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Minutes of a Meeting of the  
Board of Governors held on Thursday,  
March 17, 1983 in the Board and  
Senate Room at 4:00 p.m.

Dalhousie University  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

PRESENT: Dr. A. Gordon Archibald, Chairman	Dr. W. A. MacKay
Mr. W. G. Campbell	Mrs. Ruth Murray
Dr. Donna Curry	Mr. Peter Rans
Dr. D. A. Eisner	Mr. W. Struan Robertson, Honorary Treasurer
Mr. John W. Graham	Mr. Drew Sperry
Miss Zilpha Linkletter, Vice-Chairman	Dr. C. B. Stewart
Ms. Elizabeth A. Macdonald	Professor Barry Wheaton
	Mr. F. B. Wickwire

Also present were Messrs. D. Mann (Editor-in-Chief, University News), B. Crocker (Legal Advisor to the President), O. Kamra (President, Dalhousie Faculty Association), J. G. Sykes (Director of Planning and Space Management), L. R. Shaw (Vice-President, Administration and Finance), A. M. Sinclair (Chairman of Senate), R. W. Willwerth (of the firm Duffus, Romans, Kundzins, Rounsefell, Ltd.), and A. J. Tingley (Secretary).

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were amended by adding the name of Zilpha Linkletter to the list of those present, and then approved.

President's  
Introductory Remarks

The President referred to a number of documents which were circulated at the meeting. These are referred to below.

Board Matters

*Board Membership*

The President reported on the efforts being made to have vacancies on the Board filled. He presented a list of those who may be proposed, with a request that these be listed by the Secretary separately, and not included in the minutes, as they have not yet agreed to serve nor has the Nova Scotia government agreed to the nominations.

It was agreed that if the government accepts the nominations and the nominees then accept appointment, they may take office prior to the April meeting.

*Schedule of Meetings*

The President proposed that the schedule be as in the past, except for the October and April meetings. He suggested that these be considered as semi-annual meetings, and that particular efforts be made to arrange these so that as many as possible can be present. At the October meeting the Board could be given an overview of what

Board Matters  
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*Schedule of Meetings (continued)*

is planned for the year just beginning. In April members might reflect on what has been done during the year just closing, and on what should be done in the future. This recommendation was approved, so meetings will be held on the dates of the schedule circulated for the February 17, 1983 meeting, except for the October and April meetings, the dates of which will be settled later.

It was also agreed that all the meetings from September to June be full Board meetings. Other times will be arranged at which the Executive will meet with representatives of Senate. Plans for such meetings will be made after the Ad-Hoc Joint Board/Senate Committee has reported.

Academic Matters

*Programme Leading to a Ph.D. in Philosophy*

Information on this programme had been circulated with the agenda, and a further document, prepared by Vice-President Klassen, was circulated at the meeting.

A number of questions about the proposed programme were asked, the particular reference being to finances. It was pointed out that there are minimal financial applications. It was then agreed that this programme be recommended to the M.P.H.E.C.

*Community Medicine Residency Programme*

Information about this programme had been circulated with the agenda, and another document prepared by Vice-President Klassen was circulated to those present.

Of particular interest was the fact that this programme will be offered cooperatively with the University of Toronto. One year of the four-year residency will be at Dalhousie. It is expected that there will be approximately two residents per year in this programme. There will be no significant effect on finances.

It was agreed to recommend this programme to the M.P.H.E.C.

Reports of the  
Standing Committees

*Staff Relations Committee*

The report of this Committee was presented by the President, since no member of the Committee was present. One amendment was made, which is recorded on the copy of the report in the official file. Some appointments of particular interest were pointed out by the President.

*Building and Grounds Committee*

As Mr. Brown, Chairman of the Committee, was absent, Mr. Shaw reported.

Reports of  
Standing Committees

*Building and Grounds Committee (continued)*

Plans for the restoration and renovation of the Forrest Building have now been drawn. The history of the planning for this work was outlined, and a document was circulated to those present giving the proposed costs. Elaboration concerning the plans and costs was given by Mr. Sykes. These are detailed in Appendix A.

The President recommended that, subject to further consultation with the Physical Planning Committee of Senate, tenders be called.

This recommendation was approved, it being understood that further written confirmation concerning the government grant will be obtained after tenders have been called, and after there is discussion as to how the University's share of the costs would be handled.

Mr. Robertson wondered when the space occupied by the School of Business will be renovated. It was explained that there are no firm plans for doing this as yet, and in any case nothing major could be done until the Nova Scotia Art Gallery has been moved. It has been suggested that the old church hall property be razed.

(The Chairman, Dr. A. G. Archibald, departed at 5:25, and the Chair was then taken by the Vice-Chairman, Miss Zilpha Linkletter.)

*Finance and Budget Committee*

The Chairman, Miss Linkletter, reported that the Committee has been meeting, and making efforts to come up with a balanced budget.

The President pointed out that government grants are as yet unknown. Indications are that because of restraint at both the federal and provincial levels, grants will increase only minimally, but it is difficult to make hard decisions in the absence of firm knowledge.

Mr. Shaw described the present budget situation, and outlined specific steps which are being proposed. He believes that a balanced budget, or a nearly balanced budget, can be attained. In answer to questions, he said that he does not expect that major additional real estate sales will be possible in the near future.

President's  
Report

Copies of two documents, "The Renewal Process," dated March 14, 1983, and "Report to Senate and the Board of Governors," dated March, 1983, were circulated.

The President pointed out of particular interest his visit to

President's  
Report  
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Victoria, and mentioned a luncheon there which Professor Murray Fraser, formerly of the faculty of our Law School, had arranged for him. At this luncheon he was presented with a picture by Mrs. M. German-van Eck, for the University's collection.

He expressed concern about morale on campus. While he realizes there is considerable unhappiness, he feels that there is a deep commitment to the University on the part of the Dalhousie community, particularly faculty and students, which will assist in getting through this difficult period. He invited the Chairman of Senate and the President of the Dalhousie Faculty Association to comment.

Dr. A. M. Sinclair agreed that there are frustrations and resentment on the faculty side. Nevertheless he is optimistic, and believes that a critical stage has not yet been reached.

Dr. O. Kamra confirmed that members of the D.F.A. are frustrated because they do not know what is going to happen. All want to be assured that each segment of the University is contributing its share to the balancing of the budget.

Other Business

Mr. P. Rans announced a symposium to be held on Wednesday, March 23 next, sponsored by the Student Unions of Nova Scotia. This will last throughout the day, and will be held in the Green Room of the Student Union Building. He invited all present to attend.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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

  
A. Gordon Archibald, LL.D.,  
Chairman