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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

OF

SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session in the Board and Senate Room on Monday, 13 September 1982, at 4:00 p.m.

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

Andrews, Atherton, Bennett, Birdsall, Bishop, Blecher, Boardman, Bradley, Braybrooke, Brett, Byham, Cameron D.M., Cameron T.S., Charles, Chaytor, Comeau, Cross, Duff, Egan, Ettliger, Fingard, Friedenber, Friedrich, Fulton, George, Gesner, Gifford, Gwyn, Haley, Hare, Heard, Horrocks, Jacobson, James K.M., Jones W.E., Josenhans, Kamra, Kent, King, Kussmaul, Laidlaw, Lawrence, Lee, Leffek, MacKay W.A., MacMillan, Maloney, McNulty (Secretary), Misick, Myers, Myrden, Nevill, O'Shea, Ozier, Perina, Pooley, Pronych, Runte, Shaw T., Sherwin, Sinclair-Faulkner, Stairs, Stephens, Stewart, Stuttard, Sutherland, Szerb, Tan, Thompson, Tingley, Treves-Gold, Turner, Varma, Waite, Waterson, Yung, Zambolin.

Regrets: Cohen, Fraser (Philip), Gold, Goldbloom, Hatcher, Jones J.V., Kocourek, MacIntosh, Moffitt, and Young.

82:69. Minutes of the Last Meeting

With the addition of Mr. Ettliger's name to the list of those present, the minutes of the meeting of 9 August 1982 were approved upon motion (Horrocks/Waterson).

82:70. Question Period

Mr. Friedenber stated that he had been informed that students in Arts and Science who are not full-time majors in Music are charged an extra \$800 fee by the Department of Music to participate in performance courses. He asked by whose authority or approval was the fee charged.

The President commented that the matter had never been drawn to his attention, and Associate Dean Cross of the Faculty of Arts and Science stated that he was aware a fee was charged to non-Dalhousie students but was not aware of it being applied to Dalhousie students.

Mr. Byham, Chairman of the Department of Music, reported that Mr. Friedenber's statement was correct. He pointed out that it was possible to plan and budget for major students in Music, but not for those who enroll in music performance classes at registration time or whose majors are not in Music. Mr. Byham stated the fee is required to hire part-time instructors to handle the extra students. He suggested that by allowing non-Music students the privilege of taking performance classes, it is reasonable to expect the Department to run them on a break-even basis.

It was moved and seconded (Andrews/Horrocks) that

the matter be referred to the Committee on Academic Administration for consideration and report back to Senate.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Kamra asked (1) how much money was being spent on consultant's fees for space studies, and (2) whether further expenses for alterations and renovations were being held in abeyance pending a review of the situation.

The President replied that he would report at a later date on space consultant's fees. He also reported that work normally done under the Non-space Capital and Alterations and Renovations grant was being held up unless work was already underway when withdrawal of the grant was announced or was required for this year's classes.

Mr. Andrews asked whether the Admissions Office had been instructed to refuse admission to visa students after a certain date in August.

The President replied that he had received enquiries late in August, directed to him as President of AAU, about the status of foreign visa students. Substantial increases were reported in the number of visa students, mainly in Science and Commerce programmes. It would have meant, for example, that first year Commerce classes would have had twice as many visa students in them as last year. He therefore instructed the Admissions Office to suspend admission of visa students.

82:71. Reports and Recommendations -- Committees of Senate

A. Academic Planning Committee

1. Report on Budget Procedures

The Chairman gave a verbal report on procedures being considered by the Academic Planning Committee for redistribution of budget funds to correct anomalies and for development funds to support new programmes or projects. He reported that in order to provide a data base which would be uniform throughout the University, Deans had been asked to provide statements from each Department or School indicating the manner and degree to which current financial constraints are affecting their core academic programmes. The information is required in order to enable the Committee to offer advice on a consistent basis.

B. Physical Planning Committee

Mr. Chaytor reported verbally on the activities of the Physical Planning Committee, and stated that the Consultant's Space Utilization Report was under consideration by the Committee.

C. Honorary Degrees Committee

1. Honorary Degree Candidates -- Voting

(This item was considered as the last matter of business at the meeting.)

Two Honorary Degree candidates for the Fall Convocation on Friday, 22 October 1982, whose names were tabled at the last meeting of Senate, were voted upon and both were approved.

82:72. Report from the President

The President reported that he had been advised on 20 August 1982 that the Government of Nova Scotia had decided not to provide funds in 1982-83 under the Non-space Capital and Alterations and Renovations grant, even though Dalhousie and other universities had already spent all or part of their funds.

Presidents of the Nova Scotia Universities met with the Minister of Education on the 27th of August to review the decision. At that meeting the Minister outlined the reasons why the cuts were necessary. The President reviewed the implications for Dalhousie of this cut and other funds not received. He stated that all expenditures will be held unless absolutely necessary, and that discussions were taking place on how big a deficit the University could manage.

The President reported that the Special Convocation held last Wednesday was in his view a success and should be repeated in future years.

He also noted with regret the passing of Dr. F. R. Hayes, a long-time member of the Department of Biology and former Vice-President of the University, and of Dr. J. P. McGuigan, a member of the Faculty of Dentistry for many years.

82:73. Student Appeal -- Mr. K. J. Miller

Mr. Pooley, Chairman of the sub-committee appointed to hear the appeal of Mr. Miller, reported on the procedures followed by the sub-committee and its findings. He moved, seconded by Mr. Kent that

Mr. Miller's appeal to repeat second-year Medicine be denied.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Miller and his solicitor had been informed of the findings and recommendation of the sub-committee and had been invited to attend this meeting, but had declined.

The motion was carried.

82:74. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.