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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

OF

SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session in the Senate and Board Room on Monday, 11 February 1991 at 4:00 p.m.

Present with Ms. P. Lane in the chair were the following:

Angelopoulos, Arklie, Ashley, Barkow, Belzer, Berard, Boychuk, Bradfield, Brett, D.M. Cameron, Carlson, R.F. Chandler, Chaytor, Clarke, Clovis, Cochrane, Corvin, Courtney, Crowley, Cummings, Curri, Dykstra, Easterbrook, Eberhardt, Fingard, Fitzgerald, J.K. Fox, Fullerton, Gilroy, Gratwick, Grundy, Haffey, Kimmins, Nassen, Leffek, Lough, M.J. Martin, Mason, McKee, McNeil, McNiven, Parker, Pronych, Reporter, Retallack, Roland-Mieskowski, Schellinck, A.M. Simpson, Singh, Smith, Stairs, Sullivan, Sutow, Tindall, Wien, Young, Zakariasen.

Regrets: Clark, A.D.Cohen, J. Gray, Gwyn, Haley, J.V. Jones, Precious, Purdy, Rees, Ritchie, Roberts, Schroeder, Sketris, Tamlyn, M.H. Tan.

91:023.

IN CAMERA. Voting on Honorary Degree Candidates

Ms. Lane called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and asked all non-Senators to leave the room while Senate was in camera. The Secretary explained the new voting procedures adopted in November 1990. The Acting President and Acting Chair of the Committee on Honorary Degrees, Mr. Stairs, reported on the deliberations of the Committee and its criteria for selecting nominees. Mr. Stairs and other Committee members responded to questions. The Committee was urged to pay special attention to gender and racial balance in its future choices. Mr. A. Singh asked that his negative vote be recorded.

It was moved (D. Stairs/G. Klassen)

that Senate approve the slate of persons recommended for honorary degrees by the Committee on Honorary Degrees.

The motion carried by the requisite two-thirds majority.

90:024.

Awarding of Degrees

College of Arts and Science

Senate agreed upon motion (R. Smith/W. Kimmins) that degrees and diplomas be awarded as follows:

Bachelor of Arts	22
(Honours 2)	
Bachelor of Education	5
Bachelor of Music Education	1
Bachelor of Science	37
(Distinction 2; Honours 4; First Class Hon. 2; Adv. Major 5)	
Diploma in Engineering	4
	TOTAL 69

Faculty of Graduate Studies

Senate agreed upon motion (J. Fingard/M. Bradfield) that degrees and diplomas be awarded as follows:

Doctor of Philosophy	16
Master of Arts	6
Master of Business Administration	3
Master of Science	9
Master of Education	4
Master of Environmental Studies	1
Master of Development Economics	3
Master of Laws	2
Master of Library and Information Studies	1
Master of Public Administration	2
Master of Social Work	1
	TOTAL 48

Faculty of Health Professions

Senate agreed upon motion (K. Zakariasen/A. Young) that degrees and diplomas be awarded as follows:

Bachelor of Social Work	2
(Distinction 1)	
Bachelor of Science (Occupational Therapy)	1
Bachelor of Science (Nursing)	1
(Post RN)	
Bachelor of Nursing (Post RN)	1
Diploma in Outpost and Community Health Nursing ...	5
Bachelor of Physical Education	5
Bachelor of Recreation	1
Bachelor of Science (Kinesiology)	4
	TOTAL 20

Faculty of Management

Senate agreed upon motion (J. McNiven/M. Dykstra) that degrees and certificates be awarded as follows:

Bachelor of Commerce	18
Certificate in Public Administration	1
	TOTAL 19

Faculty of Law

Senate agreed upon motion (S. Ashley/A. Singh) that degrees be awarded as follows:

Bachelor of Laws	2
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It was moved and seconded (A. Young/R. Smith)

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 carried.

91:025.

Nominations from Senate Committee on Committees

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees, Ms. Angelopoulos presented the following nominations:

SENATE PHYSICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Peter Perina (Arts and Social Sciences) - 1992

SENATE FINANCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Gregory Trask (Henson College) - 1991

Following the requisite three calls for further nominations, the Chair declared the above-named persons elected.

91:026.

University Governance Document

Following notice of motion circulated with the Senate agenda of 28 January 1991, it was moved (P. Pronych/S. Haffey)

that Senate immediately undertake the review and revision of the Senate Committee on University Government document dealing with the appointment of Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Deans and Associate or Assistant Deans as approved by the Board of Governors on 14 December 1978, and that the revisions be done in consultation with all elements of University governance, including faculty, staff, students, and members of various levels of administration.

Mr. Pronych said that the University Governance document in its present form was inadequate, particularly in its failure to provide leadership reviews for administrative officers and to set forward clear policies for dealing with the potential reappointment of incumbents, and inconsistent in many of its provisions. He argued that the document was in need of review.

Ms. Dykstra, speaking on behalf of the Senate Steering Committee, said that the Steering Committee shared many of Mr. Pronych's concerns and had begun a review of the document. It was expected that a revised document would be discussed by the Steering Committee at its next meeting prior to presentation to Senate. It was moved (M. Dykstra/D.M. Cameron) to table the motion. The motion to table carried.

91:027.

Endowed Chair in Black Canadian Studies

Mr. Barkow reported the discussions of the Senate Academic Planning Committee on a proposal (previously circulated) to create an Endowed Chair in Black Canadian Studies. On behalf of the Committee, it was moved (J. Barkow/A. Singh)

that Senate approve the proposal prepared by the Committee for the Establishment of an Endowed Chair in Black Canadian Studies and its proposed budget (noting that no contribution toward overhead costs will be expected from this project) and

that the establishment of an Endowed Chair in Black Canadian Studies be allowed to proceed once the endowment is sufficient to sustain the Chair's salary and benefits and to provide some level of support for the initial project activities.

Mr. Bradfield expressed concern about the decision to exempt the proposal from making a contribution to overhead costs. Mr. Smith asked who would decide when the size of the endowment was sufficient to allow the proposal to proceed. Mr. Barkow said that it was expected that judgment would be made by the committee which proposed the establishment of the Chair and the President.

The question having been called, the motion carried.

91:028.

Student Appeal Procedures Relating to Strikes and Lockouts

Mr. Singh reported that, in response to discussion at the previous special meeting of Senate, several students had prepared a motion to provide a mechanism to mediate and attempt to resolve academic problems of students which resulted from the effects of strikes or lockouts at the University and to do so more quickly and personally than could be done through existing academic appeal procedures. It was moved (A. Singh/S. Haffey)

that the Senate create an ad hoc committee specific to the concerns of those students affected by the 1991 DSA strike and those students who may be affected in the event of further strike and/or lockout of DSA members. This committee would serve to mediate problems of students, promptly and personally and thus avoiding the often time - consuming appeal channels. The committee representation shall include the Vice-President of Student Services, the Academic Vice-President of the Dalhousie Student Union, a member of Senate, the Registrar and the Dean of the Faculty in question, or their designates.

Mr. Tindall objected to the involvement of the relevant Dean or his or her designate as a committee member. Mr. Haffey said that the Dean or designate brought important information to committee deliberations.

Mr. D.M. Cameron was also concerned about the proliferation of committees that passage of the motion would entail. He asked if there was evidence that the proposed mechanism was needed at the time. Mr. Singh said that he knew of no cases which required such a mechanism, but a renewal of the strike could create such problems. Mr. Cameron asked if the students would withdraw their motion. Mr. Haffey declined to do so, saying that the committee proposed would help put students' minds at ease.

Mr. Brett objected to the proposal as one which might interfere with the collective bargaining process and weaken the impact of any strike. Mr. Haffey said that its intent was merely the protection of student interests.

It was moved (J. Barkow/J. McNiven)

that the motion be tabled.

The motion to table was defeated on a voice vote.

The question having been called, the motion was defeated on a voice vote.

It was then moved (A. Singh/S. Haffey)

that the Senate create an ad hoc committee with representation from the Board of Governors, Senate, and Student Union to develop a policy on the Disruption of University Business due to Labour Disputes and the Academic and Financial Implications with regards to students.

Mr. Barkow asked what the committee proposed was supposed to do. Mr. Haffey said that the intention of the motion was to generate a policy for the protection of students during labour disputes.

Mr. Tindall rose on a point of order and suggested that the motion as written was out of order because proper notice had not been given. The Chair agreed that the motion was out of order.

It was moved (S. Haffey/A. Singh)

that Senate overrule the decision of the Chair.

The motion to challenge the ruling of the Chair was defeated.

91:029.

Information Item: Committee on the Presidential Appointment

The Secretary reported receipt of a letter from Mr. George Piercey, QC, Chair of the Board of Governors, in response to Senate's resolution concerning terms of reference for a Committee on the Presidential Appointment. Mr. Haffey asked why the dates had been changed from those given in the Senate resolution. Mr. Berard replied that the change of dates was made necessary by delays in getting approval for the members of the review/search committee from Senate. Mr. Haffey asked what consultative procedures the committee would use. Ms. Lane replied that the committee had not met but would develop its own procedures.

91:030.

Report of SAPC Response to the President on Complement Reduction

The Secretary tabled correspondence (appended) between the Chair of Senate and the Acting President concerning complement reduction. He reported that the SAPC had made two recommendations to the Acting President, one to make a minor change in the distribution of reductions and a second to bring the matter before SAPC again for review in December 1991. The Acting President had rejected the first recommendation and raised questions about the appropriateness and legality of the second on the basis of reasons outlined in his letter.

91:031.

Other Business - Question Period

In response to a complaint from Mr. Bradfield that the Question Period had been omitted from this week's agenda, Ms. Lane opened the floor for a Question Period.

Ms. Lane called attention to an answer to a previous question from Mr. Bradfield provided by Mr. Mason (appended). Mr. Bradfield asked if interest payments were made to Dalhousie's Endowment Fund from the operating budget. Mr. Mason confirmed that such payments were made annually and were reflected in Line 10 of the Budget.

Mr. Haffey complained about the environmental impact of a "grey sludge" in the vicinity of the Chemistry Building. Mr. Mason reported that work was proceeding on a major up-grading of facilities in the Chemistry Building. He could not identify the nature of the "grey sludge" but noted that the area should be cleaned up in the spring.

Mr. Marek-Mieskowski said that he found it difficult to hear many speakers in Senate and suggested that Senate investigate the use of some public-address system both in its current quarters and in planning a new Senate and Board Room. He suggested further that items in the Senate mailings be numbered according to their position on the agenda. Finally, he asked if the University had an environmental policy, noting a number of environmentally unfriendly situations across the campus. Ms. Lane reminded Senate that the Senate and Board had adopted in the fall an environmental policy statement and that a University Environment Committee was in place. Mr. Berard said that it took some little time before hearts, minds, and bad habits could be amended by a university policy statement.

Mr. Brett asked why the Steering Committee had chosen to undertake revisions to the University Governance document. Mr. Berard replied that, in reviewing the document on the basis of requests by a number of Senators, the Steering Committee was of the opinion that only minor amendments to and extrapolations from the existing document were needed to respond to the concerns which had been raised. In the interest of expediting the process, the Steering Committee chose to attempt a revision on this basis.

Mr. Haffey raised again the matter of the Centre for African Studies and his concern that, while it was listed in the Calendar, it was not functioning. Mr. Barkow said that a subcommittee of SAPC was currently studying all international areas and development programs. Mr. Stairs pointed out that the Centre was moribund when its space was reassigned to other uses. It is still possible to study Africa at Dalhousie, and alternate space for seminars and meetings has been provided. Mr. Barkow added that while many people have expressed support for the idea of African studies at Dalhousie, there is no clear agreement on what the idea is that is being supported.

Mr. Bradfield asked if the Administration's five-point plan on mandatory retirement had been accepted by the Board of Governors. Mr. Mason said that the plan had been approved by the Staff Relations Committee of the Board. Mr. Bradfield asked further if Clause 3 of the plan applied to senior administrators as well. Mr. Mason said that the plan applied to all members of the University. Mr. Singh asked about the eligibility of international students to take part in cooperative education programs in Science and Management. Mr. Stairs said that problems with such eligibility had just recently come to light and that the Vice-President (Student Services) had been asked to look into the matter, consult with the appropriate Deans, and make recommendations.

Mr. Haffey returned to the Centre for African Studies and asked that the map in the Calendar be amended to remove what was now a misleading reference to the Centre. Ms. Curri indicated that this she would take this suggestion into account in the next revision of the Calendar.

91:032.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m. upon motion (J. Barkow/D. Stairs)