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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

OF

SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session in the Board and Senate Room on Monday, 14 January 1980 at 4:00 p.m.

Present were President H. D. Hicks in the chair and the following members:

Bingham, Bissett-Johnson, Bradley, Burns, Charles, Chaytor, Comeau, Duff, Egan, Fraser J., Friedrich, Gifford, Graham, Gray, Hammarstrand, Hansell, Hare, Hatcher, Heard, Huber, Ingalls, Irwin, James K.M., Jones D.W., Jones W.E., Josenhans, Kennedy, Kussmaul, Leffek, MacDonald, MacKay W.A., Maher, Maloney, Mangalam, Mann, Martin, Matthews D., Matthews F., Mezei, Owen, Palmer, Perlin, Pielou, Pooley, Pronvch, Quigley, Ritchie, Ross, Rubinstein, Sandhu, Segelberg, Sinclair, Stairs, Steeves, Stewart, Stovel, Tingley, Tonks, Varma, Webster L.M., Young, Yung, Zed, Mercer (invitee).

Regrets were received from Gold, Goldbloom, and King.

80:1 Minutes of the Previous Senate Meetings

Mr. J. F. Graham proposed two amendments to minute 79:167 of the proceedings of the Senate meeting of December 7, 1979. These were as follows:

- (1) Insert the words "not" after the word "continue" in the third sentence of the last paragraph on page 2.
- (2) Revise the last sentence to read "Making the Deans ex officio members of the planning committees would likely make these committees impotent."

With these amendments, the minutes of the meeting of 7 December 1979, which had been previously circulated, were approved.

The minutes of the Senate meeting of 10 December 1979, which had been previously circulated, were approved.

80:2 Minutes of the Previous Senate Council Meeting

The minutes of the Senate Council meeting of 7 January 1980 were presented for information.

80:3. Report of the Senate Council Sub-Committee on the Library Collections Committee Report

This report was introduced by Mr. K.T. Leffek. He pointed out that the Sub-Committee considered it desirable that those recommendations of the report which were generally acceptable should be implemented as soon as possible.

It was moved by Mr. K.T. Leffek, seconded by Mr. W.H.R. Charles

that recommendations and suggestions Nos. 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, and 14 of the Library Collections Report be approved and implemented, and recommendation O. 10 be approved and implemented with the addition of the words "and users" so that the final phrase reads "among the librarians and users concerned", and that recommendations Nos. 2, 3, and 4 and suggestion No. 9 not be approved at this time, but be further discussed.

The recommendations referred to are listed as an Appendix to these minutes.

Mr. W.A. MacKay said that April may not be the best time for financial updating of the Report. The Chairman ruled that consideration of a suggestion for changing the specified time was out of order.

The motion carried.

It was agreed that recommendations 2, 3 and 4 and suggestion 9 be considered at the next Senate meeting. Copies of the report are available for Senate members in the Senate Office.

80:4 Proposal to Establish a Department of Radiation Oncology

This proposal had been supported by Senate Council. It was introduced by Mr. J.D. Hatcher.

Mr. Hatcher pointed out that the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons recognizes Radiation Oncology as a separate discipline, and outside consultants have recommended that a separate department be established.

In answer to a question as to whether it would be more appropriate to set up a new department in the new Camp Hill Hospital when it is opened, Mr. Hatcher said that a decision has already been made that a building be erected on the Victoria General Hospital grounds which will house the proposed department.

It was moved and seconded

that this proposal be approved.

The motion was carried.

80:5. Ad Hoc Committee on Admission Policies - Report

This report had been circulated to all members of Senate Council meeting was advised that the original report had been referred back to the Committee for re-consideration of paragraph 4. The recommendation in this paragraph has now been revised as in the document which had been circulated as an Appendix to the Senate Council minutes of 7 January 1980.

It was moved and seconded

that the Report of this Ad Hoc Committee be approved.

The motion was carried.

It was pointed out that the matter of English proficiency raised in the last paragraph of this report is being considered by the Faculty of Arts and Science.

It was agreed that this Committee be discharged with thanks.

80:6 Joint Meeting - Board Executive and Senate Council (January 24, 1980)

The President advised that the main topic for discussion at this meeting is expected to be the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on University Constitution. The members of this Committee and all members of the Board of Governors have been invited. He suggested that Mr. J.F. Graham be prepared to summarize the report at this meeting, as briefly as possible.

A question as to an interpretation of an amendment proposed by Mr. R.S. Tonks at the December 7, 1979 meeting had been raised by the Secretary. Members of Senate had been advised of the question by means of a copy of a letter dated December 21, 1979, which was attached to the agenda for the Senate Council meeting of 7 January.

Mr. J.F. Graham moved, Mr. D.W. Stairs seconded

that the interpretation be as per the Graham view described in the letter of December 21, 1979.

Messrs. Stairs, Tonks, and Graham all commented.

The motion was put and carried.

80:7 Implementation of Senate Reform

Mr. W.A. MacKay reviewed plans for implementing the Senate Reform discussed by the Committee set up by Senate consisting of Messrs MacKay, Graham, and Tingley. These will be circulated to members of Senate prior to the February meeting. He also suggested that if following the submission by the Committee on Committees of its nominations, additional nominations are made, so that an election is necessary, this ballot be taken by mail.

It was moved by Mr. K.T. Leffek, seconded by Mr. R. Friedrich

that balloting, if necessary, take place at the meeting at which the election is scheduled.

The motion was carried.

80:8 School of Nursing - Changes in Programme (Chemistry)

Mr. R.S. Tonks presented the motion involving a new class in Chemistry which had been recommended by Senate Council for favorable consideration.

It was moved and seconded

that this proposal be approved.

It was understood that there will be a review of this matter in two years. It was also made clear that the proposed class will be offered jointly by the departments of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

The motion was carried.

80:9 Spring Convocations - 1980

The President suggested the possibility of a single convocation in Arts and Science to be held in Dalplex, but stated that he was not yet able to make a firm recommendation.

He suggested that the Officers of the University be empowered to make the final decision when certain questions involving Dalplex have been answered. Agreement was given to this suggestion.

80:10 Honorary Degree Nominations

The names of candidates for honorary degrees, as recommended by the Honorary Degrees Committee, were tabled. Biographical information is on file in the Senate Office for examination by interested members Senate. Voting will take place at the February meeting of Senate.

80:11 President-Elect

The President announced that Mr. W. A. MacKay had been appointed by the Board as President of Dalhousie University effective September 1, 1980. All present joined the Chairman in expressing congratulations and best wishes to Mr. MacKay.

Mr. MacKay spoke briefly. He referred to difficulties that are anticipated in the decade of the 80's, but expressed confidence that with the support of the members of Senate and others problems can be overcome. He expressed regret that he is known personally by so few people, and advised the chairmen present that he intends to make appointments in the near future to visit each department, in the hope of meeting the members.

80:12 Report - Parking Committee

The Secretary advised that a report of this Committee had been received, and is available in the Senate Office for perusal by interested members of Senate.

80:13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.