

Item: Senate Minutes, December 1995

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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

OF

SENATE MEETING

December 11, 1995

Senate met in regular session on Monday, 11 December 1995 at 4:00 pm in the University Hall, Macdonald Building.

Present with Mr. C. Stuttard in the chair were the following:

Archibald, Birdsall, Bleasdale, Brett, Camfield, Campbell, Conrod (Secretary pro tem), Dickson, Doolittle, Egan, Farmer, Fraser, Hobson, Hooper, Kay-Raining Bird, Kiang, Kimmins, Klein, Lee, Lovely, MacDonald, MacInnis, Maloney, Marble, Moore, Ricketts, Rosson, Ruedy, Shafai, Sherwin, Siddiq, Starnes, Stuttard, Sutherland, Taylor, Traves, Wrixon

Invitees: B. Crocker, B. Mason, A. Wainwright

Regrets: Andrews, Binkley, Cox, Cross, Cummings, Haley, Lydon, McIntyre, Tatton

95:157

Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Stuttard suggested changing item 6—Nomination to Panel of Student Discipline Officers—to a 'Matter for Information' incorporated under Item 7. Senate approved a motion to adopt the amended agenda (Dickson/Sherwin).

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Approval of Minutes

a) Approval

The minutes of the November 27, 1995 Senate meeting were considered. Mr. Stuttard proposed two changes: page 2, item 95:154, the motion should read "includes", not "included"; page 3, item 95:154, after "at 16:45", add the words "with the understanding that the ad hoc committee of the Steering Committee would return to the next meeting of Senate with a revised draft incorporating changes approved or proposed during the debate."

The amended minutes were approved (Camfield\Hobson).

b) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

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Dalhousie University Policy on Integrity in Scholarly Activity

The "Policy on Integrity in Scholarly Integrity", Revised Draft, December 1, 1995, which contained amendments approved at the November 27, 1995 Senate meeting and other changes suggested by Senators during and after that meeting, was brought forward for consideration.

It was moved (Dickson/Ruedy)

that the revised Draft Policy (dated December 1, 1995) be adopted.

Senate proceeded to debate the document, section by section.

Section 2. Mr. Archibald, as a member of the ad hoc committee of the Senate Steering Committee, presented the following amendment that a Senator had suggested too late to be incorporated in the December 1 draft:

In section 2.2, "include planned" be deleted, and replaced with "that there will be". (Archibald/Conrod)

This was adopted by consent as a friendly amendment.

Several Senators questioned the addition of "significant intellectual contribution" to the authorship criteria in section 2.1. Mr. Archibald reported that the ad hoc committee supported this inclusion. Ms. Hobson indicated that funding agencies would not likely demur.

Section 3. Mr. Shafai questioned the use of "within the University community" in section 3.0. An amendment was made.

In section 3.0, "within" be deleted, and replaced with "by members of". (Bleasdale/Shafai)

This was adopted by consent as a friendly amendment.

Mr. Archibald expressed his serious concerns in relation to the list of misconducts in section 3. The previous draft policy had limited misconduct to these behaviours, but an amendment at the November 27 meeting changed the policy to read [misconduct] "includes, but is not limited to . . .". Mr. Archibald reminded

Senate that there were differences between disciplines and even within a discipline regarding what were acceptable practices or methods of research. He mentioned the need to be very clear regarding the activities that constituted misconduct, since serious sanctions could result from application of the policy. He drew analogies to the Criminal Code, and suggested that the current wording would, in his opinion, be unconstitutional due to vagueness. The danger is that the policy could be applied to activities that all might not agree were, in fact, misconduct. He concluded that, as written, the policy was potentially dangerous. He therefore moved:

that the words in section 3.0: "includes, but is not limited to, the following:" be deleted, and replaced with "means". (Archibald/Brett)

The motion was defeated.

Ms. Sutherland asked if the term 'family' in section 3.6 was defined. Mr. Archibald replied that it was not, but that its vagueness was not problematic.

Mr. Wainwright was recognised from the floor. He was troubled over the policy's application, in section 3 and the preamble, to original literary works, since some might hold a piece of fiction to be a misrepresentation. He reported that CAUT was considering the issue, with a report expected in the spring. Mr. Dickson commented that the CAUT report could be used subsequently as the basis for appropriate amendments or an alternative policy.

Mr. Lee expressed unease about the wording in section 3.8 which refers to "significant failure" and "substantive contributions". Mr. Lee preferred more concrete explanations. Mr. Archibald added his opinion that the reconfirmed, open-ended introduction ('includes, but is not limited to . . .') would make further clarification meaningless.

Mr. Ricketts supported the document as a set of guidelines for Dalhousie, to be interpreted appropriately in various circumstances by a hearing panel. He stressed the importance of leaving latitude for reasonable interpretation.

Section 5. Mr. Egan suggested an appeal process should be provided to the Academic Vice-President's decision in section 5.2.3 not to pursue a formal process. Ms. Conrod replied that the ad hoc committee had considered this and rejected the idea. Mr. Egan questioned the use of 'persons' in 5.2.7 as too vague. Ms. Conrod replied that the vagueness was intentional, as the University may well wish to act to protect an individual who was not an employee or student; the University is not compelled to act under this section.

Debate on the sections and the preamble concluded.

The motion:

that Senate approve the *Policy on Integrity in Scholarly Activity*, revised draft December 1, 1995, as amended,

was passed.

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Rules of Order for Senate

There was a motion from the Senate Steering Committee recommending

that "*Robert's Rules of Order*" (Poor House Press 1982 or later editions) govern the Dalhousie University Senate in all procedural matters not otherwise covered by the constitution or approved procedures of the Senate.

The motion was approved nem con.

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BAC 9: Preliminary Discussion

Mr. Stuttard suggested Senate act as if in a committee of the whole to discuss BAC 9, introduced by Mr. Birdsall, Vice-Chair of the Budget Advisory Committee. Also discussed was the Senate Academic Priorities and Budget Committee's response to BAC 9. There were no motions under this item.

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Matters of Information

a) Mr. P. Girard will replace Mr. I. Christie on the Panel of Student Discipline Officers for the period January 1996 through June 1996. Mr. Stuttard noted that this temporary replacement did not require a motion.

b) Student Academic Appeals Procedures—Faculty of Management

Mr. Rosson reported that, while various Schools in the Faculty of Management had academic appeal processes, one had only recently been approved at the Faculty level. A description of the process will be circulated with the next agenda.

c) Interim Report: ad hoc Committee on Continuing Appointments with Periodic Review

Mr. Stuttard reported that an interim report had been received from the ad hoc committee and would go to the Senate Steering Committee on Thursday, December 14. He assured Senate that it would be kept up-to-date on the status of the Committee's work.

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President's Report

Mr. Traves spoke to the President's Report and distributed faculty complement data for 1996-97.

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Question Period

Mr. Stuttard noted that the Annual Statutory Joint Meeting of the (6) Officers of the Board of Governors and 6 Senate Steering Committee members took place on December 7. There had been a very useful exchange of information at that meeting, and there was agreement to meet again in February 1996.

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Other Business

None

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Adjournment

On motion (Sherwin/Archibald), the meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Secretary pro-tem

Chair
