

Item: Board of Governors Minutes, December 1981

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Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors held on December 17, 1981 in the Board and Senate Room at 4:00 p.m.

Dalhousie University  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

PRESENT: Mr. G. E. C. Brown  
Dr. Donna Curry  
Mr. John Graham  
Mrs. L. Green  
Miss Zilpha Linkletter,  
Vice-Chairman

Dr. W. A. MacKay  
Mr. Stewart McInnes, Q.C.  
Edwin F. Ross, M.D.,  
Honorary Secretary

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Miss Zilpha Linkletter, presided. Also present were Messrs. D. Mann (Director of Information), A. M. Sinclair (Chairman of Senate), G. A. Klassen (Vice-President, Academic & Research), L. R. Shaw (Vice-President, Administration & Finance), B. Irwin (Director of Alumni Affairs), and A. J. Tingley (Secretary).

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting, which had been circulated, were approved.

Board Matters

- a) Consideration of Board Committees was deferred.
- b) The Alumni Association had nominated the following to fill a vacancy on the Board:

Mr. Drew Sperry

There being no other nominations, Mr. Sperry was declared elected.

Committee Reports

*Staff Relations Committee*

In the absence of the Chairman of the Committee, the President presented the report on Staff Changes, and drew attention to a number of particular cases. On motion, these were ratified. He also referred to the deaths of Dr. A. R. Bevan, of the Department of English, and Professor L. V. Balogh, School of Law.

*Staff Benefits Committee*

Mrs. Lorraine Green reported that this Committee has been meeting regularly. As a result of a consideration of the Pension Fund, it is expected that some changes will be recommended to the Board.

*Investment Committee*

Investment changes which had taken place since the previous meeting of the Board were ratified.

*Building and Grounds Committee*

Mr. G. E. C. Brown reported for this Committee. He advised that work on the rink has been delayed because of recent high winds but otherwise is proceeding normally. Construction is approximately one month behind schedule, and it is now expected that the opening will be in March. It is approximately \$250,000.00 over budget. The report of the Space Utilization Study is expected shortly. The Dental Building was completed within budget. Renovation of the President's house has been completed, the total cost being considerably over budget. Consideration is being given to some moves which may offset the cost overrun. A full report will be forthcoming.

*Finance and Budget Committee*

The President commented on budget preparation. Mr. Shaw described the process as outlined in the "Budget Book".

Fund Raising

Mr. Stewart McInnes described meetings with Mr. John Taylor, an external consultant, in which consideration is being given to a major fund raising effort. Mr. Shaw advised that a formal fund raising strategy is being planned, this to be long-term as well as short-term. A draft of a document describing the current fund raising activities was circulated to those present by Mr. Irwin. Definite proposals concerning this matter will be presented at a later meeting of the Board.

Reports

a) The Chairman of Senate, Dr. A. M. Sinclair, described the Senate considerations which led to a decision not to approve the short-term recommendations made in a report of the Senate Financial Planning Committee. Because of this Senate decision, the long-term recommendations of the report have not been pursued.

b) Mr. John Graham spoke on behalf of the President of the Student Union, Mr. John Logan. He reported that a referendum will be held on the question of the Dalhousie Student Union joining the Confederation of Students. He expressed the opinion that this Federation is effectively lobbying in Ottawa.

c) President MacKay reported on several matters.

1. Saint Mary's University, Mount Saint Vincent University, and Dalhousie University have formulated plans leading to co-operative efforts in education which it is believed will be to the benefit of all. Dalhousie is also involved in discussions with the Atlantic Institute of Education.

2. He reported that the annual concert of the Music Department and Dalhousie Chorale had been presented in its usual successful way.

3. He advised that a number of groups have been invited to his residence to observe the renovations.

4. All members of the University have been invited to a carol-singing session at the Arts Centre at lunch time on December 24. Chowder will be served.

Signing Officers

It was agreed that the signing officers not under seal be as follows:

Mr. Peter Flemming  
Mr. E. J. Nichols  
Mr. O. M. Nofhle  
Mrs. Louise Smith

Alternates:

Dr. W. A. MacKay  
Mr. Michael Roughneen  
Mr. L. R. Shaw

It was also agreed that the signing officers - Board of Governors - be as follows:

Dr. A. Gordon Archibald  
Miss Zilpha Linkletter  
Dr. W. A. MacKay  
Mr. Struan Robertson  
Dr. E. F. Ross  
Mr. L. R. Shaw

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Edwin R. Ross, M.D.,  
Honorary Secretary

Dr. A. Gordon Archibald,  
Chairman