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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

**MINUTES
OF**

SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session in the Board and Senate Room on Monday, 9 December 1985 at 4:00 P.M.

Present with Mr. W.E. Jones in the chair were the following:

Beazley, Betts, Boyd R.J., Bradfield, Cameron D.M., Cameron T.S., Caty, Comeau, Cromwell, Cross M.L., Duff, Fingard, Fournier, Ghose, Gratwick, Hennen, Holloway, Horrocks (Secretary pro tem), Leffek, MacKay W.A., MacKinnon, Manning, Murray, Nicola, O'Shea, Ozier, Parpart, Pooley, Pross, Ritchie, Schroeder, Schwenger, Shaw L.R., Shaw T., Sherwin, Sinclair A.M., Sinclair S., Thiessen, Varma, Waterson, Winham, Wolf, Yung, Christie, Traversy (invitee).

Regrets: Belzer, Bennett, Bishop, Casey, Cohen A.D., Czapalay, Forgay, Fulton, Konok, Precious, Rutherford, Stern, Stewart M., Stuttard, Tan M.H., Wood.

85:129.

Temporary Secretary

In the absence of Ms. Stewart, it was agreed that Mr. Horrocks would act as Secretary for the meeting.

85:130.

Adoption of Agenda

With consent, Mr. Jones added to the agenda a Motion from Mr. Leffek, copies of which were distributed at the meeting, and an informational report from the Board of Governors. The amended agenda was agreed to.

85:131.

New Members

Mr. Jones welcomed two new members of Senate attending their first meeting - Mr. Peter Schwenger (Mt. St. Vincent) and Ms. Susan Sinclair (Student Union).

85:132.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 11 October 1985 were approved upon motion (Ritchie/A.M. Sinclair).

The minutes of the meeting of 28 October 1985 were approved upon motion (Leffek/T.S. Cameron).

The minutes of the meeting of 8 November 1985 were distributed at the meeting for information.

85:133.

Question Period

Mr. Bradfield asked for information on the firm of consultants now on campus, specifically the costs and the areas in which they are operating. Mr. Shaw replied that Ritchie and Associates was carrying out a productivity analysis at virtually all nonacademic areas on campus including the President's Office. The firm had experience at other Canadian universities and will stay on campus to oversee the implementation of its recommendations. The cost would be in the region of \$900,000 over two years but they provided a written guarantee that savings of this amount would be made in one year. Ms. Ozier asked to whom Ritchie and Associates reported and would their report be made public? Mr. Shaw said they reported to him as the appropriate person in the President's Office. The Ritchie approach was to produce a systems report through a participative process and it might be helpful to have one of the units involved report on its experience to Senate or one of its committees. Mr. Bradfield raised the question of morale in the units being surveyed and Mr. Shaw acknowledged that this was a major concern, hence the initial announcement that there would be no layoffs as a result of the Ritchie survey. However, there will inevitably be some redundancies and transfers. Recognizing the need to keep people informed, Mr. Shaw said that regular meetings were being held with the various employee groups.

85:134.

Reports and Recommendations -- Committees of Senate

A. Academic Planning Committee

1. Bachelor of Recreation

Mr. Jones reported that changes in the Bachelor of Recreation programme had been considered by the Senate Academic Planning Committee - see Minute 85:134. The Committee's opinion was that as this was a matter of curriculum content only, no action was called for from Senate. However, as Senators had not had the opportunity to read the documentation it would be made available in the Senate Office. Any Senator, after reading this material, could request its consideration at the next meeting of Senate.

Mr. Jones noted that the Senate Academic Planning Committee was in the process of considering the academic plans which it had received from all Faculties, except two, and various Centres. The Committee was meeting with the individual Deans and others to discuss the plans.

B. Committee on Committees

1. Senate Representation on Various Committees

(i) Senate representatives on the Committee for the Alumni Award of Excellence in Teaching

On motion (Boyd/Cromwell) D.B. Clarke (Geology) and J.D. Cousens (Engineering) were elected.

(ii) Senate Committee on Academic Administration.

On motion (Boyd/Cromwell) C. Mezei (Biochemistry) was elected.

(iii) Senate Financial Planning Committee.

On behalf of the Committee, Mr. Boyd reported that K.A. Dunn (Mathematics, Statistics and Computing Science) had been appointed to fill a temporary vacancy on the Financial Planning Committee.

(iv) Senate representative on MSVU Senate.

On motion (Boyd/Holloway) A. Andrews (Theatre) was elected.

(v) Nominations to University Tenure Panel.

On motion (Boyd/Cromwell) G.R. Chesley (Business Administration) was elected. This appointment had the approval of the President of the University and the President of the Dalhousie Faculty Association.

2. Timing of Elections and Call for Nominations for New Officers of Senate

The previously circulated motion, moved by Boyd/Cromwell, was amended slightly at the suggestion of Mr. Bradfield and with their approval as follows:

To facilitate the transition period and workload arrangements for new officers of Senate, the Committee on Committee recommends to Senate that the elections for officers of Senate be held earlier in the year (at the regular February meeting of Senate).

Nominations should now go to Mr. Boyd (Chemistry), Chairperson of the Committee on Committees by January 15, 1986, with election taking place at the February 10, 1986 meeting of Senate and the officers taking office on June 1, 1986.

85:135.

Report of the Presidential Search Committee

Mr. Jones vacated the Chair for consideration of this item with Ms. Ritchie assuming the Chair. Mr. Bradfield asked how many people would be on the "short list" and Mr. T.S. Cameron asked would there be more than one person. Mr. Jones replied to both questions that these points had yet to be considered by the Search Committee. Ms. Waterson noted

that in the Committee's Report presented at the Senate meeting on November 8, 1985 it was stated that candidates would meet inter alia "with representatives of interested groups within the university". How were these "interested groups" to be determined and what form would these meetings take? Mr. Jones replied that he expected the Search Committee would follow the precedents set in the previous Presidential search and the recent Vice-Presidential searches.

Mr. Jones resumed the Chair.

85:136.

Report of the President

It was agreed to defer this item until later in the meeting.

85:137.

Other Business

(1) Mr. Jones explained that at the November 8, 1985 meeting of Senate (Senate 85:126.) there had been discussion of a proposed \$50 documentation fee to be imposed by Immigration for foreign students. During this discussion, it was proposed that a motion be brought before this meeting of Senate on the matter. Accordingly, unless there was objection he would admit to the agenda the motion available at this meeting which had been drafted by Mr. Leffek in consultation with Mr. Huber. No objection was raised.

After a brief discussion to which Mr. Bradfield, Ms. Waterson, Mr. Sinclair and Mr. Leffek contributed, the following motion was carried (Leffek/Waterson):

It is moved that Senate request the President to make representations to the appropriate Federal Ministries to have foreign students exempted from the proposed \$50 document processing fee to be introduced by the Department of Employment and Immigration."

(2) Mr. Jones reported for information that the Board of Governors had notified the Senate of the following appointments of Board Representatives to Senate Committees: Mr. H. Roper to the Computer Advisory Committee, and Mr. A.J. Tingley to the Academic Planning Committee.

85:138.

Report of the President

The President reported on some matters being discussed with the new Provincial Minister of Education: nominees to the Board of Governors, Provincial funding committed to the Capital

Campaign, restoration of the Weldon Law School, and terms of the lease of the Grace Hospital. The Minister hoped that the Royal Commission's report will be released before the end of this year. Recently there had been three Federal Ministers on campus on the same day. He had attended recent meetings of the Dal alumni in New York city and the Medical alumni here in Halifax. Vice-President Sinclair had met with alumni in Bermuda. The President and Mrs. MacKay had hosted a reception for Host Families for students from abroad. Within AUCC he had been involved in discussions concerning Federal transfer payments and with the Investiture Committee for the Order of Canada. The President invited Senators to join him for the traditional carol singing at the Arts Centre on December 23.

Mr. Bradfield asked the President to comment on the recent First Ministers Conference and the discussions there on Federal transfer of payments. In his reply, the President noted that a 5% cap was being proposed but that the timing was not yet settled. Mr. Bradfield wondered what the percentage increase was in university operations such as e.g. library costs. Ms. Manning said that books and journals at the Kellogg Library last year showed a 10% cost increase.

85:139.

Notice of Motion

Mr. Ghose said that the next meeting of Senate he would move and

Mr. Kamra would second the following:

The Senate of Dalhousie University extends its support to the black people of South Africa and others in the struggle against apartheid and urges the Government of South Africa to stop apartheid. extend democratic rights to all its citizens irrespective of their race and skin colour. restore freedom of reporting and free all political prisoners including Mr. Nelson Mandela.

The Senate also urges the Board of Governors to examine its investment portfolio and withdraw its investments in those corporations that effectively support apartheid (in the same way as has been done in a sister Canadian University. i.e. McGill University).

85:140.

Other Business

i) Mr. Betts asked about the disposition of a letter he had sent to Senate Secretary Stewart on November 5, 1985 concerning regulations for tenure and which he had asked to have placed on the Senate agenda. Ms. Ozier said that his letter was to be considered by the Senate Steering committee tomorrow. Mr. Jones confirmed this and said he would expect the matter to be on the January Senate agenda.

(ii) Mr. Jones asked Senators for their opinion of the new seating arrangements.

85:141.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.