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MINUTES

OF

SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session in the Board and Senate Room on Monday, 9 March 1981 at 4:00 p.m.

Present with Mr. A. M. Sinclair in the chair were the following members:

Andrews, Atherton, Bennett, Betts, Bingham, Blum, Bradley, Braybrooke, Cameron D.M., Charles, Chaytor, Cooke, Eden, Egan, Farmer, Fillmore, Fingard, Fraser J., FriedenberG, Gifford, Godfrey, Graham, Haines, Hansell, Steeves (representing Hatcher), Horrocks, Huber, Jamieson, Jones W.E., Josenhans, King, Kocourek, Kussmaul, Lamont, Leffek, Lesser, Lewis, MacDonald J.J., MacDonald K.F., MacKay, Malatjalian, Maloney, Martin, McNulty, Mezei, Mitchell, Monk, Morgan, Myers, Owen, Perina, Pooley, Ravindra, Roberts, Runte, Scheibelhut, Segelberg, Sherwin, Sinclair-Faulkner, Sprott, Stairs, Thompson, Tonks, Webster L.M., Mercer (invitee).

Regrets were received from Day, Fulton, Gold, Hatcher, Pronych, Ritchie, Russell, Smith, and Tingley.

81:19. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Upon motion (Horrocks/Gifford) the minutes of the meeting of 9 February 1981 were approved as circulated.

81:20. Question Period

Mr. Fraser asked whether Senate minutes, agenda, and other circulated documents could be made available to faculty who are not members of Senate. The Secretary replied that Chairmen of Departments or Directors of units frequently make their copies available in a central file to their staff members. If this is not feasible, an extra copy can be sent upon request to the department or unit for the use of faculty members who are not members of Senate.

Mr. Josenhans asked whether a list of the Senate membership could be made available, particularly since nominations are being requested for various Senate committees. The Chairman pointed out that a list is available and is updated and sent out to all members from time to time. Such a list will be included with the next Senate mailing if possible.

81:21. Notice of Motion - Circulation of Names of Nominees

A notice of motion had been served by Mr. Andrews and he moved, seconded by Mr. Atherton

that no nominations be brought before the Senate by its Committee on Committees without the names of the nominees having been circulated to members of the Senate with the agenda of the meeting at which the election for which they are nominees is to

take place.

The motion was carried.

81:22. Reports and Recommendations - Committees of Senate

A. Academic Planning Committee

(1) Programme in Costume Studies

Ms. Sherwin moved, seconded by Mr. Egan, that

Senate approve the programme in Costume Studies subject to the recommendations of the Financial Planning Committee.

The Chairman noted that the recommendations of the Financial Planning Committee were that the programme "be considered on grounds which neglect the financial cost which is minimal (Direct cost not covered by fees approximately \$10,000) at present and on the understanding that any significant increase in cost must only occur if additional revenues are generated. Further, the Financial Planning Committee requests that the programme be resubmitted to MPHEC if the programme receives further approval from Senate."

An amendment was moved and seconded (Andrews/Myers) that the words,

"and that funding for this programme be vigorously pursued through MPHEC,"

be added to the motion.

The amendment was carried.

Lengthy discussion followed on the financing, academic quality, and academic priority of the programme.

The motion as amended was then carried.

(2) Matter of Report - Doctor in the Science of Law

The Secretary reported that the Doctoral Programme in the Science of Law was approved by MPHEC for funding, with the options as recommended in Marine and Environmental Law, and International and Comparative Law. The option in Canadian Public Law was not approved.

B. Committee on Academic Administration

(1) Faculty of Administrative Studies - Non Maritime Transfer Credits

It was moved and seconded (Horrocks/Gifford) that,

the Academic Studies Committee of the Faculty of Administrative Studies be empowered to decide whether studies at institutions outside the Maritime region, or at any other qualified institution, in particular cases, are equivalent to the qualifications listed in Senate Minute No. 79:78, and to authorize transfer credits towards the BSW

degree accordingly.

The motion was carried.

(2) Matters of Report

The following items had been referred by the Steering Committee to the Committee on Academic Administration "for action" under the Delegation to Senate Committees of Authority to Deal with Routine Matters (Minute No. 80:127).

(a) Faculty of Arts and Science--Nomenclature for Co-Operative Education Programmes

The Committee on Academic Administration has approved on behalf of Senate the request of the Faculty of Arts and Science that,

the various co-operative work programmes within the Faculty of Arts and Science be in future referred to as:

The Co-operative Education Programme in Chemistry (Senate Council Minute No. 79:103)

The Co-operative Education Programme in Mathematics (Senate Minute No. 80:53)

The Co-operative Education Programme in Physics (Senate Minute No. 80:53)

The Co-operative Education Programme in Engineering-Physics (Senate Minute No. 80:53).

(b) Changes to Curriculum for Bachelor of Science in Health Education

The Committee on Academic Administration has approved on behalf of Senate the change in the curricula for the Bachelor of Science in Health Education to a two track programme, in which the School of Health Education track is strengthened (by the addition of an educational methodology course) and a Community Health Education track consisting of two minor options, Lifestyles Education and Administration and Education, is added. This change incorporates the addition of 9 credit hours and the addition or alteration of 5 classes.

It was pointed out that an assessment has to be made as to whether or not this matter should be submitted to M.P.H.E.C. for approval. If not, then the approved changes may be implemented in September 1981.

(c) Changes to the Bachelor of Nursing Degree Programmes

The Committee on Academic Administration has approved on behalf of Senate two changes to the Bachelor of Nursing degree programme, namely, that the summer clinical practice time for second year basic degree undergraduate students be reduced from 8 to 6 weeks and that the minimum grade required for a clinical nursing class in the undergraduate programme be a "C" .

C. Financial Planning Committee

Mr. Jones reported on the status of the 1981-82 University Budget, and he requested that a special meeting of Senate be called to consider the budget for 1981-82.

It was agreed that Senate would meet in special session on Monday, 30 March 1981 at 4:00 p.m. in the Board and Senate Room to consider the budget.

D. Honorary Degrees Committee

(This agenda item was considered at the end of the meeting after all other matters had been discussed.)

It was moved and seconded (MacKay/Huber) that,

the items to be considered be discussed "In Camera".

The motion was carried.

(1) Honorary Degree Candidates

The President presented the slate of candidates tabled at the last meeting. One additional candidate was proposed, and upon motion (MacKay/Steeves) the normal one-month waiting period was waived in this one case. Voting then proceeded with the Secretary and Vice-Chairman serving as scrutineers. All candidates were approved.

(2) Report on the Revocation of an Honorary Degree

As requested by Senate (Minute No. 81:07), the Honorary Degrees Committee had considered the revocation of the Honorary Degree of L. Forbes S. Burnham. The President on behalf of the Honorary Degrees Committee, presented a Report to Senate on the Revocation of the Honorary Degree. The report recommended that no proceedings be undertaken to revoke the degree. The adoption of the report was moved and seconded (MacKay/Huber) and the motion was carried.

Discussion followed about who should speak on Senate's behalf on this matter if enquiries were made.

It was moved and seconded (King/Sinclair-Faulkner) that,

the Report of the Honorary Degrees Committee be made public and circulated to all members of Senate.

Lengthy discussion followed and the motion was defeated.

It was moved and seconded (Stairs/Betts) that,

in the event that the Chairman of Senate or the President of the University is asked for information, details, or explanations of the matter, that they state:

"The Senate of Dalhousie University has been advised by the University's Legal Advisor that consideration of the revocation of degrees is not within its statutory powers, and the matter has, therefore, not been further examined,"

or words to this effect.

The motion was carried.

It was moved and seconded (Roberts/Belzer) that,

Senate note the concern expressed by some members about the awarding of an Honorary Degree to L. Forbes S. Burnham.

The motion was defeated.

81:23. Workshop on Recruitment and Subsidization of Athletes at Dalhousie University

Mr. Maloney reported on a workshop to be held by the School of Physical Education on the recruitment and subsidization of athletes. He requested that Senate representatives participate in the workshop. The Chairman requested that any members of Senate who have a particular interest in the matter should let the Secretary know.

He also asked each of the Statutory Committees of Senate to delegate two representatives to participate in the workshop.

81:24. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.