

Item: Board of Governors Minutes, April 1983

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Minutes of a Meeting of the
Board of Governors held on Thursday,
April 21, 1983 in the Board and
Senate Room at 4:00 p.m.

Dalhousie University
Halifax, Nova Scotia

PRESENT: Dr. A. Gordon Archibald, Chairman	Mr. S. McInnes
Mr. James S. Cowan	Mrs. Ruth Murray
Dr. Donna Curry	Mr. G. C. Piercey
Dr. D. A. Eisner	Mr. Peter Rans
Mr. Brian Flemming	Mr. David Ritcey
Mr. John W. Graham	Ms. Heather Robertson
Mr. A. G. Hayman	Mrs. Judith Sapp
Ms. Mary L. C. Lamb	Mr. G. Seymour
Miss Zilpha Linkletter, Vice-Chairman	Mr. A. Sharma
Ms. Elizabeth A. Macdonald	Mr. R. G. Smith
Ms. M. D. MacDonald	Mr. D. C. R. Sobey
Dr. W. A. MacKay	Mr. I. A. Thompson
	Mrs. Peggy Weld
	Mr. F. B. Wickwire

Also present were Messrs. G. A. Klassen (Vice-President, Academic and Research), R. Shaw (Vice-President, Administration and Finance), A. M. Sinclair (Chairman of Senate), D. Mann (Editor, University News), O. P. Kamra (President, Dalhousie Faculty Association), D. M. Cameron (Director of Policy and Planning), P. Huber (D.F.A. Representative on Pension Advisory Committee), G. George (Director, Insurance and Employee Benefits), M. Roughneen (Director, Personnel/Payroll Services), B. Crocker (Legal Advisor to the President), and A. J. Tingley (Secretary).

Mr. K. Nightingale and Ms. J. Saulnier, who will take office as student representatives for the forthcoming year, were also present.

Regrets were received from Mr. W. G. Campbell and Mr. G.T.H. Cooper.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of March 17, 1983 were amended by adding the names of Mr. R. G. Smith and Ms. Mary L. C. Lamb to the list of those present. They were then approved.

President's Introductory Remarks

The President recommended that the May meeting of the Board be held on May 25, instead of that originally announced. This was approved.

Board Matters

Nomination of Student Representatives

The President reported that the following had been nominated as the student representatives on the Board:

for one year terms commencing May 1, 1983:

Tim Hill (President, Student Union)
Karl Nightingale
Janine Saulnier

for a three year term commencing May 1, 1983:

John W. Graham

Board Matters
(continued)

Nomination of Student Representatives (continued)
It was agreed that these should be members.

Committee Membership

A suggestion of the President that the present membership of Committees be continued until May 31 was approved.

Academic Matters

Programme Leading to the Degree of Master of Development Economics
Dr. G. Klassen reported that the Master of Development Economics programme had been approved by the M.P.H.E.C., as an option within the existing Master of Economics programme. It was agreed that the Board would await advice from Senate about implementation of the programme.

Centre for Marine Geology

Dr. Klassen outlined a proposal for a Centre for Marine Geology which had been submitted by Senate. It was agreed that this proposal should be recommended to the M.P.H.E.C.

Change in Name of the Department of Preventive Medicine

The Senate had recommended that the name of the Department of Preventive Medicine be changed to the Department of Community Health and Epidemiology. This was approved.

Degree Designation for Health Services Administration Programme

The Senate had also recommended that the degree for the M.P.A. students in Health Services Administration be designated as Master of Public Administration (Health Services Administration), this being desired because of certain accreditation requirements. Approval was granted for this designation, and the President will advise the M.P.H.E.C.

Reports of
Standing Committees

Staff Relations Committee

This report was presented by Mr. Brian Flemming. He drew attention to certain items of particular interest. Appointments and changes included in the report were approved.

Building and Grounds Committee

In the absence of Mr. G. E. C. Brown, the President reported that tenders will be called in the near future for the renovation of the Forrest Building. Approval of the project, within limits previously approved for costs and government funding, has now been received.

Finance and Budget Committee

The President referred to the recent announcement that the increase in funding for universities by the Nova Scotia government would be limited to five percent. He pointed out that it is not yet clear what the effect of this will be on Dalhousie.

Mr. Sharma circulated a document entitled "Costs versus Resources: Life on a Sinking Ship," and spoke at some length about the concerns of students about accessibility to higher education in the light of various financial difficulties.

Reports of
Standing Committees
(continued)

Finance and Budget Committee (continued)

A motion was presented by Mr. P. Rans, seconded by Mr. A. Sharma, as follows:

Be it resolved that the University through its officers publically call on the provincial government to restore student summer employment programs to at least last year's level and to change the Student Aid program criteria back to the way they were before August, 1982.

These changes will be a first step toward addressing the problem of accessibility to post-secondary education for students from low and middle income families.

This public call on government will be accomplished through a press conference and/or a one-quarter page advertisement in the Chronicle-Herald from the officers and the Board of Dalhousie University.

Be it further resolved that President MacKay approach the other university presidents in Nova Scotia through the A.A.U. to request similar action on the part of their institutions.

A number of members took part in a general discussion on this motion. Sympathy was expressed with the point made, but there was concern as to how the interests of the university could best be promoted. The President felt that it would not be advisable at this time to take certain of the actions specified.

It was moved and seconded that the motion be tabled. This motion was carried. Mr. Sharma asked that his dissenting vote be recorded.

The following motion was then put and carried:

The President should consult with the Executive of the Board and the Student Relations and Residence Committee to consider action that might be taken on the basis of the above motion.

Student Relations and Residence Committee

Dr. D. Curry presented a recommendation with respect to residence fees to be effective September 1 next, as in Appendix A, attached. This schedule was approved.

A proposal concerning tuition fees, attached to the President's Report which was circulated at the meeting, will be considered by the Student Relations and Residence Committee, and the recommendation of that Committee will be brought to the May meeting of the Board of Governors.

Reports of
Standing Committees
(continued)

Pension Advisory Committee

A document, a copy of which is attached as Appendix B, was circulated to those at the meeting. Mr. M. Roughneen and Dr. P. Huber described these proposals at some length.

Mr. Roughneen said that copies of the actuarial report on the Pension Fund and other supporting documents will be provided to members of the Board before a decision is requested.

Joint Board/
Senate Ad-Hoc
Committee--Interim
Report

Mr. F. B. Wickwire reported that the first draft of this Committee's report will be considered by the Committee immediately following the Board meeting. It is anticipated that a final report will be available for the next meeting of the Board of Governors.

Gifts to the
University

The President reported briefly on this topic, and referred to a recent gift from an estate as an example of significant gifts received by the University from time to time.

President's
Report

A written report was circulated to those present at the meeting.

Officers of the
Board of
Governors

The President reported that a Committee has been established with Mr. R. G. Smith as Chairman to consider nominees for positions as Officers of the Board. Mr. Smith advised that the Committee is not yet ready to report. Board members were invited to forward any suggestions to Mr. Smith or to the President.

Alumni Dinner

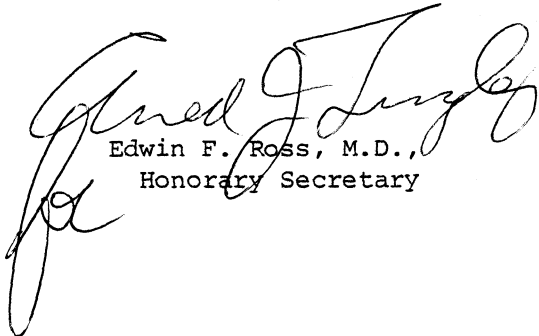
Mrs. P. Weld reminded those present that the annual Alumni Dinner will be held on Thursday, May 5, 1983. Tickets may be obtained from members of the Alumni Board. She asked for all support possible.

Forthcoming
Convocations

The President reminded all of the forthcoming convocations.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.


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


A. Gordon Archibald, LL.D.,
Chairman

CENTRE FOR MARINE GEOLOGY

A Centre for Marine Geology within the Department of Geology is proposed. The Centre will provide a focus for the activities of geologists, physicists and oceanographers interested in the geology of the continental margins and sea floor. Members of this group are presently responsible for the drilling project in Cyprus and additional projects of this scale are contemplated.

There are three major justifications for the establishment of a Centre for Marine Geology:

- Recent growth in research and other activities in marine geology is likely to lead to an effort that is difficult to contain within the framework of a department with a strong teaching commitment.
- A clearly identifiable focus for work in marine geology is needed in order to attract support to develop new activities and expand existing programs.
- A Centre for Marine Geology will provide a link with the petroleum industry which, through offshore hydrocarbon production, will be an important factor in Nova Scotia for several decades to come.

The activities of the Centre for Marine Geology will combine existing and new programs. These activities will consist principally of traditional academic research with financial support from N.S.E.R.C. and comparable agencies, with contract research having a secondary role.

The initial personnel of the Centre will consist of seven faculty members with shared appointments in the Department of Geology, together with their support staff. Additional membership of the Centre, particularly at an associate level, will be encouraged.

Grant funds already secured by the initial membership of the Centre, at close to one million dollars per annum, are sufficient for the immediate establishment of the Centre. Funding is expected to increase substantially once the Centre is established by further approaches to granting agencies and industry to reach three million dollars per annum within the first five year period of operation.

The Centre will form an integral part of the Department of Geology. Founding members will have shared appointments in the Centre

and the Department. Responsibility for graduate and undergraduate teaching will be shared between Centre appointees and other members of the Department of Geology. Equipment in the Centre and Department will be available to all faculty.

It is anticipated that substantial benefits will accrue to the University from the Centre's activities in the development of Nova Scotia's marine resources.

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