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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY
MINUTES OF SENATE MEETING

SENATE met in regular session in the Senate and Board Room on Monday, 12 September 1988 at 4:00 P.M.

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

Archibald, Barkow, Birdsall, Brett, Burns, T.S. Cameron, Christie, Clark, Cromwell, Curri, deBurger, Duff, Dykstra, Egan, Fillmore, Flint, Forgay, Greenfield, Hart, Imrie, James, Mason, McAllister, McNulty, Morgan, O'Shea, Pross, Retallack, Ritchie, Sastri, Smith, Stairs, Stewart, Tamlyn, Thiessen, Thompson, Wood, Christie (invitee), Vance (invitee).

Regrets: Givner, Gratwick, J.V. Jones, Konok, Ozier, M.H. Tan, Walker.

88:111.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 8 August 1988 were approved upon motion (Duff/deBurger).

88:112.

Question Period

Mr. Barkow requested full information regarding the change in library and journal policy and wished to know who got billed for the debit system of photocopying. Mr. Birdsall promised to provide a response for the next meeting. The President hoped that any photocopying would be fully consistent with the new copyright legislation.

Ms. Vance wondered how the funded renovations to the Registrar's Office were intended to serve students. Mr. Mason indicated that there would be increased accessibility to areas and that the work load improvements resulting from better space and reallocation of staff should improve services. Ms. Curri concurred and extended an invitation to open house so that students could see if monies were well spent.

Mr. Lewis referred to the Presidential Notes in the Dalhousie News and asked about the method of calculation by which the Board's opening salary offer resulted in a 7% increase in the faculty salary budget. Mr. Mason believed that a 7% operating budget assured the continuation of a number of faculty positions. Mr. Lewis inquired whether the proposed increase in the salary budget took into account reductions in numbers of faculty members. Mr. Mason clarified that the calculations were based on the numbers of continuing staff and did include staff reductions known at that time.

88:113.

Report of the President

The President's Report to Senate, dated September 12, 1988 (attached) was distributed at the meeting. It reported on funding matters, federal networks of centres of excellence, the status of the Ph.D.

Program in Clinical Psychology, renovations and ACOA approval for the study of Neuroscience and for a Centre for Enterprise Development.

Ms. Vance requested the reasons for MPHEC's rejection of the proposed Liberal Studies Program for Police Officers. Vice-President Stairs indicated that the program was not geared specifically to professional training considered useful to police officers. Rather it consisted of a selection of courses that any student might take. Hence, MPHEC found it difficult to identify any components that were particularly distinctive. Clarification was requested concerning the relationship between the Gene Probe Laboratory and research in Fisheries referred to in item I(c). The President was not aware of any direct discussions regarding liaison. However, he would ensure that discussions occurred in the future, as this would be a major facility with sophisticated equipment.

88:114.

Nomination to Financial Planning Committee

Mr. Pross, seconded by Mr. Cromwell, moved the nomination of K. MacDonald (Dentistry) to the Senate Financial Planning Committee. Following three calls for further nominations, K. MacDonald was declared elected.

88:115.

Proposed Education Program for the Development of Indian and Inuit Personnel in the Atlantic Region

This item had been withdrawn from the agenda and would reappear in the near future.

88:116.

The 1987-88 Annual Report of the Senate Physical Planning Committee

As Chairperson of the Senate Physical Planning Committee, Mr. G. Duff expressed appreciation to members of the Committee and provided an overview of the items referred to in the report including capital projects, alterations and renovations, general observations and recommendations. Major concerns still existed concerning the provision of space. For example, the Bookstore needed space. However, no strategic plan was available yet.

Discussion in the Committee had focused on the need for definitive information regarding the future of the University including funding and academic priorities. The recommendations, Mr. Duff indicated, primarily represented a restatement of recommendations in previous reports. He concluded by stating that the general appearance of the campus and the many buildings in need of repair were of concern to Committee members.

Ms. O'Shea, expressing support for the interest and concern regarding accessibility identified in the fourth recommendation, inquired about procedures that were in place to ensure compliance. Mr. Duff thought that Mr. Lord and the Physical Plant staff believed that all buildings must be accessible to those using the facility. President Clark added that accessibility was one of the criteria that the Physical Plant and the Senate Committee used to determine priorities. He cited the new elevator in the Arts and Administration Building, supported by student contributions, as one example. Ms. O'Shea reminded members that three years ago the School of Occupational Therapy had offered consultation services regarding accessibility to University facilities. This service was still available. Mr. Duff confirmed that the Committee was aware of the study submitted by the School.

In response to a question posed by Ms. Ritchie, Mr. Lord explained that renovations to the Chase

Building had been completed with the exception of the roof. Ms. Ritchie was concerned that the PPC had done everything in its power two years ago to assure that everything needed to complete these renovations had been included in the budget. The Committee had been assured at that time that completed renovations would be funded by that amount. However, more monies had to be spent this year.

Mr. Birdsall supported recommendation #9 but wondered why the Studley field had been singled out for attention. He pointed out that the library still required attention. Mr. Duff confirmed that the PPC was concerned with the general appearance of the entire campus. In the past, the Studley field in particular had been drawn to the Committee's attention.

It was agreed upon motion (Duff/Cameron)

**to accept the 1987-88 Annual Report of the Physical Planning Committee,
inclusive of its nine recommendations.**

Mr. W.E. Jones thanked Mr. Duff for chairing this important committee and commented on the excellent report which had been submitted.

88:117.

Proposed Schedule of Senate Meetings 1988/89

The precirculated schedule of meetings for Senate and the Statutory Committees of Senate for 1988/89 was accepted upon motion (S. Cameron/deBurger).

88:118.

Convocation Dates 1989 - 1994

Discussion on this item was deferred in light of the need to consider new information.

88:119.

Report on Honorary Degrees Balloting

The Secretary reported that four of six candidates had been approved as recipients of honorary degrees, to be conferred at the Fall 1988 Convocations, as a result of voting which took place at the 8 August 1988 meeting.

88:120.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 P.M.