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**Board of Governors Meeting  
Dalhousie University  
Motion to be Proposed  
September 24, 2002**

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Be It Resolved:

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6. THAT based on the recommendation of the Steering Committee, the Board of Governors approve the motion that the name of Dr. Alasdair Sinclair be nominated as the representative of the Board of Governors on the Review Committee for the Vice-President Academic and Provost.



**Dalhousie University**

Halifax, Nova Scotia  
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**Board of Governors Meeting  
Dalhousie University  
September 24, 2002**

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**Participating were:**

Mr. James Cowan Chair	Ms. Cathy MacNutt
Ms. Elizabeth Beale	Mr. Don Mills
Ms. Kristen Brown	Ms. Ann Petley-Jones
Mr. Gerald Clarke	Mr. Robert Radchuck
Hon. Lorne Clarke	Ms. Suzanne Rosson
Mr. Murray Coolican	Dr. Michael Shepherd
Dr. Mohamed El-Hawary	Dr. Alasdair Sinclair
Mr. Charles Freeman	Mr. Peter Stuart
Ms. Johanne Galarneau	Ms. Nancy Tower
Ms. Lynn Irving	Mr. Bruce Towler
Dr. Lucy Ellen Canary	Dr. Tom Traves
Dr. Daurene Lewis	President

Regrets from: Mr. Wesley Campbell, Mr. Colin Latham, Dr. David Precious, Dr. Jim Spatz, and Mr. Jeff Woodbury.

Also participating were: Dr. Carl Breckenridge (Vice-President Research), Dr. Dale Godsoe (Vice-President External), Mr. Eric McKee (Vice-President Student Services), Dr. Sam Scully (Vice-President Academic and Provost); Mr. Mike Roughneen (Assistant Vice-President, Personnel Services); Mr. Brian Crocker (University Secretary and Legal Counsel), Ms. Karen Crombie (Acting University Secretary and Legal Counsel); Mr. Brian Christie (Executive Director, Institutional Affairs); Mr. Robert Carter (Director, Facilities Management), Ms. Ann Janega (Director, Public Relations); Ms. Mary Somers (Manager, Public Relations & Issues, Public Relations); and Ms. Sharlene Drake (Secretary).

Following a welcome of new Board Members Lynn Irving and Suzanne Rosson to the Board, Mr. Cowan noted that this would be the last Board meeting before his retirement on September 30 for Mr. Crocker who has served as University Secretary and Legal Counsel since 1985. Mr. Cowan thanked Mr. Crocker for his many contributions to the University.

**1. Approval of Proposed Agenda**

The agenda was approved with the addition of a Staff Matter the *In Camera* portion of the meeting .

**2. Approval of minutes for the June 25, 2002 Board meeting**

The minutes were approved as distributed.

**3. Report of the Chair**

Mr. Cowan reported that:

- Dalhousie President Tom Traves was named one of Atlantic Canada's 50 Top CEOs (Chief Executive Officers) in the most recent edition of Atlantic Business Magazine. In the citation for the award, Dr. Traves was "...credited with growing the University's research and development activities, increasing enrollment and eliminating the University's debt."
- Lorne Clarke is one of the ten initial winners of the Order of Nova Scotia, the highest order Nova Scotia can bestow.
- Jacob Slonim, who completed his term as Dean of the Faculty of Computer Science on August 31, was recently elected to the European Academy of Sciences in the section of Computer Sciences. He was cited for an outstanding and lasting contribution to computer sciences and education. Election to the Academy, headquartered in Brussels, Belgium, is considered one of the highest honours that can be accorded a scientist or engineer.
- Charles Weijer, an internationally renowned Dalhousie physician, philosopher and bioethicist, was recently elected a Fellow of the Hastings Center in recognition of his distinguished contributions to bioethics research. Weijer is one of only two Canadians who have been recognized by the Hastings Center in its 33-year history. The Hastings Center explores ethical questions in health care, biotechnology and the environment.
- Jeff Woodbury will chair this year's Halifax United Way Campaign.
- The Alumni Annual Dinner will be held on October 25 at Pier 21 with Ian Hanomansing as guest speaker.
- Fall Convocations will be held on October 19. Honorary degrees will be presented to Halifax philanthropists and volunteers Ian and Donna Thompson and former Premier of New Brunswick, Frank McKenna.

- Sympathies were extended to the family of the late John Graham who was a former assistant vice-president of University Services and was responsible for the Graham Family Athletic Awards. He received an honorary degree from Dalhousie in 2001.

**4. Report of the President**

Dr. Traves reported that enrolment is up about 9% over last year raising the combined Dalhousie and King's College student body to more than 15,000 students for this academic term. The challenges of accommodating these students are faced by both academic and support units across the campus. A strategic issue before the University at this time is whether we want to continue to grow; whether we can afford and effectively manage growth; whether we focus less on growth and more on quality and the implications that decision would have on our obligations to serve the population of Nova Scotia in a highly competitive environment.

**5. Report from the Dalhousie Student Union**

Johanne Galarneau reported that

- Frosh Week went well with over 1400 students participating,
- student leaders will be meeting to discuss the implications of student debt
- in excess of \$40,000 was raised for Cystic Fibrosis research in this the 37<sup>th</sup> year of participation in the Shinerama campaign.
- the DSU is considering options to honour John Graham and expressed their gratitude to him for his dedication to the students of Dalhousie University.

**6. Reports of the Standing Committees**

- **Academic Affairs Committee**  
The report was accepted as distributed.

**7. Appointment to review committee - Vice-President Academic & Provost**

Vice-President Scully's term is due to expire at the end of the academic year and he has indicated a willingness to consider reappointment. Under the terms for the procedures for administrative appointments a review committee must be appointed to evaluate the incumbent and the Board of Governors has one representative on this committee. It was moved by Dr. Traves and seconded by Ms. Petley-Jones THAT based on the recommendation of the Steering Committee, the Board of Governors approve the motion that the name of Dr. Alasdair Sinclair be nominated as the representative of the Board of Governors on the Review Committee for the Vice-President Academic and Provost. The motion carried.

**8. Enrolment update**

Mr. McKee indicated that he would provide a detailed report once the official numbers are available in October.

**9. Update on construction projects**

Mr. McKee indicated that:

- the addition to Howe Hall was completed early and under budget. The extension has now been named Fountain House in honour of Fred and Elizabeth Fountain.
- the three dining halls in the residences have been extensively renovated and updated to provide better food services.

Mr. Carter reported that:

- construction and renovations to the Faculty of Architecture building are mostly complete.
- the Learning Commons at the Killam Library should be ready by the end of October.
- the second storey of an addition to N Building on the Sexton Campus will be removed and replaced.
- the steering committee for the proposed Faculty of Management Building will shortlist architectural firms and choose a firm in November.

**10. Student Union Building - rebuilding for the future**

Ms. Galarneau indicated the Student Union had embarked on the planning phase of a \$3.2 million renovation to the Student Union Building about three years ago. No renovations have been done to the building since its inception in 1966. A fee is being collected from students to finance these renovations and the loan is expected to be repaid over a ten-year period.

The meeting then moved to an *In Camera* session where Mr. Andrew Cochrane's term as Acting Dean of Henson College was extended for a one-year term to June 30, 2003.

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Don Mills  
Honorary Secretary

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James Cowan  
Chair