Wednesday, March 18th, 1931

An adjourned special meeting of the Senate of The University of British Columbia was held on Wednesday, March 18th, 1931, at 8:00 p.m., in the Board Room.

Present: President Klinck (in the Chair), Dean F. M. Clement, Dean R. W. Brock, Dean D. Buchanan, Mr. E. A. Lloyd, Dr. G. G. Moe, Mr. J. M. Turnbull, Dr. H. Vickers, Mr. H. F. Angus, Dr. A. H. Hutchinson, Mr. E. C. Hayward, Mr. J. N. Harvey, Dr. F. P. Patterson, Mr. G. W. Clark, Mr. P. H. Elliott, Rev. Dr. J. G. Brown, Rev. Dr. W. H. Vance, Dr. C. G. Sedgewick, Mr. Sherwood Lett, Mr. H. T. Logan, Mr. A. E. Lord, Rev. Canon A. H. Sovereign, Dr. Evlyn F. Farris, Mrs. Beatrice Wood, Dr. C. Killam, Miss A. E. Jamieson, Mr. Sydney Anderson and Mr. Lyle A. Atkinson.

The Secretary read the call of the meeting:

1. Matters presented to the Senate by the Honourable the Minister of Education.

2. Report of the Committee on Calendar.

A letter was received from Judge Howay, who has been granted twelve months leave of absence from his official duties, in which he asked Senate to excuse him from attendance at its meetings for the remainder of the year.

Dean Clement)
Mrs. Wood ) That Judge Howay's letter be suitably acknowledged by the Secretary.

Carried

The President stated that since the last meeting of the Senate certain developments had taken place in reference to the matters included in the first item on the agenda, and that in this connection a letter had
been received from the Honorary Secretary of the Board of Governors and two letters from himself, and he wished to know if Senate desired this information before proceeding with the business.

Dr. Vance
Miss Jamieson

That the communications be read.

Carried

A letter from the Honorary Secretary of the Board of Governors was read in which it was stated that the Board appreciated the desire of Senate to cooperate with it under the present situation but felt that, until the Government had definitely announced its budget, consideration of all matters referred to in the resolution should be deferred.

For the information of Senate, a letter from the President was read stating that a committee had been appointed by the Board of Governors to survey the present buildings and to report as to the number of students who can with safety attend classes therein, with a view to limiting attendance to such number.

For the information of Senate, the President submitted a statement presented by him to the Board of Governors on March 16th showing the reductions from the 1930-31 budget and commitments for 1931-32, together with a copy of his explanatory notes thereon.
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1. **Matters presented to the Senate by the Honourable the Minister of Education**

A resolution was presented by Dr. Killam:

**THAT** the Senate cannot see its way clear to accept the method of limitation of attendance of students at the University on the basis suggested by the Honourable the Minister of Education, namely, that a limited number of students be admitted in order of merit as their names appear on the Matriculation list, and,

**THAT** the attention of the Honourable the Minister of Education be called to the following facts:

1. When the University was established by a special act of the Legislature, it was given exclusive rights of degree-conferring powers within the Province, except in Theology. As long as the University retains the exclusive right to grant degrees it would appear to be bound to admit all matriculants.

2. That the Senate has taken the following definite steps along the line of raising the standard of admission and therefore limiting the attendance:

   (a) Full Matriculation has been made the standard of entrance upon the University course.

   (b) The minimum required for each subject of Matriculation has been raised to 50% except in the case of students obtaining an average of 60%.

   (c) The Senate has exercised the right of asking unsatisfactory students to retire from the University even after a period of three months' attendance.

Dr. Killam)

Dr. Vance ) That this resolution be adopted. 

Carried
Dean Buchanan presented a statement showing the effect that the new Matriculation standard would have had upon the June, 1930, Junior Matriculation pass lists.

Mr. Lett  Mr. Anderson) That Senate recommends to the Board of Governors that in view of the decreased appropriation the moneys available be devoted to the cost of teaching and such research work as may be necessary thereto.

Carried

Mr. Lett  Mr. Anderson) That Senate recommends [to the Board of Governors] that the cost of the research work hitherto carried on by the Faculty of Agriculture, other than such work as may be necessary to teaching, be assumed by the Provincial Government and coordinated with the work of the Department of Agriculture of the Province and that such cost be provided in addition to the University appropriation.

Carried

Mr. Atkinson  Mr. Lord) That the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture be asked to submit to Senate a report of courses which may be offered in the Faculty of Agriculture at a cost not to exceed $50,000.00

In the discussion it was agreed that a statement should be prepared by the Dean showing the cost of teaching and the research that is fundamental to teaching as separate from the research which is done for the benefit of the Province as a whole. Mr. Atkinson was agreeable to his motion being tabled if the information with regard to cost of teaching as compared to cost of research and
maintenance of the farm would be made available to Senate.

Dr. Vance) Dr. Brown) That the motion be laid on the table until we are in receipt of the information.

Carried

2. Report of the Committee on Calendar

Mr. Sovereign) Dr. Hutchinson) That we consider the section in regard to Matriculation Requirements.

Carried

Mr. Turnbull) Dr. Sedgewick) That the same safeguard as given in the Requirements for Matriculation for 1931 in regard to the possibility of the University having to limit attendance be included in the Matriculation Requirements for the forthcoming year.

Carried

Mr. Turnbull, chairman of the Committee on Calendar, presented the "material" for the Matriculation Requirements for 1932. The various changes had been approved by Senate previously except the following regulation in reference to Agriculture as a Senior Matriculation option which was presented and included in the report,-

Agriculture III may be taken as one option by candidates entering the Faculty of Agriculture; such candidates are recommended to take the required courses for First Year Agriculture viz. English, Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology, Agriculture. No credit will be allowed for Agriculture in the case of candidates entering the other faculties by Senior Matriculation.
Mr. Turnbull) Dr. Sedgewick) That the Matriculation Requirements for 1932 be approved as presented, subject to correction of clerical errors and to co-ordination of details in cooperation with the Faculties and the Department of Education.         Carried

Dr. Vance) Mr. Lord) That consideration of the calendar be deferred and that a special meeting be assembled at the call of the Chair.          Carried

Dr. Vance) Dr. Patterson) That we adjourn.          Carried

Stanley W. Mathews
Secretary

R. W. Brock
Chairman