

Item: Board of Governors Minutes, December 1985

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Minutes of a Meeting of the
Executive Committee held on Tuesday,
December 17, 1985, at 4:00 p.m. in the
Board and Senate Room

Dalhousie University
Halifax, Nova Scotia

PRESENT: Dr. Donna Curry	Mr. W. S. Robertson
Mr. P. R. Doig	(Chairperson)
Dr. W. A. MacKay	Mr. A. C. Shaw
(President)	Mrs. P. Weld
Mrs. S. Medjuck	Mr. S. Zwicker
Mr. G. C. Piercey	

The following members of the Board also attended: Mr. S. Ellis, Mrs. B. Flinn, Ms. J. Jackson, Mr. D. A. Kerr, Ms. M. Lamb, Mrs. A. MacDonald, Dr. H. Roper and Mr. T. Taylor.

Also present were Messrs. W. E. Jones (Senate); J. Rutherford (President, DFA), B. C. Crocker (Legal Advisor to the President); G. George (Director, Insurance and Employee Benefits); R. Shaw (Vice-President, Finance & Administration); A. Sinclair (Vice-President, Academic & Research) and A. J. Tingley (Secretary).

The minutes of the meeting of October 15, 1985, which had been previously circulated were approved.

Nominating
Committee

It was agreed that Mrs. P. Weld be appointed to this Committee. The continuing members are as follows: Mrs. S. Medjuck (Chairperson), Mr. S. Zwicker, Miss Z. Linkletter and Ms. C. Blewett.

Academic
Matters

M.Sc. in Psychology

It was agreed that this programme, having been approved by MPHEC and recommended by the Senate for implementation, should be implemented.

Reports of
Standing
Committees

(a) Buildings and Grounds Committee

L. R. Shaw gave an update on plans for student housing. There was no specific proposal.

Approval was granted for the purchase of a property, 1366 Edward Street, required for the extension of the Law School.

(b) Budget and Finance Committee

Mr. G. Piercey reported that the Committee is still working on the 1985-86 budget. It is believed that expenditures and income will be approximately in balance.

Projections have been made for 1986-87, based on certain assumptions. Several committees are working on the budget, and there is some concern about overlap. A report is being prepared designed to clarify the functions of the several committees.

Mr. L. R. Shaw commented on financial difficulties. A 3% cut per year, in real terms, is contemplated for the next several years.

(c) Staff Benefits Committee

Ms. M. Lamb reported for this Committee. A document, a copy of which is attached hereto as Appendix A, was circulated to those present. Approval was given to the recommendation of the Committee, it being understood that this is not to be considered as a precedent.

Special Board/
Senate Event

Mrs. Weld brought those present up-to-date on plans for a joint gathering, partly business and partly social, which is being arranged to follow the Board meeting of January 21, 1986. Details will be provided to members later.

Government of
Nova Scotia
Campaign
Commitment

The President reported on a submission that has been made to Government listing proposed capital projects. The Government has not yet responded. A table from the submission is attached as Appendix B.

Campaign for
Dalhousie

The President reported on the progress of the Annual Fund. Contributions are well ahead of last years, and it is hoped that the goal can be reached.

Progress on the Capital Campaign is satisfactory. Work in Toronto to organize the approach to corporations is currently being advanced. A special approach is being made to Law alumni.

Investments in
Corporations
Operating in
South Africa

The officers have given preliminary consideration to the notice of motion by Mr. S. Ellis at the November Board meeting which will be taken up at the January meeting.

Lease

Approval was given to extend the lease for 6446 Oxford Street to 1990.

President's
Report

(1) Flowers have been sent to the Sobey family from the Board and Senate and the President will attend the funeral of the late Mr. Frank Sobey on December 18.

(2) He attended a meeting of the Regional Advisory Committee on Health Science Education earlier on December 17. Among the matters considered was future enrolment in Dentistry. He reminded members that the building was built to accommodate an entering class of 64. The first year class is now 40. A report of a Nova Scotia study and preliminary advice from other provinces has suggested there should be even fewer. Further consideration will be given to this matter.

(3) With Dean Murray, he met with consultants considering the funding for the Faculty of Medicine. It is believed that there is a good case for further funding provided it is agreed that the Medical School should continue to do all that it now does.

(4) The AAU has proposed that operating grants be increased by 5.3%, and that there should be a special fund of \$8 million for other purposes such as equipment and libraries.

(5) After consulting the Chairman of the Board he was involved in a provincial enquiry about salaries of members of the Legislature which has now been concluded.

(6) He invited all to take part in carol singing which has been arranged for 12:00 noon December 23 in the Sculpture Court of the Arts Centre. Chowder will be served.

Scholarship to
Killam Women's
Centenary

Approval was granted in principle for the establishing of a scholarship to celebrate the Centennial of the first women graduate. This will be for women at the doctoral level, with preference being given in areas where women are currently underrepresented. It might be named after one of the early female graduates. The amount would be equivalent to the Killam graduate awards. Details will be submitted to the Board later.

In Camera

Report on Staff Changes

The report on staff changes had been circulated, and an addendum was provided to those present at the meeting. In the absence of Mr. A. Shaw, Ms. M. Lamb presented the report, and drew attention to some items of particular interest. The President recommended one case for special leave, which was approved.

Mandatory
Retirement
Grievances

It was reported that two faculty members who have reached the age of 65 have indicated that they do not wish to retire and the Dalhousie Faculty Association has filed a grievance, now being dealt with at the informal stage. The essence of the grievance is that the provisions of the Collective Agreement for retirement at age 65 is not lawful in light of the subsequent coming into force of the Charter of Rights prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age. Consideration was given to the position that should be taken by the Board in relation to the grievance and it was concluded that the grievance should be denied.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.



Donna M. Curry
Honorary Secretary



W. Struan Robertson
Chairperson

**Proposal for
Implementation of an M.Sc. in Psychology
for consideration
by the Board of Governors**

The Board of Governors is asked to approve for implementation the M.Sc. in Psychology. This has been recommended by the Academic Planning Committee of Senate at its meeting on December 2, 1985. The proposal is in essence to recognize the fact that graduate students in Psychology do work in both Arts and Science areas, and to allow for the award of an M.Sc. where appropriate. The MPHEC has approved the proposal.

December 3, 1985