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S E N A T E M E E T I N G

Senate met in regular session on Monday, March 24, 2003, at 4:00 p.m., in the University Hall, MacDonald Building.

Present with Mr. M. El-Hawary in the chair were the following members:

Binkley, Blunden, Breckenridge, Caldwell, Caley, Cercone, Cochrane, Coffin, Coughlan, Cunningham, Earl, Emodi, Finley, Fraser, Guy, Jost, Kwak, Lahey, B. MacDonald, N. MacDonald, MacInnis, Macrae, Maes, McGrath, McIntyre, Meagher-Stewart, A. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, Murphy, Neumann, Neves, Pelzer, Phillips, Rajora, Rathwell, Schroeder, Scott, Scully, Sommerfeld (recording secretary), Stroink, Traves, Ugursal, Watters, Whyte.

Regrets: Campbell, Corke, Dasgupta, Galarneau, Grantmyre, Hankey, Harvey, Huebert, Jalilvand, Louden, McNiven, Moore, Rowe, Starnes, Stuttard.

Absent: Ben-Abdallah, Connolly, Downe-Wamboldt, Hamilton, Hart, Keast, MacLean, Parpart, Rheault, Russell, Workman.

Invited guests: Mr. McKee

2003:024.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was ADOPTED as circulated.

2003:025.

Draft Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approval

The minutes of the meeting of February 24, 2003 were ADOPTED as circulated.

Matters Arising

Mr. Traves responded to a question raised in the previous meeting regarding security issues in the McCain Building. Mr. Traves confirmed that there had been recent substantial break-in activity in that building and efforts were currently underway to improve security measures.

2003:026.

In Camera. Voting on Honorary Degree Candidates

The assembly moved *in camera* to consider and vote on 14 honorary degree candidates, following which the assembly returned to open session.

2003:027.

Chair's Remarks

Mr. El-Hawary reported that the Senate Academic Priorities and Budget Committee was reviewing the President's Strategic Focus and planned on having a report ready for the next meeting of Senate.

2003:028.

Question Period

Mr. McGrath asked Mr. Traves for an update on the integrated brand marketing process at Dalhousie. Mr. Traves stated that the consultants had visited the University on two occasions. On the first, they met both in a large session and with approximately a dozen small groups. On the second visit, they held a series of meetings to review their preliminary report on content related to image issues, both internal and external to the University, and on organizational questions related to current marketing and communications efforts of the University. Recently a small group from Dalhousie met with the larger team of consultants in Denver to address follow-up issues and to respond to specific advertising ideas. It was anticipated that the consultants would be returning to Dalhousie sometime in mid-April to present recommendations related to communications and marketing structures, as well as to present their final recommendations in relation to ideas for a future marketing campaign.

Ms. Macrae asked Mr. Traves about enrollment and tuition, commenting that last year the budget allowed for 0% increase in enrollment, with the actual increase being about 9%. She noted that for the coming year the proposed budget included last year's 9% increase, but she suspected the increase would be higher and inquired where any surplus tuition would be directed. Mr. Traves responded that the proposed budget for 2003-04 was based on more aggressive assumptions, such as the higher enrollments, than in previous years given the actual enrollment levels of the past two years as well as the projected double cohort. He stated that the proposed budget included an increase of 750 students over last year and that the additional tuition fees have been incorporated as well. Mr. Traves noted that should that number be exceeded, the additional revenue would be used for unexpected operational costs such as the unexpected increase in fuel costs experienced this past year, as well as the pension deficit.

2003:029.

Nomination to the University Tenure & Promotions Appeal Panel

On behalf of the Senate Nominating Committee, Mr. El-Hawary moved:

THAT Jean Hughes, Faculty of Health Professions, who had received the requisite approval of the University President and the Dalhousie Faculty Association, be appointed to serve on the University Tenure and Promotions Panel, for the term April 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004.

The motion was CARRIED.

2003:030.

Steering Committee:

Requested Exemption of 10-Year Professorial Ruling (re: Professor Emeritus)

Mr. El-Hawary presented a request from Ms. McIntyre, Dean of the Faculty of Health Professions, dated December 2, 2002, that was considered by the Senate Steering Committee. The request was for an exemption to Senate's policy requiring that for appointment as a Professor Emeritus, an individual must have held the rank of Full Professor with a full-time appointment for at least ten years prior to retirement. Ms. McIntyre was requesting that as most faculty members in health professions came to academia late in their professional careers, that consideration after 5 years as opposed to 10 years was a more reasonable criterion for the FHP. Ms. McIntyre commented on the recent FHP process to strengthen the requirements for Professor Emeritus in the FHP to ensure excellence. During that review it had become clear that health professionals often came to academia later in their career paths, and while experiencing distinction at the academic level, they may not meet the 10-year criterion. Mr. Whyte commented that in the SSC discussion, it had been agreed that rather than make an exemption for one Faculty, that Senate might consider how such a change may be appropriate for other Faculties as well. Ms. Binkley commented that currently in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, those faculty who were appointed at the Professor Emeritus level tended to be the named Chairs, many of whom have had over 10 years at the full professor rank. Referring to the "normally" word used in the criteria, she commented that not meeting the 10 year rule by candidates in the FHP for example, could be accommodated. Ms. Binkley commented that she could not support lowering the standards such that most full professors would likely receive an appointment as a Professor Emeritus. Ms. McIntyre affirmed that the criteria in the FHP for Professor Emeritus was for the highest distinction. She further commented that normally faculty in the FHP would rarely meet the 10-year criteria given the usual career trajectories of the faculty in the FHP, and hence the "normally" referred to would not apply. Ms. Binkley commented that it may be that while "normally" applies to the whole University, in the FHP and perhaps medical faculty, "normally" meant not meeting that specific criteria at the 10-year level. Mr. Whyte re-iterated that the superlatives in the other criteria remained the same and suggested that the 10-year rule should be reduced or abolished. Mr. Coughlan argued that the 10-year rule should not be lowered for the whole University. Mr. Traves commented that a practical solution could be had in, given that all other criteria having been met, and given that all such appointments are received by him and then forwarded to the Board, that he invited Faculties to bring the names forward with the usual substantiation, articulating the rationale for the exemption for the "normal" 10-year rule. He suggested that should many such names be brought forward, then perhaps the 10-year rule could be considered for change.

Mr. El-Hawary stated that the matter would be returned to SSC for further discussion of possible changes with a resolution being presented at the next meeting of Senate.

2003:031.

Review of Code of Student Conduct: Composition

Mr. El-Hawary reminded the members that, further to the motion at the Senate meeting of December 9, 2002, the composition of the *ad hoc* University Committee was to be reported to Senate by the Vice-President (Student Services) prior to the *ad hoc* Committee commencing its

work. He invited Mr. McKee to address the Senate. Mr. McKee presented the membership for the *ad hoc* Committee as listed in the memo circulated with the Senate meeting agenda.

It was moved by Mr. Cercone, seconded by Mr. Whyte:

THAT the composition of the *ad hoc* University Committee to consider revisions to the Code of Student Conduct be composed of Mr. Eric McKee, Vice-President (Student Services), Chair; Ms. Susan Brousseau, Sexual Harassment Officer; Ms. Karen Crombie, Acting University Legal Counsel; Ms. Jodi Gallagher, Director, Student Advocacy Service; Ms. Joanne Macrae, Vice-President (Student Advocacy), Dalhousie Student Union; and Dr. Mysore Satish, Assistant Dean, Student Affairs, Faculty of Engineering.

Mr. McGrath inquired if it were the individuals themselves or the positions held being proposed as at least one member proposed would be leaving the University in the Spring. Mr. McKee responded that it was anticipated that the business of the *ad hoc* Committee would be completed by May 2003 and the members as named would be available through to that time.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

2003:032.

Other Business

There was no other business.

2003:033.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Secretary

Chair