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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY  
MINUTES  
OF  
SENATE MEETING

Senate met in regular session on Monday, 12 June 1995 at 3:00 p.m. in University Hall, Macdonald Building.

**Present** with Mr. Dunn in the chair were:

Bankier, Bérard, Binkley, Bradfield, Breckenridge, Brett, Conrod, Dickson, Doolittle, Earl, Eberhardt, Fee, Farmer, Hobson, D.M. Lewis, Lydon, MacInnis, MacLennan, Mahony, Mason, McCabe, McIntyre, O'Shea, Pacey, Ritchie, Russell, Sinclair-Faulkner, Smith, Starnes, Stolzman, Stuttard, Sutow, D.A. Sutherland, J.E. Sutherland, Taylor.

**Invitees:** T. Boran, C. Cartmill, G. MacAskill.

**Regrets:** Barrett, J. Black, Carruthers, M. Crowley, Fernandez, J. Gray, Haley, Hare, Laidlaw, Maxner, McKee, McNiven, Owen, Roald, M.H. Tan.

**95:066**

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 18 May 1995 were approved as circulated, with the following correction:

**p. 4, SM 95:056: Change the number of Bachelor of Science (Medicine) graduates from "2" to "3" and the total number of graduates in the Faculty of Medicine from "85" to "86"**

upon motion (H. Dickson/E. Sutow).

**95:067**

Nominations to Senate Committees

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees, Mr Boran tabled the following names for election to Senate Committees:

Senate Committee on Academic Administration

P. Calkin	(Arts/Social Science)	1998
D. Scott	(Science)	1998
N. Murphy	(Health Professions)	1998
H. Lyttle	(Dentistry)	1998

Senate Physical Planning Committee

C. Warren	(Science)	1997
J. MacKinnon	(Science)	1998
L. Sorge	(Arts/Social Science)	1998

Senate Discipline Committee

R. Sandhu	(Management)	1998
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Senate Academic Appeals Committee

P. Reynolds	(Science)	1998
M.-L. Ellerton	(Health Professions)	1998
M. Sandhu	(Arts/Social Science)	Jan. '96-June '97

Senate Library Committee

G. Morgan	(Arts/Social Science)	1998
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Senate Computing and Information Technology Committee

R. Tetreault	(Arts/Social Science)	1998
C. Foong	(Dentistry)	1998
D. Kaufman	(Medicine)	1997

Ombud Advisory Committee

**R. Bannerman            (Dentistry)            1998**

Following the requisite calls for further nominations, Mr Dunn declared elected the persons named above.

**95:068**

University Rationalization

On behalf of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, it was moved (R. Bérard/M. Bradfield)

**that Senate endorse the Statement of Principles concerning Rationalization developed by the SAPC.**

Ms Ritchie asked what the expectations of SAPC were for the document. Mr Dunn said that there had been little discussion to date about the specifically academic principles behind rationalization. He said that the document would, if passed, be forwarded to the Minister of Education and the Nova Scotia Council on Higher Education. It was suggested, and agreed to by the mover and seconder:

**that the final paragraph should be amended to read: "The academic community must be responsible for determining the programs to be offered by the Nova Scotia postsecondary education system, within the financial resources available.**

The motion carried without dissent.

**95:069**

Notice of Motion - Wickwire Field

Mr Dunn reported that a notice of motion had been given concerning work done on the Wickwire Field, but he noted that the mover of the motion, Mr Pacey, had asked that a slightly amended version of the motion be put before Senate. Mr Pacey said that he was disappointed that work on the Field had proceeded while there were still serious questions about the project before Senate. He said that the cost of the project seemed to him substantially greater than the \$3.3 million estimated by the Administration and objected that

Senate had not had an adequate role in decisions about all aspects of the project. That said, he wished to focus the attention of Senate not on the resurfacing of the field but on the related work of demolition of buildings to provide replacement parking. It was moved (P. Pacey/M. Bradfield):

**That Senate refer to the Senate Physical Planning Committee the matter of the proposed demolition of the four houses at the corner of South Street and LeMarchant Street and the proposed demolition of the School of Education Building; and**

**that Senate request the Senate Physical Planning Committee to report to Senate on alternatives to the proposed demolition; and**

**that Senate request the Administration not to proceed with the above-mentioned demolitions until Senate has had an opportunity to discuss the report of the Senate Physical Planning Committee.**

Mr Pacey argued that the cost of the demolitions could not be justified at a time when the University was being forced to reduce journal subscriptions and not replace faculty members. He also said that several of the houses scheduled for demolition were, individually and collectively, of significant architectural and historical value, and he suggested that the Department of Physical Plant and Planning consider other options by which to replace parking spaces lost in the resurfacing of Wickwire Field.

Mr Lydon read correspondence from the President of the Dalhousie Student Union supporting the construction of the field and confirming the commitment of the student body to its allotted share of the costs.

Mr Stuttard asked if the University had inquired about sharing the use of the field at Saint Mary's University. Mr Clark said that some discussions had been held several years ago, but it had been determined that the Saint Mary's field was too heavily used to allow for the facility to be shared adequately with Dalhousie. Mr Lydon also pointed out that the Saint Mary's field was designed primarily for Canadian football, while the Wickwire Field was being prepared primarily as a venue for soccer.

Mr Clark said that the Senate Physical Planning Committee had, in May 1990, suggested that the then-Studley Field renewal be given the "highest priority", and that the bulk of the cost of the project would be realized from student and alumni contributions. Mr Bradfield replied that the SPPC decision of 1990 had been made in different circumstances and in response to a different plan. He said that the current project was an unfunded capital cost, which, as he understood it, ran counter to Board of Governors policy. Ms Ritchie said that the project was consistent with the Campus Plan, but she expressed some concern about the process used to secure approval for it.

Mr Brett asked if the demolitions were expected to add new parking spaces. Mr Mason said that the demolitions were needed to enable Dalhousie to provide the minimum number of parking spaces required by the City. Mr Pacey said that he could suggest alternative parking sites. Mr Mason replied that the buildings in question were old and costly to maintain. Mr Pacey said that there were many examples in the City of old buildings being renovated and their rents covering renovation and maintenance costs.

Ms Binkley asked if the University could provide alternative classroom and faculty office space to replace that currently in use in the School of Education Building. Mr Mason said that adequate alternative space could be found.

Ms O'Shea asked if the space on the site of the former Grace Maternity Hospital could provide an alternative. Mr Mason said that this space was being operated outside the normal parking plan for the University and would be open to the public as a revenue-generating operation to the joint benefit of Dalhousie and the Grace Hospital.

The question having been called, and the motion was defeated, 18 votes to 11.

## **95:070**

### Report of the President

Mr Clark presented and commented on his report (appended). He also noted the security arrangements associated with the meetings between the Prime Minister of Japan and the President of the United States of America to be held at the University later in the week.

Ms Hobson reported that the vice-presidents of the Halifax universities had met during the previous week to discuss the economic benefits of cooperation. She said that it was the intention of the group to have developed a business plan by the end of June.

Mr Clark also acknowledged the presentation, at the meetings of the Learned Societies in Montréal earlier in the month, of the Lifetime Service Award of the Canadian Association for Foundations of Education to Professor William Hare of the School of Education. Mr Bradfield also pointed out the award of a Canadian Journal of Economics prize for the best article to Professor Peter Burton of the Department of Economics.

## **95:071**

### Question Period

Mr Bradfield said that he had heard that the Faculty of Graduate Studies had awarded at

least one Killam Post-Doctoral Fellowship to an applicant who had not gone through the scrutiny of the Killam Post-Doctoral Fellowship Committee and over the objection of that Committee. He asked if this was so, and if so, why this decision had been made.

**95:072**

Adjournment

Mr Dunn made a brief presentation acknowledging the contributions of President Clark to the work of Senate over the previous nine years and expressed to the President the best wishes of Senate on his retirement. Mr Dunn also acknowledged the work of Mr Bérard as Secretary of Senate during five of the past six years. Ms Conrod then made a presentation to Mr Dunn on the occasion of the conclusion of his term as Chair of Senate.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m. upon motion (B. Mason/C. Stuttard).

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Secretary

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Chair