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**Board of Governors Meeting
Dalhousie University
Motions to be Proposed
March 20, 2001**

Be It Resolved:

Item #

6. THAT, based on the recommendation of the Dalhousie Student Union, the Board of Governors approve the interim appointment of Ms. Johanna Nesbitt for the period March 20, 2001 to May 1, 2001.
7. THAT, based on the recommendation of the Senate, the Board approve the proposal to institute a corse-work option for the M.Sc. in Occupational Therapy program.
8. THAT based on the recommendation of the Officers of the Board, and in order to allow the continued operation of the University until such time as the 2001 - 2002 operating budget is given final approval, the Board of Governors authorize expenditures of up to 25% of the 2000 - 2001 approved budget for Dalhousie University. The President or his designate is authorized to approve expenditures in excess of 25% in special cases to permit the orderly management of the University.
10. THAT the Board of Governors accepts the report of the Task Force on Facilities Renewal and approves in principle its recommendations, subject to the development of an action plan by the President to be presented to the Board of Governors as soon as possible.



**Board of Governors Meeting
Dalhousie University
March 20, 2001**

Present were:

Mr. James Cowan

Chair

Ms. Elizabeth Beale

Mr. Gerald Clarke

Hon. Lorne Clarke

Mr. Steven Coté

Ms. Karen Cramm

Mr. Robert Dexter

Ms. Jo-Anne Galarneau

Ms. Patricia Harris

Dr. Lucy Ellen Kanary

Dr. Daurene Lewis

Ms. Cathy MacNutt

Mr. Don Mills

Ms. Johanna Nesbitt

Dr. David Precious

Mr. Robert Radchuck

Dr. Alasdair Sinclair

Mr. Peter Stuart

Dr. Colin Stuttard

Mr. Bruce Towler

Dr. Tom Traves

President

Also present were: Dr. Sam Scully (Vice-President Academic & Provost), Mr. Bryan Mason (Vice-President Finance & Administration), Mr. Eric McKee (Vice-President Student Services), Dr. Dale Godsoe (Vice-President External); Mr. Brian Crocker (University Secretary & Legal Counsel); Mr. Brian Christie (Executive Director, Institutional Affairs); Ms. Ann Janega (Director, Public Relations) Mr. W.H. Lord (Director, Facilities Management) Mr. William Straitton (Director, Capital Gifts); Dr. Tom Faulkner (DFA Representative); Mr. Peter Murchland (Manager, External Communications, Public Relations), and Ms. Sharlene Drake (Secretary).

Regrets from: Mr. David Craig, Mr. John Flemming, Mr. Colin Latham, Mr. John Risley, and Prof. Phillip Saunders.

1. Approval of proposed agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of the Pension Surplus Agreement. Dr. Stuttard raised the issue of concerns raised regarding the construction of transmission antennae on the roof of the Life Sciences Centre. Mr. Mason reported that following consultations with government authorities and Dalhousie's health and safety officials, studies that have been done that have determined that emission levels are well within the established standards.

2. Approval of minutes of February 13, 2001 Board of Governors meeting

The minutes were approved with the change of the last word in item 1 being changed from "beginning" to "meeting".

3. Report of the Chair

The Chair did not present a report.

4. Report of the President

Dr. Traves reported on the following items:

- Provincial government funding issues and their budgetary implications for the University.
- The Sun Life Financial recently donated \$1 million to endow a Chair in Adolescent Mental Health. The Chair, under the direction of Dr. Stan Kutcher, Professor and Head of the Department of Psychiatry, will provide leadership in the area of adolescent development. Individual and corporate donors also supported the Chair by contributing approximately \$1 million.
- The library on the Sexton Campus will now be called the Sexton Design and Technology Library.
- Two environmental projects have received funding and Dalhousie will become the headquarters to these large projects.
- The Dunn foundation is providing an \$850,000 grant to further research in tissue engineering at the University.

5. Standing Committee Reports

Mr. Stuart reported that the equity markets have provided lower performances than in prior years but the long-term results are excellent. Hon. Mr. Clarke reported that he would be reporting at the April meeting on the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on Process and Structure.

6. DSU appointment to the Board

Mr. Coté moved and Mr. Stuart seconded a motion THAT, based on the recommendation of the Dalhousie Student Union, the Board of Governors approve the interim appointment of Ms. Johanna Nesbitt for the period March 20, 2001 to May 1, 2001. The motion carried.

7. MSc in Occupational Therapy

Dr. Stuttard moved and Mr. Mills seconded a motion THAT, based on the recommendation of the Senate, the Board approve the proposal to institute a course- work option for the M.Sc. in Occupational Therapy program. The motion carried.

8. Interim Spending

Ms. Cramm moved and Mr. Towler seconded a motion THAT based on the recommendation of the Officers of the Board, and in order to allow the continued operation of the University until such time as the 2001 - 2002 operating budget is given final approval, the Board of Governors authorize expenditures of up to 25% of the 2000 - 2001 approved budget for Dalhousie University. The President or his designate is authorized to approve expenditures in excess of 25% in special cases to permit the orderly management of the University. The motion carried.

9. Enrolment Management - Possibilities and Implications

Dr. Scully gave a presentation on enrolment management at the University. He reported on enrolment statistics, enrolment management and planning, and also elaborated on his research findings based on his meetings with local High School Principals and Counsellors.

10. Facilities Renewal Strategy Committee Report

Mr. Cowan introduced the findings of the Committee and then moved and Mr. Mills seconded a motion THAT the Board of Governors accept the report of the Task Force on Facilities Renewal and approves in principle its recommendations, subject to the development of an action plan by the President to be presented to the Board of Governors as soon as possible. The motion carried.

11. Taking Stock

Deferred to a future meeting.

12. New Programs

Deferred to a future meeting.

11. Pension Surplus Use Agreement

Bryan Mason, Vice-President, Finance and Administration, gave a brief report to the Board regarding the Pension Surplus Use Agreement. The Pension Advisory Committee, agreed, in part, that a final report on the use of surplus and the benefits obtained from the Agreement by the Board and employees will be issued later this year. In light of the elimination of the existing pension surplus, the Board and its employees will be required to end their pension contribution holiday at the next pay period.

The meeting adjourned.

Murray Coolican
Honorary Secretary

James Cowan
Chair