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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY
MINUTES OF SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session in the Senate and Board Room on Friday, 5 May 1989 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Andrews, Barkow, Berard, Betts, Birdsall, Borwein, Brett, Burns, T.S. Cameron, Chandler, I.M. Christie, Clark, Cromwell, Curri, Easterbrook, Fillmore, Flint, Frick, Graham, Gratwick, Greer, Haley, James, Kemp, Lane, Leffek, Lutley, Maloney, Mason, McKee, McNeil, A.W. Murphy, Myers, Ozier, Pross, Retallack, Richards, Ryall, Shannon, Sinclair-Faulkner, Smith, Stairs, M. Stewart, Stuttard, Vance, Varma, Walker.

Invitees: ·B.D. Christie, M.D. MacDonald.

Regrets: Carlson, Carruthers, Gregor, J.V. Jones, Konok, MacIntosh, O'Shea, Precious, M.H. Tan, Wassersug, Zakariasen.

89:054.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 1989 were approved upon motion (Murphy/Walker).

The minutes of the meeting of 13 March 1989 were approved upon motion (Cromwell/S. Cameron).

The minutes of 27 March 1989 meeting were accepted upon motion (Cromwell/James) with one typographical error noted on page 4, paragraph 2, ASE's (not ASE is).

The minutes of the meeting of 10 April 1989 were approved upon motion (Cameron/Cromwell) with the correction of a typographical error - stake (not state) identified on page 3, paragraph 4.

Under Matters Arising, Mr. Stuttard, referring to 89:038, page 5, paragraph 6, asked if the grades for one course in the Faculty of Science had been recorded on student transcripts. The Vice President (Academic & Research) confirmed that these grades were now recorded.

89:055.

Report of the President

The President's Report, dated 5 May 1989 was distributed at the meeting (attached). He outlined the major items in the report as: Funding, MPHEC, Affirmative Action, Board of Governors, Lord Ramsay, Convocations, DFA Executive.

Mr. Andrews asked why AUCC had been unwilling to join CAUT's lobbying efforts with respect to EPF transfers. President Clark clarified that the AUCC executive had been actively lobbying the federal government regarding EPF transfers. As a university president, he had contacted the Premier and MPs in Nova Scotia. Mr. Pross, following up on points made by Mr. Andrews, contended that it would be preferable to have a united front when approaching the Prime Minister and the federal government. He urged AUCC to take part in future consortium efforts. President Clark stated that he would be happy to raise this concern with the AUCC executive. Mr. Andrews wanted to know how much Dalhousie paid AUCC per annum. He thought that AUCC should seek cooperation and not shelter behind the notion that the universities speak with several voices. The President agreed to provide the information regarding costs in future and pointed out that AUCC had many functions other than lobbying.

89:056.

Question Period

Mr. Pross asked Mr. Mason to explain the university policy on travel advances. Some faculty members in the Faculty of Management had been denied travel advances if they did not have a corporate American Express card. Vice-President Mason explained that the travel policy, which had been circulated to chairs of departments, encouraged individuals to make use of credit cards, not university funds for university travel. All faculty members were eligible. Mr. Borwein wondered about faculty satisfaction with this policy. Mr. Mason maintained that there had been fewer complaints and concerns since this policy was introduced. Mr. Roughneen clarified for Mr. W.E. Jones that the university would pay a claim filed by the individual and pay the American Express bill in advance of the trip as required. Mr. Andrews queried the Alumni's initiation of a competing card. President Clark, stated that the University had no official view on credit cards. However, a number of universities across Canada used a similar programme to generate revenue for the university. Mr. Mason explained that the Alumni-supported card was for personal expenses, while the American Express corporate card was to be used only for university business.

Ms. Vance returned to the subject of the recording of grades on transcripts and asked what actions would be taken by the Faculty of Science to ensure that this did not happen again. Mr. Betts indicated that grade distribution would appear on all transcripts in future, in accord with an earlier recommendation by the SCAA. This had been done for first year Science students this year. Faculty Council would consider what could be done when grade distribution appeared anomalous. Mr. Andrews wanted to be assured that there would be no interference with faculty-assigned grades in future. Mr. Flint believed that care should be taken to objectively assess all grades. He did not consider this to be a question of the academic freedom of faculty members to assign whatever grades they wished. Vice-President Stairs

clarified that a grievance was dealing with the specifics of this particular situation. Once this was resolved, Senate could discuss the general issue.

Mr. Pross asked about eligibility for tax receipts in light of a memo from Mr. Wright. He wondered about the extent to which this might impinge on the practice to allow faculty members to make donations to their department. Mr. Wright indicated that a followup memo would be going out to clarify this point. Individuals who had doubts about the explanation could contact either the Development Office or himself.

Ms. Vance reported that three student senators had been unable to attend Senate meetings because of class commitments and wanted to know if meetings could commence at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Andrews suggested that this question could be referred to the Senate Steering Committee. Mr. Graham thought it would be more reasonable to arrange to have the times of classes changed.

89:057.

Awarding of Degrees

College of Arts and Science

It was agreed upon motion (R. Smith/D. Betts)

that the names of the 739 graduands from the College of Arts and Science, identified in the list submitted to the Secretary of Senate, be approved.

Bachelor of Arts	293
(Distinction 9, Honours 29, First Class Honours 9)	
Bachelor of Arts Honours Certificates	5
(Honours 5)	
Bachelor of Science	299
(Distinction 18, Honours 35, First Class Honours 14)	
Bachelor of Science Honours Certificates	13
(Honours 9, First Class Honours 4)	
Bachelor of Education	48
Bachelor of Music Education	4
Bachelor of Music	1
Diploma in Engineering.....	60

Diploma in Meteorology	7
Certificate in Costume Studies	9
TOTAL	739

Mr. R. Smith assured Mr. Andrews that the changes in the list originally approved by the College would be reported to the College. Mr. R. Smith read out the names of the medal winners.

- The Governor-General's Silver Medal - Mathai Mammen
- The University Silver Medal - Anke Maria Uebel
- The Avery Prize - Sanjiv Ghandhi
- University Medals - Sophie Charlotte Bieger (Biology)
- Mathai Mammen (Chemistry)
- Ian Crystal (Classics) - King's
- Marco Imperatore (Computing Science)
- Anke Marie Uebel (English and German)
- David Henry Ritcey (Geology)
- Paul Joseph McKenzie (History)
- Andrew Brent Denton (Marine Biology)
- Patricia Marie Benoit (Mathematics)
- Gail Aileen Meagher (Physics)
- Barbara Ann D'Entremont (Psychology)
- M. Alison Watts (Russian)
- Ann Muriel Dwire (Sociology)

Faculty of Health Professions

There was a consensus upon motion (Chandler/James)

that Senate approve the following degrees to the candidates identified in correspondence to the Secretary.

Faculty of Health Professions

Bachelor of Nursing (Post RN)	35
(Distinction 5)	
Bachelor of Social Work	43
(Distinction 14)	
Bachelor of Science (Occupational Therapy)	22
(Honours 3, First Class Honours 1)	
Bachelor of Physical Education	10
Bachelor of Recreation	11
Bachelor of Science (Health Education)	12
(Distinction 1)	
Bachelor of Science (Kinesiology)	12
Bachelor of Science (Nursing)	40
(Distinction 4)	
Bachelor of Science (Nursing - Post RN)	16

(Distinction 4)	
Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy	66
(Distinction 12)	
B.Sc. (Physiotherapy)	42
(Distinction 10)	
TOTAL	309

The University Medal would be awarded to the following: -

Katheryn Ann Bunker (Pharmacy)
Kimberley Anne Colter (Physiotherapy)
Elizabeth Christine Drost (Nursing)
Gail Kelly (Occupational Therapy)
Mieke W. Koehoorn (B.Sc. in Health Education)

Faculty of Management

There was agreement upon motion (Pross/Cromwell) **that degrees be awarded as follows.**

Bachelor of Commerce	130
(Distinction 1, Honours 12, First Class Honours 3)	
Certificate in Public Administration	2
TOTAL	132

Mr. Pross read out the name of Valarie Ann MacLean as the recipient of the University Medal in Commerce.

Graduate Studies

It was agreed upon motion (Leffek/McNeil)

that the following degrees be awarded to the candidates identified in correspondence to the Secretary.

Doctor of Philosophy	6
Doctor in the Science of Law	1
Master of Arts	8
Master of Business Administration	93
Master of Development Economics	4
Master of Education	19
Master of Environmental Studies	2
Master of Health Services Administration.....	11
Master of Laws	1
Master of Library and Information Studies	32
Master of Nursing	4
Master of Public Administration	9
Master of Public Administration/Health Services Administration	1
Diploma in Public Administration	2
Master of Science	19
Master of Social Work	3
Diploma in Marine Affairs	9
TOTAL	224

Mr. Leffek notified members that Michael John Hymers was the winner of the Governor General's Gold Medal.

It was moved and seconded (Leffek/Betts)

that the Dean of the appropriate Faculty and the Registrar be authorized to add to and remove from the graduation list the names of any students which have been omitted from or included in the graduation list due to errors on the part of the university or one of its servants.

Mr. Andrews was concerned that there was no representative of the body which was recommending the degrees in this process. He suggested, therefore, that an Officer of Senate should be consulted and should report back to Senate any changes which had been made after the original list had been approved. Deans Smith and Leffek were sympathetic with the sentiments expressed by Mr. Andrews. Ms. Curri urged that grades for graduating classes be submitted when due. Mr. Leffek thought that the proposed delay in convocations in future years would permit proper processing of grades. The President observed that SCAA would be coming to Senate with a recommendation in this regard. He agreed that the current process might not provide reassurance that Senate had properly approved changes. Mr. Andrews suggested that the words "in consultation with the Chair of Senate" be added following "Registrar" and "that any such additions or deletions be reported to Senate" be included at the end of the motion. Furthermore, "demonstrable" should precede "errors" and "and the Provost of the College of Arts and Science" should precede "the Dean" of the College of Arts and Science. Messrs. Leffek and Betts agreed that the motion should be amended to read:

that the Provost of the College of Arts and Science or the Dean of the appropriate Faculty and the Registrar, in consultation with the Chair of Senate, be authorized to add to and remove from the graduation list the names of any students which have been omitted from or included in the graduation list due to demonstrable errors on the part of the university or one of its servants, and that any such additions or deletions be reported to Senate.

The motion as amended carried.

Mr. Graham commended the Chair of Senate for his dedicated, impartial and consistent leadership of Senate through difficult times. He reviewed his significant contributions to the work of Senate and moved

that Senate approve the formal awarding of a plaque to Dr. W.E. Jones at the Law Convocation scheduled for May 19, 1989 in recognition of his outstanding leadership of Senate as Vice-Chair (1980-1983) and as Chair (1983-1989).

Mr. Stuttard seconded the motion and drew attention to the major role that Mr. Jones had played in the academic planning process. The Secretary read a letter written in support of the motion by Mr. Braybrooke.

The motion carried unanimously followed by applause.

The Chair thanked the many members of Senate and its committees who had worked with him through the years.

89:058.

Proposed Programme in Contemporary Studies -- University of King's College

The Chair explained that the Secretary had invited President Fry to attend this meeting to respond to questions about this proposed programme. She had replied that the timing was not right. Mr. Andrews inquired about the process at Dalhousie with respect to consideration of such programmes. Mr. Stairs responded that these proposals were usually referred to the Dean of the Faculty concerned for comment. Mr. Betts was disappointed by the response of President Fry to the invitation. The Chair indicated that the programme was still under consideration by MPHEC. The President added that Funding implications were being discussed by MPHEC. Mr. Andrews believed that the academic planning process should also be concerned with programmes which impinge on Dalhousie. There had not been adequate consultation about the development of this new programme in his view. President Clark indicated that the Dean of the Faculty and others had been consulted. Mr. Barkow believed that SAPC could act with some speed if the need arose and believed that Senate should have been consulted.

Mr. R. Smith explained that the detailed proposal had been sent to selected chairs in FASS for comment. King's College representatives saw this as an independent programme. Therefore, King's College could not guarantee cooperation with programmes at Dalhousie.

Mr. Berard inquired about the delicacy of the situation. The President confirmed that the issue had to be dealt with carefully since Dalhousie had a formal agreement with King's College. He wished to maintain cordial relations. Mr. Borwein thought that short term ad hoc responses from individual units begged the larger question of the view of the Nova Scotia university system. Mr. Barkow contended that such proposals should be brought to the attention of SAPC and Senate, since it was difficult to do academic planning without full knowledge of related programmes planned at other universities. After further discussion, contributed to by Messrs. Andrews, W.E. Jones, Stairs, Stuttard, Smith, and Ms. Ozier, the Chair read out President Fry's correspondence.

It was agreed that the Secretary should communicate Senate's disappointment that President Fry did not attend the meeting and its wish that she or her designate would be prepared to discuss the proposal at the next regular meeting of Senate. Mr. Stairs explained that 15 credits were proposed, of which 9 classes would be taught by King's College faculty. Two classes each year would be taken from other institutions. There was no guarantee that these electives would be taken, from Dalhousie. Mr. Andrews asked if Dalhousie would be involved in any way with faculty appointments. The President responded that there was no indication to date that

Dalhousie would be involved. Mr. Brett thought that a discussion of academic merit could not be conducted in the absence of the President of King's College. Mr. Betts agreed and reiterated that the President had chosen not to come to this meeting. Certain Articles of Association were involved in this matter.

Mr. Borwein asked about the financial implications of the proposed programme for Dalhousie in light of the present moratorium on new programmes. President Clark indicated that there had been extensive discussion and concern expressed about the financial implications as some assumptions were based on an increased intake into the Foundation Year Programme of approximately 20 students. Vice-President Stairs added that King's College did not perceive this to be a joint effort but Dalhousie disagreed and considered this a clear violation of the Articles of Association. This made it difficult to comment on the merits of the academic programme. MPHEC's view was that this was a matter of interest to both Dalhousie and King's College. Mr. Smith believed that the financial and academic implications were complex as students in the journalism programme currently had compulsory courses in FASS.

89:059.

SFPC Report to Senate on Budget Process and SAPC Response

Mr. Cromwell reviewed the content of the document entitled "SFPC Report on the 1989/90 Budget" and the Appendices which had been precirculated to Senate. Background information concerning the general context of this year's budget was provided along with concerns expressed regarding continued non-replacement of faculty members and a further round of base reductions.

Mr. Cromwell read out the four recommendations at the end of the report:

A. That Dalhousie, as one means of improving academic quality, initiate and support a process of rationalizing programs in metro Halifax and in the province.

B. That Senate ask the administration to request the provincial government to make special funds available to facilitate program rationalization.

C. That Senate express its grave concern at the stifling debt which has accrued to Dalhousie and encourage the Board to continue to address this problem.

D. That Senate propose the development of a written, publicly announced policy which will preclude Dalhousie from initiating projects which will incur unfunded capital debt.

SAPC had commented on each of these recommendations in a precirculated document. He pointed to some of the uncertainty with the process and the fact that this was a transitional year in provincial funding. The University was not yet in a position to know what revenue it would get from government. He welcomed comments from Senators. It was agreed that discussion should be continued at another meeting of Senate which would be scheduled for 15 May 1989 at 3:00 p.m.

89:060.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

OF

SENATE MEETING

Senate met in scheduled session on Friday, 12 May 1989 at 5:00 p.m. in the Senate and Board Room.

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

Bérard, Bissett-Johnson, I.M. Christie, Clark, Curri, de Burger, Dykstra, Gratwick, Greer, Haley, Lane, McKee, McNeil, A.W. Murphy, T.J. Murray, M. Myers, Ozier, Pross, Smith, Stairs, M. Stewart, Stuttard, Taylor, Vance, Wood.

Regrets: Carruthers, Chambers, Gold, J. Gray, Konok, MacIntosh, Ritchie, Storey, M.H. Tan, Walker, Zakariasen.

89:061.

Awarding of Degrees -- Faculties of Medicine and Law

Faculty of Medicine

It was agreed upon motion (Murray/de Burger)

that the 96 students named in the letter provided to the Secretary of Senate be awarded the degrees of Doctor of Medicine.

The Dean noted that there were a number of prizes and medals. In particular, he mentioned the Dr. C.B. Stewart University Medal in Medicine, which would be awarded to Daniel Brock Hoffman and the Award for Medical Research which would be presented by former Dean Hatcher to John Manuel Embil.

Faculty of Law

It was moved and seconded (Christie/Bissett-Johnson)

that the Bachelor of Laws degree be awarded to 151 students named in

correspondence to the Secretary of Senate.

Before voting on the motion, he reported to Senate that six students were still waiting for some marks from courses which had been taken at another Law School, where they had transferred after the first two years at Dalhousie Law School. Grades would be known by the convocation date next Friday. Their graduation was a virtual certainty in his view. One other student was in a different situation. She had not satisfactorily completed the writing of a paper and had to rewrite the paper. The grade was still outstanding as the faculty member was out of the country. He wondered if the usual motion regarding errors in the list could satisfy these situations.

Mr. Christie moved, seconded by Mr. Bissett-Johnson,

that the seven candidates for the Bachelor of Laws degree, six of whom were waiting for grades of courses taken by letter of permission, and one who was attempting to meet deadlines be approved subject to the Dean and the Registrar in consultation with the Chair of Senate being authorized to remove these names from the graduation list.

After considerable discussion, contributed to by Messrs. Christie, Stuttard, Murray, Smith, and Ms. Vance and Ms. Curri, the mover and seconder agreed with a friendly amendment, proposed by Mr. Smith,

that the letter of permission students should be considered separately from the other student.

Thereafter, it was agreed upon motion (Christie/Bissett-Johnson)

that the students who were awaiting grades for courses taken by letter of permission be included in the list of those whose degrees would be approved.

It was moved and seconded (Christie/Bissett-Johnson)

that the student who was attempting to meet deadlines with a rewritten paper be added to the graduation list.

Mr. Smith proposed an amendment, seconded by Mr. de Burger, "that the name of the student could be added to the list, but not printed in the list in the programme". The Chair believed that this was too different from the original motion to be considered an amendment. Following comments by Ms. Vance, Ms. Ozier, and Mr. Christie, the motion carried.

It was agreed upon motion

that Senate award the Bachelor of Laws degrees to 151 students who have

completed or will have completed the requirements by graduation day.

Mr. Christie reported that the University Medal in Law would be awarded to Michael John Sobkin. Other awards and prizes would be listed in the convocation programme. Mr. Stuttard was concerned that Senate was awarding degrees to students who had not yet qualified. Mr. Stairs urged that this type of action not be repeated. This had been an inappropriate decision of the Law School to include the one student who had not yet passed a course. The timing was improper in his view. If this pattern continued, lists of graduands would have no meaning. Mr. Christie indicated that he would be happy to relay this message to the Law School.

There was agreement upon motion (Christie/Murray)

that the Dean of the appropriate Faculty and the Registrar, in consultation with the Chair of Senate, be authorized to add to and remove from the graduation list the names of any students which have been omitted from or included in the graduation list due to demonstrable errors on the part of the University or one of its servants, and that any such additions or deletions be reported to Senate.

The Chair of Senate reported on the rationale for names which had been added to the list approved at the 5 May 1989 meeting.

Angela Mabel Wood - Bachelor of Commerce

Lana Marie Currie - Bachelor of Nursing

Donald Frederick Stuart - Master of Business Administration

Mr. Stuttard observed that all three students fell into the same category as those students in the Faculty of Law whose names had just been added to the list (ie - letter of permission), but their names were not included in the printed programme for their convocations.

89:062.

Nominations from the Senate Committee on Committees

On behalf of the Committee on Committees, Mr. Pross nominated Robert Berard as Secretary of Senate (1989-1992). Following three calls for further nominations, Mr. Berard was declared elected and congratulated.

On behalf of the Committee on Committees, Mr. Pross nominated the following individuals to the

committees named.

Senate Steering Committee

J. Eisner (Dentistry) - 1992

Committee on Relations Between Members of Faculty and the University during a Strike

D. Braybrooke (Philosophy)
R. de Burger (Health Professions)
R. Friedrich (Classics)
D. Pothier (Law)
C. Stuttard (Microbiology)

Ombud's Advisory Committee

E. Lambie (Nursing) - 1991

Senate Academic Planning Committee

P. Farmer (Pharmacy) - 1992
P. Huber (Economics) - 1992
A. Manicom (Education) - 1992

Senate Financial Planning Committee

S. Frick (Henson College) - 1992
P. Kerans (Social Work) - 1992
M. Ozier (Psychology) - 1990
G. Roberts (Business Administration) - 1990

Following the requisite calls for further nominations, they were all declared elected.

89:063.

Revised Document, "Constitutional Provisions Governing the Operations of Senate"

The Secretary reported that she had updated the "Constitutional Provisions Governing the Operations of Senate", dated April 1983, to include all changes which had been approved by Senate in the intervening years up to the present. Furthermore, sexist terminology had been removed. Additions and amendments were noted throughout the draft document in bold print. Points which were to be deleted were crossed out but would be removed in the final version. Some of the changes also reflected

practice in the intervening years. She noted that there were three changes which the Steering Committee wished to recommend to Senate for approval. The recommendations had been listed with relevant rationale in her memorandum.

It was agreed upon motion (Stairs/Christie)

that the first recommendation that the composition of the Senate Committee on Academic Administration be altered so as to include the Director of the School of Education as an ex-officio member be approved.

There was consensus upon motion (de Burger/Dykstra)

that the second recommendation that the function "administration of elections to the Committee on Committees" be assigned to the Steering Committee and removed from the Senate Committee on Academic Administration be approved.

There was agreement upon motion (Dykstra/Christie)

that the changes to the Statute: Section 1 of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 1863 as amended by adding subsection (h), approved by Senate in a referendum conducted in October 1987, be included in the Constitutional Provisions at the beginning of the section entitled "Relations with the Board of Governors" (p. 19 of the updated document). Specifically, this reads "Four persons of the full-time academic staff nominated from time to time by the University Senate, and approved and appointed by the Board provided however, that participation in discussions of the Board on matters of collective bargaining between the Board and the Dalhousie Faculty Association shall be limited to those persons holding positions specifically excluded from the bargaining unit by the Collective Agreement and to those holding comparable positions.

It was agreed upon motion (Vance/Gratwick)

that the corrected, updated document be approved with a few minor editorial amendments noted by Mr. Stuttard and Mr. Pross: p. 2, I(1)A. add "and Colleges" after "Faculties"; p. 16, E.8, "administer", not "administration of"; p. 24, line 9, "common"; the first clause under composition of APC, FPC, and PPC on p. 7 and 9 should be similar in format to that used for the first clause under Composition for CAA (one sentence).

The motion carried.

Ms. Vance wished it noted in the minutes that the DSU was responsible for choosing student members on Senate committees. Ms. Dykstra observed that it was more appropriate to have the exact mechanism specified in the DSU's constitution rather than in Senate's constitution.

89:064.

Other Business

Ms. Vance raised a concern regarding a physically challenged student member of Senate who was unable to attend a Senate meeting because of repairs to the elevator in the A & A Building. It was left with the Chair and Secretary of Senate to advise the Physical Plant of this problem.

89:065.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:04 P.M.

Secretary

Chair

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

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SENATE MEETING

Senate met in special session in the Senate and Board Room on Monday, 15 May 1989 at 3:00 P.M.

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

Andrews, Barkow, Bérard, Betts, Birdsall, Boardman, Braybrooke, Brett, Carlson, Clark, B. Christie (invitee), Curri, de Burger, J. Fraser, Graham, Gratwick, Greer, Haley, Lane, Mason, McKee, McNeil, Myers, Ozier, Schroeder, Stairs, M. Stewart, Stuttard, Taylor, Vance.

Regrets: J. Gray, Konok, MacIntosh, A.W. Murphy, Ritchie, Tamlyn, M.H. Tan, Welch, Wood, Zakariasen.

89:066.

Proposed Programme in Contemporary Studies -- University of King's College

The Chair welcomed President M. Fry and Vice-President A. Johnston from the University of King's College. President Fry indicated that she would provide some information about the proposed programme and would try to answer questions. This was the kind of programme which a small university such as King's College, devoted to liberal education, might launch. It was proposed that the programme would be introduced in 1990. The timing seemed right to have some joint discussion with Dalhousie for four reasons. (1) Some special funding was in place for an endowed chair from MacLean Hunter; (2) the curriculum needs to hone the programme in journalism; (3) the Foundation Year Programme was in place; and (4) some additional academic space was anticipated because of moving the library. She referred to meetings with President Clark, Vice-President Stairs and Dean Smith. A 20-credit 4-year programme was proposed (4 credits Foundation Year Programme; 3 core courses, 6 electives in the Contemporary Studies programme at King's; 7 credits chosen from courses in the joint programme). It seemed to them that it was an opportune time for cooperation between the two universities. Some form of a liaison group might be appropriate. She clarified that the Contemporary Studies Programme was designed to mesh with the Bachelor of Journalism honours programme.

The approach taken in the Contemporary Studies Programme would be as follows:

- (1) The Foundation Year Programme would explain contemporary phenomena in historical perspective (to the end of World War II in Western civilization).
- (2) The core of the programme would involve lectures and tutorials which would be team taught.

(3) The approach would be both historical and interdisciplinary.

(4) The core courses would focus on political and social aspects of Contemporary Studies, developments in science and technology, and significant developments in literature (all post World War II). This would be a Bachelor in Philosophy degree programme. The Foundation Year Programme was a required base for the core courses.

It was timely for liaison work on electives, joint appointments and other details as the plans called for the programme to be launched in September 1990. The degree programme would be kept small. The university aimed to admit no more than 20 - 25 undergraduates to the Contemporary Studies programme per year. By 1990 or sooner the Foundation Year Programme was expected to increase in size by 30 students.

The Chair thanked President Fry for this helpful information and invited questions. Mr. Fraser inquired whether there was a Bachelor of Philosophy degree programme at Oxford. She indicated that there had been a Bachelor of Philosophy programme offered in a number of subjects which had become a Masters in Philosophy programme. Mr. Fraser wished to know who would be teaching in the proposed programme. The President of King's College clarified that appointments had not yet been made, as they were waiting for MPHEC approval. She was open to the possibility that members of the joint Faculties might wish to be appointed.

Mr. Braybrooke thought that the MPHEC's understanding was that this venture was in violation of the agreement between Dalhousie and King's College and the proposal had been "shelved" until the dispute was solved. He asked if consideration had been given to an alternate approach, such as coordination with the four classes offered at Dalhousie. He wondered if Dalhousie students were eligible to attend. He sought assurance that this proposed programme did not duplicate or preempt curricular reform at Dalhousie. He cited the Foundation Year Programme as a case of preemption of activities of the joint campus from its inception.

President Fry acknowledged that the Articles of Association posed a problem to MPHEC. She had received correspondence from MPHEC which recently judged this programme to be an academically viable proposal. She believed that President Clark's objections concerning the Articles of Association had not yet been made clear and explicit. She hoped that once the programme was underway that Senate might agree to approve some or all of the electives. She stated that there could be different ways to complement and avoid duplication of each other's programmes. President Fry didn't think that the proposal necessarily preempted other programmes being developed. Vice-President Johnston added that the original idea had emerged from perceived needs of students who wanted an interdisciplinary approach and sought out King's College specifically.

Mr. Betts expressed his appreciation for the verbal report by Dr. Fry at this Dalhousie - King's Senate meeting. He referred to Article 18 of the King's - Dalhousie Association Agreement and was concerned that these Articles might not be consistent with the proposed programme. There were potentially profound academic and financial implications and Dalhousie may or may not benefit. He would have preferred that the programme be developed in a cooperative way and be open to Dalhousie and King's students. President Fry said that Mr. Betts had referred to the earliest form of the Agreement from 1923. The Articles of Agreement had been revised in 1954 and the relevant revised Articles seemed to permit the proposed programme. There was nothing in that clause which limited the degree granting power of

Dalhousie. She pointed to another clause 34 (b) and urged that the full text of the revised Articles of Agreement and the full context of the proposed programme be studied.

Mr. Berard asked why the programme was being limited to 25 - 30 students. President Fry clarified that this number referred to new students admitted each year. Between 70 - 100 students would be registered at any one time. Mr. Borwein asked whether the President's Office had considered ways to resolve rather than to obstruct the process. President Clark indicated that he had not yet received the formal letter from MPHEC. Dalhousie held a different view from Dr. Fry concerning the Article read from the Articles of Agreement. It considered the proposal to be in conflict with the Articles of Agreement. Ms. Ozier believed that the programme addressed needs at Dalhousie and did not duplicate current programmes at Dalhousie. She thought that it was an untenable position to obstruct a programme on the basis of an old article rather than academic merit.

Mr. Braybrooke wished to know if the proposal would be considered by SAPC and SFPC. The Chair confirmed that it was possible that SAPC could seek further information. President Fry agreed and indicated that she and Vice-President Johnston could meet with the committee. On the financial side, Senate might consider the correspondence between Dr. Clark and Dr. Fry. The Chair thanked the President and Vice-President of King's College for providing this information.

89:067.

Annual Reports to Senate

a) An annual report entitled, "Report of the S.A.A.C. for the Period July 1, 1988 to April 24, 1989" had been submitted by Mr. Kaiser on behalf of the Senate Academic Appeals Committee. Mr. Kaiser explained that all decisions concerning individual cases were reported to Senate individually. The SAAC as a whole dealt with procedural and policy matters, while substantive issues were addressed by individual hearing panels. The SAAC heard two specific cases in 1988-89 (one from Law and one from Medicine). He hoped that these cases would be resolved in the next 60 days. Ms. Curri wondered if it would be possible to get summary information of types of cases considered by SAAC based on academic years over a three-year period. Ms. Vance wondered if the small number of cases indicated that students had insufficient information about the academic appeal process. Mr. Andrews reminded members of the information booklet entitled, "Student Information Guide on Academic Appeal Procedures at Dalhousie University", published a few years ago. Mr. McKee reported that his office would be beginning to update this document in the summer.

89:068.

SFPC Report to Senate on the 1989/90 Budget Process, the SAPC Response and the SFPC Report on the 1989-90 Budget

The Chair drew Senate's attention to the previously circulated SFPC report on the budget process, the SAPC response, and the SFPC Report on the 1989-90 budget. He suggested that Senate first consider the four recommendations of SFPC regarding the process. These were appended to the minutes of the 5 May 1989 meeting.

The first was directed to SAPC and the composition had been selected.

SFPC recommends to SAPC that a joint SFPC-SAPC subcommittee be struck to propose criteria to permit a rational prioritization of all programmes for planning purposes. The subcommittee shall consist of the Chair and two members of each SFPC and SAPC, the Vice-President (Academic & Research), two Deans and one student. The membership of the subcommittee shall be chosen so that it will be widely representative of the university community. The subcommittee shall consult widely across the University. It shall report to SFPC and SAPC and these committees shall be responsible for ensuring wide discussion in Senate and the Faculties on the proposed criteria and their use.

There was agreement upon motion (Walker/Gratwick)

that Senate express its grave concern at the stifling debt which has accrued to Dalhousie and encourage the Board to continue to address this problem.

There was a consensus upon motion

that Senate propose the development of a written, publicly announced policy which will preclude Dalhousie from initiating projects which will incur unfunded capital debt.

The President said that a similar clear policy position had been taken by the administration over the last 2 1/2 years.

Mr. Andrews asked if 2(a) contained clear implications that a process of rationalization would be a means to improve academic quality. The Chair reminded members that the SAPC believed that it was premature to act on recommendations 2(a) and 2(b). His question was referred to SFPC.

The precirculated Report of the Senate Financial Planning Committee on the 1989-90 Budget, dated May 3, 1989, incorporated five observations and appended the 1989-90 Preliminary Operating Budget, the 1989-90 Incremental Budget Requirements, and an explanation by Mr. Wright, dated May 2, of the change in the budget shortfall. A memorandum, dated 15 May 1989 from Mr. Mason, concerning revisions of the 1989-90 Budget, included the report to the Finance and Budget Committee of the Board with the 1989-90 Recommended Operating Budget appended. The Chair advised members that Ms. Lane would be in a position to present Senate's views at the meeting of the Board of Governors tomorrow.

Mr. Wright explained that the SFPC had been kept informed up until this point but that the announcement of provincial funding had come only one week ago. The shortfall had earlier decreased from \$1.9 million to \$1.6 million and now to \$1,166 million. The most recent changes occurred because of withdrawal rates, tuition forecasts and a provincial grant. The government funding announcement was considerably better than expected because the provincial government was funding a higher percentage of the whole Nova Scotia system and because the application of the funding formula had been changed. This left a \$93,000 deficit for 1989-90 which was virtually a balanced budget. He referred to the \$1,595 item called "undistributed operating expenditures" in the preliminary budget. This was removed following calculation of the net of increased salaries and increased grants.

Mr. Braybrooke asked if the item "academic fees" was the net figure from which was deducted the figure for scholarships and bursaries. Mr. Wright explained that scholarships would be shown as a waiver of an expense item. Mr. Braybrooke asked how the figure for

scholarships and bursaries as a proportion of the whole budget compared with other universities. Mr. Mason said that a higher proportion was charged against the operating budget at Dalhousie. Approximately two million dollars of endowment income was used for scholarships. Mr. Gratwick inquired about the item "ancillary deficit for the period" and was advised that this referred to the Bookstore, Dalplex and Arts Centre.

Mr. Andrews reminded members of the preferable term "Dalhousie Cultural Activities".

Mr. Betts wondered what was meant by the figures opposite "Academic". Mr. Wright explained that there had been salary increases for faculty and staff and some granting increases for specific programmes. Mr. Borwein was not sure why the top figure in the "government grants" item increased by three million dollars. He additionally inquired whether University Research Fellows were counted as part of the faculty complement. Mr. Wright explained that they were paid from Killam funds and were not part of the faculty complement until they were offered a continuous type of appointment. Mr. Betts clarified that a University Research Fellow could be offered a full faculty position after 3 to 5 years and that the NSERC contribution decreased over a period of 5 years. Mr. Wright added that these salary support items came in as investments and went out as expenses.

Ms. Ozier asked if academic units would have been cut back by 2.5% if it had been known in advance that the budget would be nearly balanced and wondered if there were any plans to change the cutbacks. The President explained that the budget was balanced in part because of the 2.5% cutbacks and that there was still a deficit of approximately 10 million dollars. He added that it was important to recognize that reductions this year were relatively small and that the government had changed the funding formula because of considerable efforts by Dalhousie over the past 1 1/2 years. Mr. Andrews thought that President Clark deserved recognition for the provincial government's change in attitude regarding the funding formula. He asked what SFPC's advice would have been if it had known that the budget would be approximately balanced. Mr. Mason reminded Senate of the two motions just passed. MPHEC stipulated that in order to receive government grants the operating debt must be reduced by \$319,800.00 in 1989-90. Ms. Ozier maintained that it was very important not to confuse the debt with the deficit. She requested the total for cutbacks in the academic budget over the past few years. Mr. Mason said that this was approximately 20% over five years. Mr. W.E. Jones explained that the increase was not as much as desired since the operating budget increased every year. The Chair added that a further report on the 1989-90 Budget could be expected from SFPC in the near future.

89:069.

Annual Reports to Senate

(a) Senate-Level Committee on Inter-University Cooperation (dated 20 April 1989)

Mr. Betts had prepared an annual report which had been enclosed with the 5 May 1989 agenda. The Committee had met four times in the period between 1 April 1988 and the end of March 1989. He clarified for Mr. Gratwick that he represented the Dalhousie King's Senate.

(b) Audit Committee of the Board of Governors (dated 12 April 1989)

Mr. Huber's annual report had been precirculated and was received for information.

89:070.

Matters of Information

(a) Board of Governors Approvals

It was reported that the Board of Governors, at its meeting held on March 14, 1989, gave approval to the following motions:

that the name of the Faculty of Management Studies be changed to the Faculty of Management; and

that the name of the degree leading to a Master of Science in Oral Surgery be changed to Master of Science in Maxillofacial Surgery.

(b) Official Language at Dalhousie

Correspondence from the President, dated April 14, 1989, recommended that the spelling in the Concise Oxford English Dictionary be used. The SCAA had agreed with his recommendation, although Mr. Smith had observed that the first alternative listed in the dictionary, was the preferred spelling of words. Mr. Andrews was not satisfied that either the President or the committee had thoroughly studied this issue. The federal government had published a work entitled "Canadian Style" which recommended use of the Gage Canadian Dictionary. The President explained that he had consulted with the Chief Librarian. Discussion ensued contributed to by Messrs. Sinclair-Faulkner, Berard, Stairs, Borwein, Stuttard and Andrews. Mr. Andrews asked that the President report back as to whether the University would endorse the use of the Gage Canadian Dictionary recommended by the Secretary of State.

(c) Correspondence Regarding the Mission Statement

Correspondence dated 20 April 1989 from Mr. Sinclair-Faulkner had been tabled at an earlier meeting. Subsequently a response from President Clark was distributed. The President indicated that he had been concerned that he had not received a response from the DFA or from the President of the DFA in the form of a written statement. It was true that he was aware of informally expressed concerns about the Mission Statement. Mr. Sinclair-Faulkner contended that this "informal" session was in fact a 2 hour meeting. He regretted the letter circulated by the President to Senate and thought that statements concerning inaccuracies or misleading comments were overstated. He added that the DFA and the President clearly disagreed about the way they viewed the draft Mission Statement. The President said that he had been particularly concerned at what seemed to him to be unnecessarily strong statements against the Mission Statement. He had responded relatively strongly as well. It would be important for everybody in future to use moderate language to the greatest extent possible. He also suggested that responses be provided in writing, although verbal comments were heard. A substantial number of written comments had been received from other individuals and groups. Mr. Borwein was saddened that the DFA response was viewed as deliberately misleading. The President hoped that both parties could see "eye-to eye" in future.

89:071.

Other Business

Mr. Greer asked what had been done about the 5 or 6 people involved when the Board of Governors cut off approval of the International Development Studies programme. Mr. Stairs promised to obtain this information for the next regular meeting of Senate.

89:072.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 P.M.

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF

SENATE MEETING

Senate met in scheduled session in the Senate and Board Room on Friday, 19 May 1989 at 5:00 P.M. Present with Mr. W.E. Jones in the chair were the following: Clark, de Burger, Gratwick, McKee, McNeil, D.W.P. O'Brien, Stairs, M. Stewart. Regrets: Bastarache, Hawkins, J.V. Jones, Konok, Maloney, A.W. Murphy, Smith, Tamlyn, Vance, C. Williams.

89:073.

Awarding of Degrees -- Faculty of Dentistry

It was agreed upon motion (Graham/Stairs)

that the 37 candidates presented in the letter to the Secretary of Senate be awarded the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery

The University Medal was awarded to Daniel Albert.

There was consensus upon motion (Graham/de Burger)

that the 38 candidates listed in correspondence to the Secretary of Senate be awarded the Diploma in Dental Hygiene.

It was thereafter agreed upon motion (O'Brien/Stairs)

that the Dean of the appropriate Faculty and the Registrar, in consultation with the Chair of Senate, be authorized to add to and remove from the graduation list the names of any students which have been omitted from or included in the graduation list due to demonstrable errors on the part of the University or one of its servants and that any such additions or deletions be reported to Senate.

Faculty of Health Professions

Mr. de Burger reported that one student's name from the School of Social Work had been incorrectly listed in the Convocation programme for May 11, 1989.

It was moved and seconded (de Burger/O'Brien)

that the name of Gloria Johnson (#85115665) be deleted from the list which appeared in the Convocation programme.

Mr. O'Brien explained that there had been an error in counting. The student had registered in a 1/2-credit course but had withdrawn. The student did not appear at Convocation, nor had she expected to graduate in May. She was enrolled in the decentralized programme and the Dean had been unable to officially communicate this error to her by the time of this meeting.

The motion carried.

The Chair of Senate asked to have his gratitude to the Secretary, who had been a "real strength" throughout his six years as Chair, recorded in the minutes.

It was agreed that a problem raised by Ms. Curri concerning a student who had received a degree and wished to have it rescinded should be communicated to the Faculty concerned.

89:074 .

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 P.M.