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**DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY**  
**MINUTES**  
**OF**  
**SENATE MEETING**

Senate met in regular session in the Board and Senate Room on Monday, 12 September 1983 at 4:00 P.M.

Present with Mr. J. P. Welch in the chair were the following members:

Andrews, Axworthy, Betts, Birdsall, Bissett-Johnson, Blecher, Bradfield, Braybrooke, Brett, Burt, Cameron D.M., Caty, Chaytor, Christie, Cross, Duff, Easterbrook, Friedenber, Gesner, Graham, Haley, Hare, Heard, Hill T., Horrocks, Huber, James, Jones S., Josenhans, Kamperman, Kennedy, Klassen, Klein, Laidlaw, Leffek, Lewis, MacKay, MacMillan, Maloney, Mangalam, McInnes, Misick, O'Brien D.W.P., O'Shea, Ozier, Pereira, Ravindra, Richards, Rodger, Ruf, Scheibelhut, Shaw L.R., Sherwin, Sinclair, Stairs, Stern, Stovel, Stuttard, Thiessen, Tingley, Tomlinson, van Feggelen, Warner, Waterson, Wien, Winham, Young, Yung, Zatzman.

Regrets: Belzer, Cohen A.D., Fulton, Gold, Gwyn, Jones J.V., Jones W.E., Pronych, White F.M.

83:76. Minutes of Meeting of 8 August 1983

The minutes of the meeting of 8 August 1983 were approved upon motion (Andrews/Rodger) with the following amendment - 83:73.C.I, Line 1 should read "Rodger" not "Rodgers".

83:77. Question Period

Mr. Hill requested information on the status of Faculty reports regarding student discipline procedural guidelines (Minute No. 83:24.C.I). The Secretary will contact those Faculties which have not yet submitted the requested documentation.

Mr. Hill and Ms. Laidlaw directed questions to Mr. Shaw and Mr. Tingley regarding reported problems of students who could not afford to pay full fees and hence chose not

to come to Dalhousie University. This be investigated further.

The President responded to concerns raised about the stage seating arrangement and audio system for the Special Convocation, stating that these problems were temporary and were unlikely to occur at future convocations.

The quality of insulation of Dalhousie property presently being sold, queried by Mr. Kamra, was referred to Mr. Shaw for comment.

Further to a question by Mr. Hill, President MacKay stated that Student Union input would be welcomed when a review system for registration was established.

In response to Ms. Burt's inquiry, President MacKay reported on the steps being taken to register disapproval to the new measures imposed by British Columbia legislation, which allow dismissal without cause, and stated that he was of the opinion that such a crisis would not arise in Nova Scotia. Further, Mr. Heard agreed that a clear statement, indicating that interference with university autonomy would not be tolerated, would be incorporated in the Brief to the Commission on Post-Secondary Education.

Mr. Scheibelhut agreed to meet with Mr. McInnes to discuss a problem identified in registering for a commerce course.

83:78. Reports and Recommendations -- Committees of Senate

A. Committee on Academic Administration

1. Terms of Reference -- Committee on Committees

It was moved and seconded (MacKay/Maloney)

**That it be recommended to Senate that the elected members of the Committee on Committees normally hold office for three-year terms, two members being elected each. year. Casual vacancies shall be filled by election by Senate.**

The motion was approved.

The Secretary reported that the Committee on Committees would assume the responsibility for identifying specific terms of office for current members. Mr. Sinclair confirmed that a similar choice had been left up to members of other Senate committees, such as the CAA.

2. Terms of Reference -- Honorary Degrees Committee

It was agreed upon motion (MacKay/Maloney)

**That the 1982 Honorary Degrees committee guidelines be approved with the following amendments:**

**Item 2 will state that "The Committee shall report its nominees to the Senate, which may approve or disapprove of the names."**

**Item 15 will state that "When the Committee has nominated a candidate to the Senate, his or her nomination shall be approved unless more than one-fifth of the membership present and voting votes disapproval."**

3. Recommendations re: Admission Regulations -- Faculty of Arts and Science

Dean Betts provided the rationale for the initial recommendation outlined in the August 22, 1983 letter from the Secretary of the Faculty, Mr. Andrews, namely,

**1. that acting on behalf of Faculty, Faculty Council agrees that students should not be admitted in January, that this be stated clearly in the Calendar, and should not apply to part-time students, transfer students or other students eligible to take advanced year classes.**

Messrs. Hill, Huber, Kennedy, Rodger, and Ms. Ozier spoke against the proposed motion questioning the impact on prospective students, the number of classes potentially involved and the desirability to have the issue considered by the Faculty at large. Mr. Andrews pointed to the necessity for Faculty Council to debate the matter on behalf of Faculty in order to ensure inclusion in the 1984-85 Calendar. Further he agreed that the terminology would require translation appropriate to the Calendar. Mr. Tingley cited problems encountered in identifying satisfactory programmes for Arts students in January. Other concerns raised focused on the potentially negative effect of the recommendation on visa students. Mr. Betts further reported that many department chairpersons had supported the recommendation. Pursuant to considerable discussion, there was a final consensus that the recommendation be referred back to the Faculty of Arts and Science for further consideration.

Upon motion (Betts/Tomlinson) it was agreed that Recommendation 2 be accepted, namely,

**2. that Faculty Council acting on behalf of Faculty approves the following wording for section 8(e) of the Calendar (page xii):**

**"Outstanding students may be admitted from U>S>A> Grade 12 on the basis of advanced placement work or high SAT or CEEB scores; transfer credits will be considered for such outstanding students if they have completed a full year of study with good standing at a recognized university elsewhere.**

**Other students from the U.S.A. will be admitted only after completing a first year at a recognized university (minimum: 30 semester hours) and credit, if any, for that year's work will be settled on an individual basis."**

The following motion was moved and seconded (Betts/Tomlinson)

**3. that Faculty Council acting on behalf of Faculty recommends to Senate the insertion of the sentence, "Because of limitations of space, preference will be given to applicants with the best qualification". in regulation B.1 on page xii of the Calendar.**

The motion was carried.

Mr. Andrews questioned why a motion of the Faculty of Arts and Science, defeated by the CAA, had not been placed on the Senate agenda. The Secretary thanked Mr. Andrews and indicated that this item would appear on the 14 October 1983 agenda as a 'Notice of Motion'.

#### 4. Appointment of Vice-Presidents

The Chairman referred members to the pre-circulated report of the CAA and the report of the Advisory Committee on Appointment of Vice-Presidents, which were developed in response to a request by Senate (Minute No. 83:66) for information regarding the nature and degree of consultation surrounding recent vice-presidential appointments. Mr. Kennedy expressed concern about a committee of Senate which did not, in his opinion, adhere to Senate regulations and did not report back to Senate regarding difficulties encountered in determining these temporary appointments.

In response to a query from Mr. Rodger, Ms. Ozier commented on the strategies currently undertaken by the committee to publicize its existence and the search for a Vice-President-Academic and Research.

Messrs. Andrews and Kennedy requested clarification regarding the process for distinguishing academic/ administrative responsibilities from those which are purely administrative. The President reported by stating that he would consult with the APC about such matters. Mr. Rodger maintained that steps must be undertaken to ensure adequate input from academic staff. Mr. Cross then reiterated the concern about deviation from procedures raised earlier by Mr. Kennedy and sought clarification from the Advisory Committee members.

Mr. Axworthy asked Messrs. Cameron and Sinclair if they objected to the title of "acting" and proposed that Senate had responsibility to exercise authority for all vice-presidential appointments, pointing to the inclusion of reference to decision making in select academic matters in the July 1983 depiction of the lead responsibilities of all Vice-presidents.

Ms. Ozier expressed her personal opinion that the term "Acting" should have been assigned to the temporary one-year appointments made in 1983 and commented on the development of the decision-making process of the advisory committee.

Messrs. Sinclair and Cameron referred members to the excerpt in the Advisory Committee report relevant to their respective appointments.

The President reminded members of the time restrictions which impinged on these appointments, in that the responsibilities of the vice-presidents were not reported to Senate until June 1983 (Minute No. 83:57.B.I).

Mr. Graham urged Senate to conclude the controversy surrounding the use of the term "Acting", maintaining that "acting" denotes assumption of only partial responsibilities in a position. Mr. Friedenbergh responded by stating that the wishes of Senate in designating the vice-presidential appointments as "Acting" (Minute No. 83:29.A.3) should have been adhered to.

The President indicated that the term of appointment of all three Vice-Presidents was identical (one year) and that the fact that only one Vice-President position was currently advertised did not carry any intent as to the number of Vice Presidents which might eventually be appointed on a regular basis, or any implication that some of the current one-year term Vice-Presidents would continue in office.

Ms. Ozier then reported a vacancy on the Advisory Committee.

It was moved and seconded (Kennedy/Rodger)

**that the report of the Advisory Committee on Vice-Presidential Appointments be received.**

The motion was carried.

Upon motion (Kennedy/Klassen) it was agreed

**that the report of the CAA regarding the Appointment of Vice-Presidents be received.**

5. Proposed Schedule of Meetings 1983-84

There was a consensus that the proposed schedule of meetings, including the dates for Spring Convocations for all Faculties, be approved, with the exception of the Faculty of Arts and Science, pending a decision on dividing this Convocation into two or more sections (Minute No. CAA 83:41).

83:78. B. Honorary Degrees Committee

The President reported the names of candidates approved by Senate at the August meeting who had agreed to accept Honorary Degrees at the Fall Convocation to be held on 20 October 1983 and the Law Centennial to be held on 28 October 1983.

After considerable debate, to which President MacKay, Messrs. Kennedy Friedenber, Sinclair, Tingley, Rodger, and Andrews contributed opinions regarding past practice and recommendations for present procedures, it was agreed that the question of whether complete reporting of results of balloting is recommended or desirable be referred to the Honorary Degrees Committee. The Secretary volunteered to identify relevant excerpts from Senate minutes of preceding years.

83:79. Report of August 4 Board of Governors Joint Meeting with Representatives of Senate re: Report of the Joint Board/Senate Committee to Investigate Circumstances Surrounding the President's Declaration of Restraint and Renewal

The Secretary read the 12 September 1983 letter from President MacKay (attached) which confirmed the Board of Governors approval of the recommendations revised by Senate (attached) and recommended strategies for implementation of specific recommendations included in the Report of the Joint Board/Senate Committee. It was agreed the Committee on Committees propose names for Senate representation on the Board of Governors. The Secretary reported that the Committee on Committees would present a slate of nominees for the President's Council at the October meeting of Senate.

83:80. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 P.M.

Secretary

Chairman