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**DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY**

***APPROVED* MINUTES**

**OF**

**SENATE MEETING**

SENATE met in regular session on Monday, February 25, 2002, at 4:00 p.m., in University Hall, MacDonald Building.

Present with Mr. Mo El-Hawary in the chair were the following:

R. Bleasdale, A. Bowie, M. Bradfield, C. Breckenridge, W. Caley, A. Cochrane, G. Coffin, E. Egan, G. Elder, M. El-Hawary, L. Fraser, S. Guppy, R. Guy, A. Jalilvand, J. Kwak, B. MacDonald, W. MacInnis, C. McGrath, L. McIntyre, C. Moore, P. Neumann, K. Neves, N. O'Mara, W. Phillips, R. Rowe, C.Sastri, C. Savoy, D. Schroeder, H-G Schwarz, S. Scully, J. Slonim, D. Sommerfeld, D. Tindall, T. Traves, I. Ugursal, R. Whyte.

Regrets: M. Binkley, S.J. Corke, S. Coughlan, D. Cunningham, T. Emodi, C. Powell, O. Rajora, C. Starnes

Invitees: Fred McGinn, Elizabeth Townsend

Mr. El-Hawary welcomed the new Senator from the Faculty of Law, Mr. William Lahey.

**2002:023.**

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as circulated.

**2002:024.**

Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the meeting of December 10, 2001 were adopted with minor amendments.

The minutes of the meeting of January 14, 2002 were adopted as circulated.

The minutes of the meeting of January 28, 2002 were adopted with a minor amendment.

**2002:025.**

Report of the Chair

Mr. El-Hawary reported that Mr. Lloyd Fraser, Acting Chair, had received a letter from Mr.

Mason responding to points raised during discussion of the BAC Report at the January 28, 2002, meeting of Senate. Mr. Fraser had thanked Mr. Mason for his presence at that meeting and for the follow-up information he had provided, and he had informed him that his letter had been circulated to all Senators.

The Chair also reported that the December 11, 2001, *Draft* Conflict of Interest Policy, with a list of Questions and Answers prepared by Brian Crocker and Karen Crombie, had been published in the February 13, 2002 issue of the *Dalhousie News*. The University community was asked to review the *Draft* Policy and forward comments to both Brian Crocker and Mr. El-Hawary. The *Draft* Policy could also be viewed under "Policies" on the Senate Web site.

Mr. El-Hawary informed Senators that the Statutory Joint Senate and Board of Governors meeting had been held February 8, 2002. The meeting agenda had included the potential labour disruption, the breakdown in labour negotiations, the University enrolment strategy, and the draft "Statement on Prohibited Discrimination Complaints Procedures for Complaints Against Students", prepared by the Office of the Vice President Student Services.

The Chair also reported that at its February 2002 meeting, MPHEC had approved Dalhousie's Gynaecologic Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility Residency Program.

#### **2002:026.**

##### Question Period

Mr. McGrath had only recently learned who the student representative on the Budget Advisory Committee was. The Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) had not yet had the chance to consult with him. Mr. McGrath wondered whether in future the DSU could play a more proactive role in choosing the student representative on this important Committee. For example, the DSU Vice-President Finance might be an ideal student representative on the BAC.

Responding to the letter from Mr. Mason, Vice-President Administration and Finance, Mr. Bradfield thought he had only quoted Mr. Mason once, not three times. He also noted that he had not been in attendance at the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board's Operations Committee, but had put his comments in writing to that Committee, advising on the sale of the Glengarry property because it was a stand alone, not physically contiguous to any other Dalhousie property, unlike other properties which had been sold.

Mr. Bradfield also requested an update on the Canada Research Chairs. Mr. Scully responded that the six nominations made before the deadline had been approved. He did not have all the information with him, but considered it important to provide a written report to Senate in the near future.

In response to a question from Mr. White concerning the recent Day of Action, Mr. McGrath explained that while the CFS was lobbying for a tuition freeze, CASA, of which the DSU was a member, was working for a reinvestment in education not an outright freeze on tuition. He

thanked the Senate and individuals within the University who had demonstrated their support for the students' initiative.

In response to a question from Mr. Bradfield, Mr. McGrath reported that the DSU had been encouraged by the willingness of most faculty members to make academic accommodations for those students who had participated in the Day of Action.

Mr. El-Hawary reported that Senate had received a letter from the Member of Parliament for Halifax, Ms. Alexa McDonough, expressing her appreciation for this body's support of the Day of Action.

On the question of provincial funding for universities, Mr. Traves reported that a recent meeting between Nova Scotian University Presidents and the Minister of Education had been discouraging. The Minister had given no indication of an increase in funding, and indeed had not even been willing to commit to a 0% increase in funding for the coming year.

**2002:027.**

Proposed Cooperative Diploma Program in Disability Management

On behalf of the Senate Academic Priorities and Budget Committee, Mr. El-Hawary moved:

**That the Senate approve the proposal for a Cooperative Diploma Program in Disability Management.**

The motion was **CARRIED**.

**2002:028.**

Proposed Modifications to the B.Sc. (Occupational Therapy) Program

On behalf of the Senate Academic Priorities and Budget Committee, Mr. El-Hawary moved:

**That the Senate approve the proposed modifications to the B.Sc. (Occupational Therapy) program.**

The motion was **CARRIED**.

**2002:029.**

Report of the President

Mr. Traves reported that he did not have a formal report, but would be happy to answer questions.

Mr. McGrath asked the President to respond to a question circulated by Mr. Tindall: was there a potential conflict of interest in having Mr. Roughneen, Assistant Vice President Personnel Services serve as a member of the Budget Advisory Committee? Mr. Traves responded that Mr. Roughneen served in an advisory capacity on the Committee and received no personal gain from

that service. Consequently, this did not represent a conflict of interest as defined within the discussion paper being circulated around campus.

Mr. Traves encouraged the students to continue their efforts to secure increased funding for the University.

Mr. Bradfield understood that the University had asked to be an intervener in the hearings concerning the proposed rate increase by Nova Scotia Power. Had members of the University with special expertise in this area, such as Mr. El-Hawary, Chair of Senate, been asked to assist in preparing the University's intervention? Mr. Traves responded that the University was part of a larger coalition of major energy users. Lawyers were preparing a brief on behalf of that coalition.

Mr. El-Hawary thanked members for their attendance. He hoped that all parties would continue to work to avoid a disruption of classes.

**2002:030.**

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.