

Item: Board of Governors Minutes, March 1984

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Minutes of a Meeting of the
Board of Governors held on Tuesday,
March 20, 1984 at 4:00 p.m. in the
Board and Senate Room

Dalhousie University
Halifax, Nova Scotia

PRESENT: Dr. A. G. Archibald,
Chairman
Mr. G. T. H. Cooper
Mr. J. S. Cowan
Mr. J. W. Graham
Mr. A. G. Hayman
Mr. T. Hill
Ms. M. Lamb
Miss Z. Linkletter,
Honorary Secretary
Ms. M. D. MacDonald
Dr. W. A. MacKay
Mrs. S. Medjuck
Dr. C. Murray
Mrs. R. Murray

Mr. K. Nightingale
Mr. G. Piercey,
Honorary Treasurer
Mr. W. S. Robertson,
Vice-Chairman
Dr. H. Roper
Mrs. P. Roscoe
Mrs. J. Sapp
Mr. S. Sharma
Mr. D. C. R. Sobey
Dr. C. B. Stewart
Mrs. P. Weld
Mr. F. B. Wickwire
Mr. S. Zwicker
*Mr. P. Doig

Also present were Messrs. M. Roughneen (Director of Personnel Services); L. R. Shaw (Vice-President, Finance and Development); M. Wright (Director of Finance); G. A. Klassen (Vice-President, Research); A. M. Sinclair (Vice-President, Academic); D. M. Cameron (Vice-President, Planning and Resources); W. E. Jones, J. McNulty, and R. Rodger (Senate Representatives); A. J. Tingley (Secretary); and Mrs. P. Burt (President, Dalhousie Faculty Association).

Regrets were received from Dr. M. L. Campbell, Dr. D. A. Eisner, Mr. D. J. Hennigar, Mr. S. McInnes, Mr. J. Moore, Dr. C. E. Ritchie, and Ms. H. Robertson.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of February 21, 1984, which had been circulated, were approved.

Student Members
of Board

The following nominations to the Board of Governors by the Student Union to be effective May 1st were ratified:

Mr. Alex Gigeroff (President, Student Union)
Mr. Greg Hardy

It was agreed that these persons would be invited to attend the March and April meetings of the Board as observers.

The nomination of the following to complete the term of J. Saulnier, who has resigned, was ratified:

Mr. S. Sharma

President's
Introductory
Remarks

The President referred to some additional agenda items which he would introduce later in the meeting.

Board Matters

(a) Board Representatives on Senate Committees

The President's Council had recommended that Board representatives be named to certain Senate Committees, as recommended by the Ad-Hoc Joint Board/Senate Committee to Investigate Circumstances Surrounding the President's Declaration of Restraint and Renewal. It was agreed that representatives be as follows:

Academic Planning Committee: Dr. C. B. Stewart
Financial Planning Committee: Miss Z. Linkletter
Physical Planning Committee: Mr. J. S. Cowan
Committee on Academic Administration: Dr. H. Roper
Library Committee: Mrs. P. Weld
Computer Advisory Committee: Mr. D. Ritcey

(b) Joint Meetings - Statutory Requirement

The President's Council had agreed that the statutory requirement for joint meetings be considered satisfied by the meetings of the President's Council. As some concern was expressed about this, a decision was deferred.

Reports of
Standing
Committees

(a) Staff Relations Committee

Ms. M. MacDonald presented this report, and drew attention to a number of items of particular interest. The recommendations of the Committee were approved.

Attention was drawn to former faculty members who had died since the previous meeting, as follows:

Dr. C. Robert Dickson
Dr. Thomas Lawrie
Professor A. S. Mowat

Ms. MacDonald reported that as a result of a typographical error, there is an incorrect statement in the collective agreement. To remedy this, she proposed the following motion:

"Be it resolved that the Board of Governors approves an amendment to Clause 30.32(c) and that the phrase 'seventy percent (70%) of regular salary' be changed to 'seventy-five percent (75%) of regular salary.'"

The motion was seconded and carried.

Reports of
Standing
Committees
(continued)

(b) Finance and Budget Committee

Miss Z. Linkletter reported that the Committee had met on March 19 with the Student Relations and Residence Committee. The two Committees had agreed on tuition fees and residence charges for the forthcoming year, the schedules of which were presented later in the meeting. She and the President commented on the proposal that has been presented to the M.P.H.E.C. concerning the plan for retirement of the accumulated debt of Dalhousie. As yet no response has been received from the M.P.H.E.C. She also reported that the Council of Premiers has approved an increase in the foreign student fee differential from \$1300.00 to \$1375.00.

(c) Student Relations and Residence Committee

The report of this Committee was presented by Mr. David Ritcey. He reported that general agreement had been reached by all concerned as to what increases should be proposed.

It was moved, seconded, and agreed that there be a seven percent across-the-board increase in tuition fees, approximately.

It was moved, seconded, and agreed that residence fees and meal charges be as shown in Appendix A.

Mr. Ritcey pointed out some of the difficulties that the Committee had in attempting to reach recommendations that would be fair to all concerned. Because of these difficulties, he moved that a Committee be struck to examine the principles and assumptions behind the setting of student fees and increases, the President to take under advisement the appointment of members to the Committee. The motion was seconded and carried.

Campaign for
Dalhousie

Mr. D. C. R. Sobey reported that a planning meeting had been held recently in Toronto, which was attended by the provincial Campaign Chairman. He reported that a campaign among the members of the Board of Governors is to be carried out soon. This is being organized by Mr. George Piercey.

Mr. Piercey described how this campaign will be conducted.

Foreign Student
Fee
Differential

It was agreed that an additional \$1375.00, above the normal fees, be charged foreign students, because this amount will be deducted from the grant received by the university from government.

Student Society,
Council and Union

It was agreed, on recommendation of the Student Union, that the following increases in fees be approved:

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Student Society,
Council and Union
Fees

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- 1) Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students
\$10.00 increase per full-time student
\$ 5.00 increase per part-time student
- 2) Dalhousie Pharmacy Students' Society
\$5.00 increase per full-time student
- 3) Dalhousie Nursing Society
\$4.00 increase per full-time student
- 4) Student Union Fees
\$8.00 increase per full-time student
\$2.00 increase per course for part-time students

Staff Benefits
Committee

Mr. M. Roughneen reported that at the request of the Association of Atlantic University Business Officers, a study has been made to determine whether savings in premiums and improvements in benefits could be obtained if the Association of Atlantic Universities established a group benefit programme.

The possible benefits were outlined in a document circulated with the agenda.

It was agreed that approval in principle be given to participation in the Association programme, if it is established, subject to a detailed review of the proposal by the Staff Benefits Committee.

Mr. Roughneen reported that two Dalhousie faculty members had transferred to the Technical University of Nova Scotia with the understanding that arrangements would be made so that years of service at Dalhousie would be recognized under the Nova Scotia Public Service Superannuation Scheme, the pension scheme which is available to staff members at TUNS. It was agreed that funds be transferred as necessary, with the additional cost to be paid from the employer's contribution holiday, which was approved in the 1983/84 budget.

Gazette Cartoon

Mr. J. Cowan circulated a cartoon which had appeared in a recent issue of the Gazette. He expressed the opinion that this was inappropriate. Mr. T. Hill agreed, but pointed out that the Student Union is in no way responsible for the Gazette policy.

It was moved by Mr. J. Cowan, seconded by Mr. D. Ritcey, that the Board express disappointment in the immature and unacceptable behavior of the cartoonist and the editorial staff of the Gazette, this to be communicated to the Gazette staff. The motion was defeated.

President's
Report

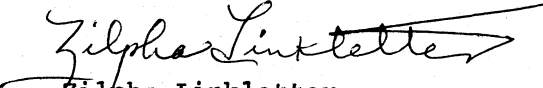
- 1) He reported that representatives of the Medical Research Council have recently visited the Medical School.


President's
Report
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- 2) The Athletic Department of Dalhousie hosted the basketball finals which recently took place in the Metro Centre. A good job had been done by all concerned.
- 3) A number of friends and associates of Mr. Erik Perth had gathered to honour him prior to his recent departure from Dalhousie.
- 4) The School of Occupational Therapy recently held an Open House. He was impressed with the enthusiasm of the organizing staff.
- 5) A recent retreat to consider academic planning was considered successful. It had involved a Friday evening and much of the following Saturday.
- 6) He has been involved in consultations concerning the financing of programmes in health sciences, and also manpower planning in these areas. It appears that planning is not taking place on a national scale.
- 7) He described the prospects for university funding in certain other provinces of Canada, in all of which the universities are facing difficulties. A complete review of Federal-Provincial funding is being undertaken at the Federal level.

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The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.


Zilpha Linkletter,
Honorary Secretary


A. Gordon Archibald,
Chairman