

Item: Board of Governors Minutes, November 1986

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Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Board of Governors held on Tuesday,  
November 18, 1986 at 4:00 p.m.  
in the Board and Senate Room

Dalhousie University  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

PRESENT: Mr. Barrie Black  
Mrs. Mona L. Campbell  
Dr. Howard C. Clark  
Mr. James Cowan  
Dr. Donna M. Curry  
Mr. Peter Doig  
Mrs. Betty Flinn  
Mrs. Jean Harrington  
Mr. Donald A. Kerr  
Mr. J. Gordon Lawley  
Mr. John W. Lindsay  
Mrs. Annemarie Macdonald  
Dr. Albro D. MacKeen  
Mr. Jamie MacMullin  
Mr. Edward MacNeil  
Mr. E. Neil McKelvey  
Dr. Clifford Murray  
Judge Ian H. M. Palmeter  
Miss Jolene Pattison  
Mr. George C. Piercey  
Dr. Peter T. Schwenger  
Mr. Jon Tarlton  
Ms. Maxine Tynes  
Mr. Sherman Zwicker

Also present were Mr. Brian Crocker (Legal Advisor to the President); Mr. John W. Graham (Assistant Vice-President, University Services);, Mr. Bryan G. Mason (Vice-President, Finance & Administration); Mr. Mike Roughneen (Director, Personnel/Payroll Services); Dr. A. M. Sinclair (Vice-President, Academic & Research); Dr. Willian E. Jones, Dr. John A. McNulty and Dr. Robert S. Rodger (Senate representatives); Dr. Marcia Ozier (DFA representative); and Dr. Arnold J. Tingley (Secretary).

Regrets: Mr. Ivan E.H. Duvar, Mr. Brian Flemming, Dr. Henry Roper, Mr. Allan C. Shaw, Honourable Robert Stanfield and Mr. F. B. Wickwire.

In the absence of Mr. W. S. Robertson, Mr. G. C. Piercey chaired the meeting.

Agenda

At the request of Mr. Bryan Mason, Item 3(c) was deleted from the agenda.

Minutes

Mr. J. MacMullin requested that his concern about declining enrolment of foreign students be noted in the minutes of the meeting of September 16, 1986, which had been circulated. The minutes were then approved.

Board  
Matters

(a) Board Membership

President Clark reported that Mr. Ivan Duvar has now been appointed to the Board by the Governor in Council.

The Alumni Association had nominated Ms. Bernadette Macdonald to fill an existing vacancy. It was agreed that she should be appointed to the Board.

It was reported that Mr. Louis Comeau has resigned from the Board due to the pressure of other commitments.

Board Matters (b) **Committee Membership**  
(cont'd)

A recommendation from the Student Union that Mr. J. Tarlton be appointed to the Buildings and Grounds Committee and the Student Relations and Residence Committee was approved.

Committee  
Reports

(a) **Finance and Budget Committee**

Mr. George Piercey reported that this committee is still working on the 1986-87 budget, but is not yet prepared to present this for approval.

(b) **Buildings and Grounds Committee**

In the absence of Mr. J. Cowan (who arrived later) Mr. John Graham reported for this committee. He advised that a contract has been granted for construction of the new residence on South Street at a figure of \$1,401,000. It is estimated that the construction period will be 10 months.

In order to reach the budget figure, some changes in plans have been made. These include the following:

1. The lounge has been deleted, but provision has been made for one if money can be made available.
2. An elevator will not be installed, but a shaft will be built so one can be installed later. It was pointed out that handicapped persons will have access to two of the three levels even without an elevator.
3. The heating system will be electric.
4. The exterior finish will be vinyl instead of wood.
5. The building was relocated on the lot, which resulted in a saving in excavation costs.

The contract for this construction was approved.

(c) **Pension Advisory Committee**

Mr. Bryan Mason presented a series of proposed amendments to the Dalhousie Staff Pension Scheme. The amendments had received the prior agreement of the bargaining units and staff groups.

The proposed amendments, in summary form, are given in the document attached as Appendix A. Approval was given to these recommendations.

The following revision to Section 17 of the Retirees' Trust Fund Deed was approved.

The Fund may accept funds on behalf of retired employees of Dalhousie College and University who were not members of the Pension Scheme and may accept funds on behalf of the spouses of deceased members of the Pension Scheme, and shall administer such funds on behalf of such employees and their beneficiaries and on behalf of such spouses of former employees and their beneficiaries respectively.

This amendment permits the Trustees to accept and administer funds on behalf of the spouses of former employees and their beneficiaries, and it is required so as to give effect to the amendment to Rules 17 and 18 of the Pension Scheme, approved earlier, whereby an annuity option may be provided to a surviving spouse.

The Board authorized the Officers to execute a reciprocal agreement relating to pension transfers between the Dalhousie University Staff Pension Scheme and the Nova Scotia Public Service Superannuation Fund.

Suggestions were made that consideration be given to further improvements, including better provision for early retirement.

Dr. Ozier announced that a Pension Workshop will be held in the near future. Any interested members of the Board were invited to contact her.

Campaign  
for  
Dalhousie

In the absence of Mr. Donald Sobey, the President reported that approximately \$27 million has now been raised. The Campaign is proceeding as planned and the results are encouraging. The importance of those who have pledged being reminded was emphasized.

President's  
Report

A report from the President was circulated to those at the meeting and a copy is attached hereto as Appendix B. The President reviewed this report briefly.

Other  
Business

In answer to a question, Mr. Donald Kerr reported on the work of the committee on South African Investments. He advised that a final report will be submitted in the near future.

**IN CAMERA**

Staff  
Relations  
Committee

In the absence of Mr. Allan Shaw, Mr. Sherman Zwicker reported for this committee.

A report on staff changes had been circulated, and an Addendum was circulated to those present at the meeting. The staff changes were approved with two amendments, which have been made on the file copies.

*no longer contained  
salary information  
corrected at Jan 20/87  
(Bd mtg)*

Mr. R. Rodger questioned why this part of the meeting should be in camera, in view of the fact that the report on staff changes had ~~been~~ circulated. The Chairman advised that the officers would give consideration to this.

Report of the  
Arbitrator  
in a  
Grievance  
Case

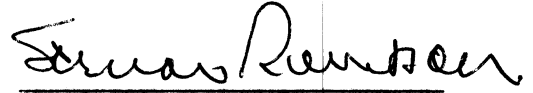
This report was discussed and machinery was established to implement the recommendations of the arbitrator.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.



Donna M. Curry  
Honorary Secretary



W. Struan Robertson  
Chairperson