

Item: Board of Governors Minutes, February 1985

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Minutes of a Meeting of the  
Board of Governors held on Tuesday,  
February 19, 1985, at 4:00 p.m.  
in the Board and Senate Room

Dalhousie University  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

PRESENT: Dr. A. G. Archibald,  
Chairman  
Mr. B. Black  
Mr. J. S. Cowan  
Mr. A. Gigeroff  
Mr. J. W. Graham  
Mr. G. Hardy  
Ms. M. L. C. Lamb  
Mr. J. G. Lawley  
Miss Z. Linkletter,  
Honorary Secretary

Mrs. A. Macdonald  
Ms. M. D. MacDonald  
Dr. W. A. MacKay  
Mr. G. Martin  
Dr. C. Murray  
Mr. D. Ritcey  
Mr. W. S. Robertson,  
Vice-Chairman  
Mr. A. C. Shaw  
Dr. C. B. Stewart  
Mrs. P. Weld  
Mr. S. Zwicker

Also present were Messrs. L. R. Shaw (Vice-President, Finance and Development); A. M. Sinclair (Vice-President, Academic and Research); B. Crocker (Legal Advisor to the President); M. Roughneen (Director, Personnel/Payroll); M. Wright (Director, Financial Services); Ms. J. Eastman and Ms. E. Lane (Members of the Board Negotiating Team); Mr. J. Mabley and Mr. J. Sutherland (Development Office); and A. J. Tingley (Secretary)

Regrets were received from Mr. G. T. H. Cooper, Mr. D. J. Hennigar, Mrs. S. Medjuck, Mr. G. Piercey, Dr. H. Roper, Mrs. P. Roscoe, Mr. W. G. Campbell, Mr. P. Doig, and Ms. H. Robertson.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of January 22, 1985, which had been circulated, were approved.

President's  
Introductory  
Remarks

The President invited interested members of the Board to a brief tour of certain facilities of the Faculty of Arts and Science prior to the next Board meeting. A number of those present indicated that they would be both interested and available, so the President confirmed that the tour would be held. A copy of the proposed itinerary is attached as Appendix A.

Board  
Matters

A proposal had been submitted on behalf of the Dalhousie Student Union that Board meetings should be open in future. Mr. Gigeroff gave the rationale of this proposal, and pointed out that it was understood that certain matters would have to be held in camera. It was agreed that copies of the submission from the students should be circulated to members of the Board (attached to these minutes as Appendix B).

It was agreed that the matter should be referred to the Officers of the Board, who would give consideration to its possible implementation.

Reports  
on  
Standing  
Committees

**(a) Finance and Budget Committee**

Miss Z. Linkletter reported that the committee has not yet had time to draw up budgets following the proposed settlement with the D.F.A.

A document outlining a proposed new budget process had been circulated with the agenda. In connection with the proposed new process, Miss Linkletter questioned the status of the Chairman of this committee.

The President pointed out that the new process should make it possible for various concerns to be focused upon. There would be much more consultation, and, therefore, more work.

**(b) Staff Relations Committee**

The report of this committee was presented by A. C. Shaw.

The committee had given consideration to suggestions about the Staff Matters report, as requested. It was recommended that the starting salaries of the various appointees continue to be shown in the report, and that the report be circulated in advance, marked confidential. It was pointed out that if this is done, it will be necessary to present updates at meetings. It was agreed that the President should consult with the Officers of the Board as to how the proposals can best be implemented.

A document giving the staff changes was circulated to those at the meeting, and the changes were ratified with one amendment. (This amendment has been made in the document in the official file.)

The death of Professor S. Singh was noted. The President referred to the passing of Mrs. Nessie Kerr, Dr. W. Kingston, and Mrs. Irene Coffin.

Mr. Shaw recommended that the agreement reached with the D.F.A. be ratified. This was done. Appreciation was expressed to the members of the Board negotiating team, Ms. E. Lane, Ms. J. Eastman, and Messrs. F. Wien, M. Roughneen, and B. Crocker.

**(c) Staff Benefits Committee**

A document concerning dental care insurance had been circulated with the agenda. The proposal made therein was approved, subject to consultation with the various employee groups.

**(d) Building and Grounds Committee**

The Building Committee was granted authority to appoint architects for the renovation of the Chemistry Building, subject to the approval of the Officers of the Board.

It was agreed that renovations of the Old Archives Building, which is to be occupied by the Department of Mathematics, Statistics, and Computing Science, should proceed, subject to the approval of funding arrangements.

M.P.H.E.C.  
Financial  
Plan

A copy of this plan had been circulated with the agenda. The President expressed concern about the level of support proposed.

Campaign  
for  
Dalhousie

In the absence of Mr. D. Sobey, the Chairman reported that the Campaign is progressing well. Mr. John Lindsay has recently had a successful and encouraging meeting with representatives of corporations.

Annual  
Fund

Mr. John Mabley outlined the plans for continuing efforts with respect to the Annual Fund. Mr. John Sutherland then reported on the progress to date. This is considered to be satisfactory.

(At this point the Chairman left the meeting, and the Vice-Chairman took the chair.)

Senate  
Academic  
Planning  
Committee

Dr. W. E. Jones circulated two documents, "Major Motions on Academic Planning" and "A Procedure to Enable Senate to Address University-Wide Academic Issues". It is expected that a further report will be submitted to the Senate at its April meeting, and comments from Board members were invited. It was suggested that these should go to Dr. C. B. Stewart, the Board representative on the Academic Planning Committee. Dr. Stewart circulated a document entitled "A Mission Statement for Dalhousie University".

It was noted that the invitation to the Board to comment on a matter still being considered by Senate is a new departure. Previously Board members had not been involved until Senate deliberations had been completed and recommendations presented to the Board.

President's  
Report

- (1) The President commended the Senate for its progress in academic planning.
- (2) He reported that Vice-President Shaw has agreed to continue as Vice-President at least until the spring of 1987.
- (3) He will be reviewing with Vice-Presidents Shaw and Sinclair the responsibilities and functioning of the President's Office.
- (4) The agreement with the Nova Scotia Agricultural College has been signed. The first degrees will be awarded this spring.
- (5) The annual show "Laughter is the Best Medicine" is being held on February 19 and 20.

The President was commended for his patience and leadership as demonstrated during recent difficulties.

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Other  
Business

A question was raised as to whether the special arrangements made for the purchase of Apple computers would apply to students. The President believed that the answer was "yes" but this will be checked.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

  
Zilpha Linkletter,  
Honorary Secretary

  
A. Gordon Archibald,  
Chairman