

Item: Board of Governors Minutes, November 1984

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Minutes of a Meeting of the
Board of Governors held on Tuesday,
November 27, 1984, at 4:00 p.m.
in the Board and Senate Room

Dalhousie University
Halifax, Nova Scotia

PRESENT: Dr. A. G. Archibald, Chairman	Dr. W. A. MacKay
Mr. B. Black	Mr. G. Martin
Dr. M. L. Campbell	Mrs. S. Medjuck
Mr. G. T. H. Cooper	Mr. C. Murray
Mr. J. S. Cowan	Mrs. R. Murray
Mr. P. Doig	Mr. D. Ritcey
Mr. A. Gigeroff	Ms. H. Robertson
Mr. J. W. Graham	Mr. W. S. Robertson
Mr. G. Hardy	Dr. H. Roper
Ms. M. L. C. Lamb	Mr. A. C. Shaw
Mr. J. G. Lawley	Dr. C. B. Stewart
Miss Z. Linkletter, Honorary Secretary	Mr. F. B. Wickwire
Mrs. A. Macdonald	Mr. S. Zwicker

Also present were Messrs. D. M. Cameron (Vice-President, Planning and Resources); L. R. Shaw (Vice-President, Finance and Development); A. M. Sinclair (Vice-President, Academic and Research); M. Wright (Director, Financial Services); W. E. Jones, R. Rodger, J. McNulty (Senate Representatives); J. Rutherford (Dalhousie Faculty Association Representative); J. Mabley (Director, Development Office); R. Bowman (Director, Public Relations); B. Crocker (Legal Advisor to the President); and A. J. Tingley (Secretary).

Regrets were received from Mr. G. Piercey, Ms. J. DeWolf, and Mrs. P. Roscoe.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of October 23, 1984, which had been circulated, were approved.

President's
Introductory
Remarks

The President reminded those present of the reception at his residence, which would follow the meeting.

Board
Matters

(a) Board Membership

The President has been in consultation with government, and it is expected that additional Board members will be nominated by Governor-in-Council in the near future.

(b) Board Committees

Some new members have been appointed to Board committees since the last meeting. A few more changes may be necessary.

Board
Matters
(continued)

(c) Resolution

A resolution concerning the delegation of certain matters to the officers of the university has been drawn up, and will be circulated with the minutes. Approval of the resolution, or otherwise, will be requested at the next meeting.

Post-Doctoral
Programme in
Clinical
Chemistry

Information about this proposed programme had been circulated. It was agreed to recommend it for approval to the MPHEC, it being understood that the matter will again be placed before the Board prior to implementation.

Reports of
Standing
Committees

(a) Finance and Budget Committee

Miss Zilpha Linkletter advised that there was nothing to report from this committee.

(b) Staff Relations Committee

Mr. Allan Shaw reported for this committee. The committee has held meetings with the Board negotiating team with respect to deliberations with the Dalhousie Faculty Association, and will continue to do so. He suggested that this matter should be on the agenda of the next meeting for discussion.

A document was circulated listing the staff changes. Mr. Shaw drew attention to certain of these. One typographical error was pointed out, and the correction will be made on copies in official files. The staff changes were ratified.

The President referred to the passing of Dr. S. Mendel, whose unexpected death occurred recently.

The President referred to concerns expressed by some members of the Faculty about the lack of women in senior academic positions. He felt that he has been carrying out the intention of the policy agreed to by Senate and Board in this matter. The question arose as to the wording of this policy, and the President agreed to check on this.

Campaign for
Dalhousie -
Development
Committee

In the absence of Mr. D. Sobey, the Chairman reported for this committee. He reviewed the terms of reference and the membership. Progress to date is considered to be satisfactory.

Guarantee for
Applied Micro-
electronics
Institute

Dr. A. M. Sinclair outlined the reasons for proposing this guarantee. Authority was granted to the officers to sign the required guarantee.

Joint
Statutory
Meeting

The President proposed that the meeting of the President's Council held in October be deemed to have met the requirement of the statutory meeting required to be held in October of 1984. On some reservations being expressed, he emphasized that he was not proposing that this be the arrangement for the future. This being understood, his proposal was approved.

President's
Report

The President reported as follows:

- (1) He referred to a document entitled "Background Notes for Friends of Dalhousie", copies of which were circulated to those at the meeting, and which is attached hereto as an appendix.
- (2) He referred to a press release dated November 27 issued by the Dalhousie Faculty Association.
- (3) He reviewed certain aspects of the negotiations with the Dalhousie Faculty Association. The association has broken off negotiations, and has requested that a conciliator be appointed.
- (4) At a meeting of the President's Council held in the previous week, there was a free and frank discussion in which members of Senate made clear some current concerns of the Faculty.
- (5) In connection with the government grant of one-half million dollars to support the Centre for International Development, discussions on final details of arrangements are continuing.
- (6) As President of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, he had submitted a further brief to the MacDonald Commission. In this brief an effort was made to point out how difficult things are with universities in the nation. In this capacity also, he had met with the new Secretary of State.
- (7) Alumni meetings and assessment dinners have been continuing. He has found these interesting and satisfactory.
- (8) The local Alumni Association has been active and helpful in many ways.
- (9) The United Way Campaign at Dalhousie was successful, and the target exceeded.
- (10) He referred to various lectures given during the fall, in particular the Horace E. Read Lecture, the Chute Lecture, and the Killam Memorial Lectures.

President's
Report
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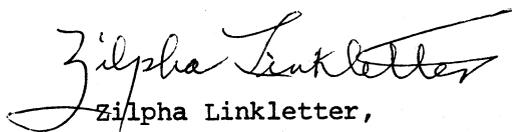
- (11) He referred to the interesting fall convocation, and expressed appreciation for the help given by local alumni.
- (12) He had the opportunity of attending a conference sponsored by the School of Business Administration in association with the Maritime Exporters Association.
- (13) He has had the opportunity of attending the installation ceremonies of Presidents at several institutions.
- (14) He has had the opportunity to speak at meetings of a number of organizations, including the Rotary Club of Truro.
- (15) Sir John Wilkins, a representative of London House, visited Dalhousie University.
- (16) On November 28 M. Garneau, the first Canadian to go into outer space, will be at Dalhousie. In the following week Dr. K. Sullivan will be at the university.

Annual
Fund

Mr. George Cooper reported that the target for 1984 is \$250,000. One hundred and fifty-eight thousand dollars has already been raised. He believes the target will be exceeded.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.


Zilpha Linkletter,
Honorary Secretary


A. Gordon Archibald,
Chairman

PROGRAMME PROPOSALS

The approval of the Board of Governors is sought to forward the following proposal to the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission:

Post-Doctoral Programme in Clinical Chemistry

The Department of Pathology, Clinical Chemistry Division, proposes to establish a diploma programme in clinical chemistry, which would be the non-medical equivalent of the residency programme in medical biochemistry currently offered by the Division. Its graduates would be capable of directing hospital clinical chemistry laboratories and of teaching clinical chemistry at all levels of competency from on-the-job trainee to graduate students and post-doctoral fellows. The difference between the proposed programme and the existing residency in medical biochemistry is one of emphasis, necessitated by the fact that candidates for the former would have Ph.D.s in chemistry or a related science rather than medical degrees. A maximum of two students per year would be accepted into the programme. They would be accepted in place of applicants to the residency programmes of the Department of Pathology, and would hence not represent an increase in the number of residents (or equivalent) positions within the Faculty of Medicine.

The Department has indicated to Senate that, since the residency programme is already in operation, the new programme in clinical chemistry will entail no additional costs for the University. Although additional effort on the part of existing professional and technical staff will be required to counsel and supervise the candidates, the bulk of the teaching will be done by hospital-based clinical chemists. On October 12, 1984 Senate approved the establishment of the proposed programme "on the proviso that there would be no additional drain on the operating revenue unless additional funds were provided from external sources". This proposal is submitted to the Board of Governors for approval in the expectation that the programme will not entail additional expenditures for the University in the foreseeable future, although the Canadian Society of Clinical Chemists has recommended that "when funds are available, a Director of Postgraduate/Postdoctoral Training in Clinical Biochemistry be appointed, with a significant portion of salary provided from University resources". The proposed programme has received provisional accreditation for three years from the Canadian Society of Clinical Chemists.

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Guarantee for Applied Microelectronics Institute

The Board of Governors is asked to guarantee a loan up to a limit of \$37,000 to the Applied Microelectronics Institute.

The Applied Microelectronics Institute has substantial real physical assets and is an ongoing and growing cooperative venture involving the Nova Scotia Research Foundation, the Technical University of Nova Scotia and Dalhousie University. Dalhousie University has been asked to provide a loan guarantee in lieu of staff commitments to the Applied Microelectronics Institute that we have been unable to meet for the last two years. Dalhousie University had agreed to provide a half-time person to the Institute, but owing to changes in the responsibilities of our faculty in this area, we have not been able to meet this commitment.