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**DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY**  
**MINUTES**  
**OF**  
**SENATE MEETING**

Senate met in regular session in the Senate and Board Room on Monday, 13 January 1986 at 4:00 P.M.

Present with Mr. W.E. Jones in the chair were the following:

Andrews, Angelopoulos, Beazley, Belzer, Betts, Boyd R.J., Bradfield, Buckley, Cameron T.S., Caty, Chandler, Cohen A.D., Comeau, Cromwell, Cross M.L., Czapalay, Dean, Dunn, Easterbrook, Field, Fingard, Fournier, Friedenber, Ghose, Gibbling, Gratwick, Green, Haley, Holloway, Huber, Jeffery, Kamra, Keast, Leffek, Maloney, Manning, Nicola, O'Brien D.W.P., O'Shea, Ozier, Parpart, Pedersen, Pooley, Ritchie, Roberts, Rosenberg, Rutherford, Schroeder, Schwenger, Shaw T., Sherwin, Shires, Sinclair A.M., Sinclair S., Sodhi, Stern. Stewart M., Stewart P.N., Stuttard. Sutherland, Swaminthan, Thiessen, Tonks, Varma, Waterson, Wien, Winham, Wood, Zentilli, Zinck, Christie (Invitee), Traversy (Invitee).

Regrets: Bennett, Chaytor, Fulton, Jones J.V., Klein, Konok, Munroe, Perey, Precious, Ruf.

86:01

Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the 8 November 1985 meeting were accepted upon motion (Stuttard/Sinclair) with the addition of Mr. Varma's name under those present and the change of "Gupta" to "Guptil" in 85:126, para 2, line 3.

The minutes of 9 December 1985 were approved upon motion (Bradfield/Thiessen) with clarification that 85:138, line 4, referred to the Weldon Law Building and that meetings are held in the "Senate and Board Room", not the Board and Senate Room.

Mr. Andrews received assurance that 85:133, sentence 2, was an accurate reflection of what had been said at the meeting. He then noted that the question of a new President's potential wishes re: his/her status with respect to Senate (Senate Minute No. 85:134, 2), which he had raised in correspondence to Mr. Jones, had been referred to the Steering Committee. This question had not been answered to his satisfaction. Mr. Andrews agreed with the Chairperson's suggestion that further clarification of the reasons behind the Steering Committee's recommendation to proceed with the election process for the Chairperson of Senate could be sought from the Secretary of Senate.

It was moved and seconded ( Ghose/Kamra )

**that the Senate of Dalhousie University extends its support to the black people of South Africa and others in the struggle against apartheid and urges the Government of South Africa to stop apartheid. extend democratic rights to all its citizens irrespective of their race and skin colour. restore freedom of reporting and free all political prisoners including Mr. Nelson Mandela.**

**The Senate also urges the Board of Governors to examine its investment portfolio and withdraw its investments in those corporations that effectively support apartheid (in the same way as has been done in a sister Canadian University, i.e. McGill University.)**

Mr. Ghose, by way of a preamble, commented that the response of the government of Canada to the brutality encountered in the struggle against apartheid in South Africa was gratifying and quoted Joe Clark. Mr. Kamra added that since 1976 many organizations, churches and institutions had withdrawn support of companies who have business dealings there, investments in excess of five billion dollars. The mover and seconder concurred with Mr. Huber's recommendation that the motion be split into two motions, represented by the first and second paragraphs.

**The first motion carried without dissent.**

Mr. Ghose elaborated on his preamble to the motion by stressing the fact that foreign investments in South Africa had increased many times since 1978, and that any profits contributed to the apartheid regimen and to the repression and plight of the black people. Mr. Kamra reiterated his earlier comments. Ms. Czapalay reported that a motion supporting this motion had recently been passed by the DSU. Mr. Huber, as a member of the Investment Committee of the Board of Governors, believed that the monies invested did not belong to the Board of Governors, but were held in trust for specific designated purposes. He contended that many Canadian companies in which the Board has shares have some indirect involvement in South Africa as do individuals on the Board and Senate who, for example, own gold jewelry. Mr. Huber thought the motion was therefore potentially problematic if commitment of individuals was not assured. Mr. Roberts, who served as Senate's representative on the Trustees Investment Committee, took a different position than Mr. Huber, claiming that this was a special case, and hence, did not "damage" the responsibilities of trustees. Ms. Waterson, Messrs. T. Shaw, Friedenber, Bradfield, Varma, Kamra and Andrews also expressed their strong support of the motion. Mr. Andrews reminded Senators of questions he had raised one year ago in Senate concerning not only the investment policy of the Board of Governors with respect to this issue, but the scholarship "policy" for victims of apartheid in South Africa. The Vice-President (Academic and Research) assured him that action with respect to the second matter had been initiated and would be followed up immediately. Mr. Belzer considered that it was not hypocritical to vote in favour of this specific motion, if members kept in mind the larger complex issue of divestment, which could be undertaken in the future. Mr. Klein was hopeful that Senate would vote in favour of this motion. Mr. Bradfield submitted a notice of question of whether the President could vote Dalhousie University's shares in the Bank of Nova Scotia in a block in support of the churches stand against investment in South Africa. Mr. Zinck noted the irony in "attacking" The Bank of

Nova Scotia, yet honouring it for its contribution to computer software on the same date.

The motion **carried**. Mr. Huber asked that his abstention be recorded. Mr. Kamra agreed to recommend to the Secretary names of individuals/groups to whom the first motion should be directed.

86:02

Joint Board/Senate Information/Social Event

The Chairperson announced that the topic of discussion for the joint meeting to be held on January 21, 1986 at 4:45 p.m. would be the Report of the Royal Commission on Post Secondary Education. A subcommittee of APC, chaired by Ms. Ritchie, would prepare comments about the implications of recommendations encompassed in the report to be relayed at the meeting. There would be an opportunity for members of the Board and Senate to briefly discuss the report.

Mr. Andrews asked whether there would be other opportunities to communicate with the subcommittee, or to discuss the report in an open Senate meeting. Mr. W. Jones commented that the subcommittee would be examining the most useful ways to prepare a university response. Mr. Sinclair added that the Presidents of the universities were proposing a public session to provide opportunity for broad discussion and that it was anticipated that the province would attempt to implement the Council as quickly as possible.

86:03.

Reports and Recommendations -- Committees of Senate

A. Academic Planning Committee

1. Implementation of M.A./M.Sc. in Computing Science

Following clarification of the reasons this matter had come before Senate by Messrs. W. Jones and P. Huber (namely that Senate had earlier requested FPC to examine this programme to ensure that it did not occasion extra costs to the University), the following motion, moved by Mr. Stuttard on behalf of the APC carried:

**that implementation of the M.A./M.Sc. in Computing Science be approved.**

Mr. Huber stressed "that the status of scholarship funds should be pursued with the President" (APC 85:142, #2).

2. Proposed Expansion of the Graduate Programme in Human Communication Disorders  
Mr. Stuttard, on behalf of APC, moved

**that the proposed change from a two to a three-year programme in M.Sc. (Human Communication Disorders) be approved, with implementation dependent upon receipt of the required funds for the programme from external sources.**

**Motion carried**

Mr. Sodhi requested the rationale for having students "stay for three years" rather than the original two. Mr. Tonks responded in detail citing the reasons outlined in the documentation submitted to APC and Senate, including the need for extensive clinical contact time. The Chairman clarified for Mr. Andrews that the substance of the brief debate about the wording of the motion (APC85:146, para 2, last 2 lines) surrounded the words "with . . . sources" in the motion. Mr. Stuttard supported the academic merits of the proposal, but wondered, with reference to the last sentence in Mr. Tonks 20 November 1985 correspondence, whether the University would have to declare itself in a state of having to drop the programme for financial reasons, if anticipated financial support was not realized. Mr. Tonks clarified that the final sentence represented an attempt to reiterate the hope that MPHEC would adhere to its earlier promises. Mr. Betts wondered whether the motion included the \$285,000 equipment required over three years. The Chairman responded that external money would be required for everything and Mr. Tonks added that monies for equipment might be requested from the Capital Campaign in competition with other Faculties.

3. Proposed Cooperative Graduate Programmes in Education

A letter dated 2 January 1986 from Vice-President Sinclair indicated that no problems would arise in considering approval of this programme prior to approval of proposals for confederation. There was a consensus upon motion (Cohen on behalf of APC)

**that the proposed cooperative M.A., Ed.D., and Ph.D. programmes in Education be agreed to in principle.**

B. Committee on Committees

On behalf of the Committee on Committees, Mr. Boyd moved, seconded by Mr. Zinck, **that Dr. K. Ruf be nominated to replace Dr. U.T. Josenhans on the Senate Library Committee.**

Following three calls for further nominations by the Chairperson, Dr. Ruf was declared elected.

Mr. Boyd informed Senate that Dr. Judith A. Ritchie had agreed to replace Dr. R.S. Rodger as an official Senate observer at Board meetings for the six month period beginning January 1, 1986.

C. Committee on Academic Administration

1. Placement of Grades Received from Other Universities on Dalhousie Transcripts (CAA 85:065)

Mr. Sinclair moved, on behalf of the CAA,

**that, in addition to the usual information on the transcript, that the actual grade for letter of permission classes be recorded according to the system of the University which awards the credit, effective immediately.**

Mr. Andrews noted that the Royal Commission Report contained recommendations regarding the portability of credits in Nova Scotia. He wished assurance that the CAA was aware that inclusion of such grades (referred to in the motion) in calculation of degrees with distinction might create complications. Mr. Sinclair stated that the CAA motion preceded knowledge of the Royal Commission Report but was in the spirit of its recommendations and that there was no intention to change the method of calculation of merit points in the near future.

Mr. Pooley queried whether grades received from exchange programmes could also be recorded in the same way, to which Mr. Sinclair replied that they would only if letters of permission were involved. Mr. Betts commented on the inconsistencies of grading systems in Canadian universities and differentiated transfer credits from letters of permission. Mr. Sinclair clarified for Ms. Caty that the main advantage of such a move was to enhance interuniversity cooperation within the metropolitan area. Following further comments by Messrs. Pooley, Belzer, Betts and Ms. Waterson, Mr. Sinclair reiterated that the change would only apply to courses obtained on letter of permission. The motion carried.

D. Steering Committee

1. Revised Regulations Governing Appointments, Tenure and Promotion

A notice of motion, which had been precirculated in a separate mailout, was moved and seconded (Betts/Thiessen). Mr. Betts expressed the hope that if Senate adopted the motion, the criteria for promotion, currently outlined in the collective agreement, would be applicable to all faculty members. Ms. Ozier maintained that this was a serious motion which could "pit Senate against the DFA". The Steering Committee was currently considering what should be included in the Senate document vis a vis the collective agreement.

She moved, seconded by Mr. Huber,

**that the motion be tabled until the special meeting in February or March when the Revised Regulations would be discussed at length.**

The motion carried.

86:04.

Report of the President

The President referred to a letter which had been forwarded to the Secretary of Senate that afternoon in which he requested that Senate delegate authority to him to deal with a specific case involving a student. A recommendation had been received from the Dean to temporarily suspend a student who had misrepresented his academic record.

It was moved and seconded (MacKay/Pooley)

**that Senate give the President the authority to dispense disciplinary measures, including the authority to suspend from the University, as may seem to him appropriate after meeting with the student concerned.**

Mr. Friedenberghesitated to abdicate Senate's responsibility to the President. The President reported that the matter had been referred to the Senate Discipline Committee and members had concluded they had no jurisdiction to deal with this issue. Mr. Friedenbergheretained his reservations about throwing away procedural precautions and wondered why extraordinary delegation should occur in this case. The President commented that there was no existing process to deal with such cases. Ms. Ozier spoke as a member of the Senate Discipline Committee, contending that the committee would wish to meet with the President. She responded to Ms. Sherwin's question by stating that the committee would probably not be prepared to hear the case if awarded the authority by Senate. The President re-read Section

10.3 of the University regulations for Mr. Stuttard. The Chairperson explained that the only way Senate could deal expediently with this motion was to empower some individual(s) to look into the matter and report back to Senate.

Ms. Sherwin moved, seconded by Mr. Bradfield

**that the motion be amended to add "that the decision be taken in consultation with the Senate Discipline Committee, the President of the Dalhousie Student Union and the Chairperson of Senate, and that there be a report back to Senate."**

The amendment passed. The motion as amended carried.

Ms. Waterson requested that the Senate Discipline Committee be asked to recommend desired changes, if any, to the terms of reference and jurisdiction of that committee as soon as possible. Ms. Ozier requested that this include the possibility that the terms of reference not be altered. Ms. Waterson and Mr. Andrews shared their concern about insufficient preparatory information for voting on this motion.

E. Honorary Degrees Committee -- Tabling of Names (In Camera)

The President, as Chairperson of the Honorary Degrees Committee, tabled names of 11 potential candidates for receipt of honorary degrees at the Spring Convocations and provided a brief description of their individual resumes. (Detailed resumes are available for perusal in the Senate Office.) He reminded members of the names of three individuals previously approved by Senate, who would be approached to determine their availability.

Mr. Bradfield requested a report from the Honorary Degrees Committee of the procedures followed in developing the list presented to Senate.

The reports of the APC-FPC on Budget Progress, the Presidential Search Committee and the President were postponed until the next regular meeting of Senate in light of the lateness of the hour.

86:05.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

