given the clinically intensive nature of the program and the requirement for an extended period of clinical work in a remote community. Mr. Slonim was concerned that very little money appeared to have been allocated for computing aspects of the program.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

**99:034.**

Presentation from the Dean of the Faculty of Computer Science

Dean Slonim took members through a series of overheads and invited members to request individual copies from either the Senate Office or the Office of the Faculty of Computer Science. [His brilliant presentation went unrecorded, as did the subsequent questions from the floor.]

**99:035.**

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.