

Item: Senate Minutes, November 1995

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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY
MINUTES
OF
SENATE MEETING

SENATE met in regular session on Monday, 27 November 1995 at 4:00 p.m. in the University Hall, Macdonald Building.

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

Andrews, Archibald, Binkley (Secretary), Kay-Raining Bird, Birdsall, Brett, Cameron, Camfield, Campbell, Conrod, Cox, Dickson, Doolittle, Egan, Fraser, Haley, Hartzman, Hobson, Hooper, Kenny, Kiang, Klein, Lee, Lovely, Lydon, MacDonald, MacInnis, Maloney, McIntyre, Moore, Pacey, Pereira, Ricketts, Rosson, Russell, Ruddick, Ruedy, Siddiq, Starnes, Sutherland, Tatton, Taylor, Thomas, Traves.

Invitees: B. Crocker, G. Curri, J. Eastman, J. Fee, A. Wainwright.

Regrets: Crowell, Farmer, Sherwin, Wrixon.

95:149.

Adoption of Minutes

It was moved (Dickson/Doolittle)

that Item 6 -- For Information Only -- be moved to after "Matters Arising"
and that item 5 " Metro University Consortium/Business Plan" be made the
order of the day to begin at 16:45.

The motion carried.

95:150.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Stuttard noted that a correction to the minutes had been distributed by e-mail. The minutes of the 23 October 1995 meeting were approved as corrected.

95:151.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

95:152.

Administrators' Delegates at Senate Meetings

Ms. Binkley stated that at the 25 September meeting of Senate, Ms. Sutherland noted that when administrators are away from campus, a designated person acts in their stead. She then asked if, when *ex officio* members of Senate were away, could their designates be voting members of Senate. At its November 6 meeting the Senate Steering Committee decided that *ex officio* designates could come to Senate, but could not vote. In response to a query from Ms. McIntyre, the Secretary confirmed that appointments as, for example, Acting Dean would have full Senate rights.

95:153.

MBA Modifications

The Faculty of Management currently has three MBA programs: 22 credit and 20 credit/two year; and a 12 credit/8 month program. The Faculty now wishes to introduce a 15 credit/10 month program designed for people who already have a Bachelor's degree in Business or Commerce, but want more than the 8-month program offers. At its 9 November meeting, the Senate Steering Committee deemed these proposed changes to be minor curriculum modifications that did not need to go to the Senate Committee on Academic Administration, nor the Senate Academic Priorities and Budget Committee for appraisal, and did not require Senate approval.

95:154.

Draft Policy on Scholarly Activity

It was moved (Binkley)

that Senate approve the Dalhousie University Policy on Integrity in Scholarly Activity.

Discussion focused on item 3. Mr. Ruedy proposed and Mr. Dickson seconded the amendment

that the top line on p. 3 be changed to read "Misconduct in relation to scholarly activity includes but is not limited to the following:"

The discussion focused on whether the misconduct list should be inclusive or exclusive. Those Senators who supported the amendment argued that there

was need for a clause that would allow for unforeseen situations and would include practices that deviated substantially from research practices within the discipline. Those that opposed the amendment were concerned that the clause would open the way for spurious and malicious allegations and that marginal cases could be dealt with under the present list. It was pointed out that the Professional Officer of the DFA opposed an unlimited list in past drafts, whereas the University Legal Council had proposed an open-ended list.

The amendment carried.

It was moved (Lee/Pereira)

that clause 2.9 be removed.

Mr. Dickson and Mr. Ricketts pointed out that this clause was required by the "Tri-Councils" (MRC, NSERC and SSHRC). Mr. Cox believed scholars should be made aware of research integrity issues, and Ms. McIntyre argued that if we failed to do so, then the university would be deemed negligent.

The motion was defeated.

Discussion now focused on the relationship of Clauses 3.8 and 2.1. Some scientific senators were concerned that scholars who maintained labs would not be able to claim co-authorship on papers produced by scholars who worked in their labs. Productivity, as measured by publications, was vital for successful grant applications. If authorship were restricted to actual writers or collectors of data, then many senior scholars would not be listed as an author and funding for their labs and support for post-docs and students would be jeopardized.

It was moved (Tatton/Ruddick)

that in clause 2.1, the words "made a significant intellectual contribution to, or" be inserted after "that each author has."

The motion carried.

It was then moved (Lee/Ruedy)

**that the preamble should include three dimensions to scholarly integrity;
the third dimension being "full regard to the principles of fairness and the procedures in applicable collective agreements, to protect scholars from malicious or spurious allegations."**

After some discussion, the motion carried.

The discussion was suspended at 16:45 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.

95:155.

Metro University Consortium / Business Plan

Mr. Stuttard received consent to discuss the metro universities consortium business plan informally "as if in the committee of the whole." He pointed out that any motion would terminate the informal discussion. The meeting continued "as if in the committee of the whole" until Mr. Lydon moved, seconded by Mr. Cox:

It was moved (Lydon /Cox)

that the President report back to Senate as soon as possible with information concerning the Minister of Education's response to the Business Plan and its financial impact on Dalhousie University.

Mr. Cox asked Mr. Traves that given the difference in levels of cuts between those proposed in BACVII and the Business Plan, would there still be an assumption of tuition increasing annually by 10 percent. Mr. Traves responded that financial planning is based on a number of assumptions and the assumptions concerning tuition may or may not be changed as the planning process evolves. He felt we would do well to hold tuition increases at 10 percent.

The motion carried.

Ms. Conrod moved, seconded by Mr. Lydon:

that the meeting return to its discussions "as if in a committee of the whole."

The motion passed.

Subsequently, Mr. Andrews, seconded by Mr. Rosson, moved:

that the Senate meeting be extended until 18:30.

Mr. Traves and others indicated that they had to leave for other appointments.

The motion was defeated.

Mr. Ricketts requested that a special meeting of Senate solely to talk about the Business Plan be set up prior to Friday when the plan will be presented to the Minister. Mr. Stuttard agreed to try to arrange this.

95:156.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 18:05.

Secretary _____ Chair