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Board of Governors

Dalhousie University

AGENDA

Tuesday, January 19, 1988 4:00 p.m.

Board and Senate Room

1. Minutes of the Meeting of November 17, 1987 (previously circulated)
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Board Matters
4. Reports of Standing Committees
 - (a) Finance and Budget Committee
 - (b) Buildings and Grounds Committee
 - (c) Nominating Committee
 - (d) Staff Relations Committee
 - (i) Report on Staff Changes (enclosed)
5. Campaign for Dalhousie
6. Establishment of Trust to Endow Chair in Medicine (attached)
7. Ex Gratia Payments to Retired Staff (attached)
8. Submission on Community Colleges (to be circulated)
9. 1987 and Beyond (to be circulated at meeting)
10. President's Council (attached)
11. President's Report
12. Other Business
13. Presentation by Faculty of Health Professions
(A brief wine and cheese reception will follow)

Enclosed for Information

- Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of December 15, 1987
- University Affairs - January 1988

Minutes of a Meeting of the
Board of Governors held on Tuesday
January 19, 1988 at 4:00 pm. in
the Board and Senate Room

Dalhousie University
Halifax, Nova Scotia

PRESENT: Mr. W. Struan Robertson Mr. John W. Lindsay
 Chairperson Ms. Bernadette Macdonald
 Dr. Howard C. Clark Dr. Albro D. MacKeen
 President Sr. Sheilagh Martin
 Mr. James S. Cowan Mrs. Shirlee Medjuck
 Dr. Donna Curry Mr. George C. Piercey
 Honorary Secretary Vice-Chairperson
 Mr. Louis Deveau Mr. Allan C. Shaw
 Mr. Peter Doig Honorary Treasurer
 Mr. Ivan E.H. Duvar Mr. George Thompson
 Mrs. Betty Flinn Ms. Maxine Tynes
 Mrs. Linda Fraser Mrs. Peggy Weld
 Mrs. Jean Harrington Vice-Chairperson
 Mr. Christopher Hopper Mr. F. B. Wickwire
 Mr. Donald A. Kerr Miss Caroline Zayid
 Mr. J. Gordon Lawley Mr. Sherman Zwicker
 Mrs. Vivian Layton

Also present were Mr. Bryan G. Mason (Vice-President, Finance & Administration); Dr. Alasdair M. Sinclair (Vice-President, Academic & Research); Dr. William E. Jones, Dr. John A. McNulty and Dr. Robert S. Rodger, (Observers for Senate); Professor David Lewis (Observer for D.F.A.); Mr. Brian C. Crocker (University Secretary and Legal Counsel); Mr. Mike Roughneen (Director of Personnel Services); Dr. Robert S. Tonks (Dean of the Faculty of Health Professions), and Mrs. Elizabeth A. Christian (Secretary).

Regrets were received from Mr. Michael Dunn, Ms. Cherry Ferguson, Mr. Brian Flemming, Mr. Norman Newman.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of November 17, 1987 were approved as circulated.

Agenda

An item relating to two programme proposals was added to the agenda. These are dealt with below.

Board
Matters

Dr. Clark reported that the Naming Committee, which is a sub committee of the President's Council, had considered a proposal by the Department of Physics to name Room 117 in the Sir James Dunn Science Building the "E. W. Guptill Lecture Theatre", and had recommended that this name be approved by the Board. The Committee's recommendation was approved by those present.

Reports of
Standing
Committees

Finance and Budget Committee

Mr. Piercey informed members that efforts are still being made to balance the 1987-88 budget and that the 1988-89 budget is now under discussion. A more detailed report will be made at a later meeting.

Buildings and Grounds Committee

This Committee had not met since the last Board meeting and there was nothing to report.

Nominating Committee

Mrs. Medjuck, Chairperson of this Committee, reported that three members whose terms would end this June have been invited to serve for a further term. The Committee has also agreed on the name of one person to be nominated to the Governor in Council for appointment to fill an existing vacancy on the Board.

Staff Relations Committee

A list of staff changes had been circulated with the agenda. Mr. Shaw drew members' attention to a few items of particular interest. The report on staff changes was approved.

Academic
Matters

Bachelor of Arts (Major) in Women's Studies

A document outlining this programme was distributed at the meeting, and a copy is attached to the minutes as Appendix A. Dr. Sinclair explained that this proposal had been approved earlier by Senate, the MPHEC and the Board, and that Senate had now agreed to its implementation. On motion it was agreed

THAT the Board of Governors approve implementation of the programme leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts (Major) in Women's Studies.

Department of Applied Oral Science

Dr. Sinclair informed members that the existing Division of Dental Biomaterials Science was being restructured into a new department to enable it to focus more attention on research development and to eventually develop a new graduate programme in Biomaterials Science. Board members agreed to the establishment of the Department of Applied Oral Science in the Faculty of Dentistry.

Campaign
For
Dalhousie

Dr. Clark reported that the Campaign for Dalhousie had now reached \$33 million and was progressing well. A more detailed report is expected to be made at a later meeting. Figures for the Annual Fund, which is expected to reach its target, will be available at the end of January. Special note was made of the leadership given by Board members involved in fund raising.

Establishment
of R. Howard
Webster Chair
of Medical
Research

Dr. Clark explained that as part of the Campaign two pledges from the Webster Foundation totalling \$500,000 would be used to establish a trust fund to support a chair in medical research. It was hoped additional funding would be attracted from other research funding sources and from within the university to complement this fund. It was agreed

THAT the Board of Governors approve the establishment of the R. Howard Webster Chair of Medical Research in the Faculty of Medicine, to be initially funded by \$500,000 pledged by the Windsor Foundation by means of a \$250,000 pledge to the Dalhousie Medical Research Foundation and a \$250,000 pledge to the Campaign for Dalhousie designated to the DMRF for this purpose.

There was a brief discussion on the funding of chairs and on appropriate designations for different types of chairs. The President indicated this matter is presently being considered by the administration.

Ex Gratia
Payments to
Retirees

A document on this item had been circulated with the agenda. Since 1982 the Board has provided funds to supplement pension benefits to a certain group of retirees. This group presently includes 102 pensioners. It was agreed

THAT the Board of Governors approve that all persons in receipt of a Dalhousie University pension who retired in 1981 or before and who received an ex gratia payment in January 1987 receive a further payment of equal amount in January 1988.

Community
Colleges
Submission

It was explained that the government's proposal for a community college system had been circulated in December and interested parties had been asked to respond by mid January. Dr. Sinclair then summarized the major points contained in Dalhousie's response, noting that while the university did endorse improvements in the trades, technical, vocational and adult training system, it was greatly concerned about the possible creation of a second tier of post-secondary education in the province. A copy of the university's submission is enclosed with these minutes for members' information.

1987 and
Beyond

Dr. Clark introduced a document prepared by the Senate Academic Planning Committee entitled "1987 and Beyond: A Report on the Second Cycle of Academic Planning at Dalhousie". Copies of this report were circulated at the meeting and will be sent to members not in attendance. Dr. Jones, Chair of Senate, outlined the extensive planning process leading up to the preparation of this document. He noted that the lengthy review process was useful because it involved all units in the university and encouraged them to identify their areas of strength and weakness and to think in terms of priorities. Dr. Jones commented on various sections in the report, noting that Senate had approved some of its recommendations and referred others back to the Faculties concerned. Members were reminded that planning within the university was an on-going process and would change from time to time as conditions changed.

President's
Council

A background document and terms of reference for this Council had been circulated with the agenda and a copy is attached to the minutes as Appendix B. Dr. Clark, in commenting on the Council's history and usefulness to the President, also noted that the Council complied with a clause in the university's statutes which requires members of the Board and of Senate to meet from time to time. He said Senate had approved continuation of the Council and Board members, on the President's recommendation, agreed

THAT the Board of Governors reaffirms the existing terms of reference of the President's Council, and agrees that the President's Council, as now constituted, should continue in existence for a further three year period until December 31, 1990. The Board further agrees that, prior to that date, the need for further continuance of the President's Council in its present form should be re-examined.

President's
Report

A copy of this report which was distributed at the meeting is attached to these minutes as Appendix C. In commenting on items in the report Dr. Clark reviewed the unsuccessful attempts made thus far to have government modify its funding formula to provide a minimum level of funding for universities. He emphasized the importance of individual Board members expressing their concern to members of government about the university's level of funding and suggested some collective action might have to be considered by the Board in February.

Dr. Clark announced the appointment of Ms. Heather Sutherland to the newly-created position of Director of Housing and Conferences. A search will be undertaken to find her replacement as Director of Alumni Affairs.

Negotiations with the Dalhousie Faculty Association are scheduled to begin April 1, 1988. Composition of the Board's Negotiating Team and of the Team's Advisory Committee, as approved by the Officers of the Board, is set out in Appendix C.

Faculty
of Health
Professions


Dean Tonks gave an informative and interesting report on the Faculty of Health Professions. A summary of his comments is attached to these minutes as Appendix D. Following his presentation Dr. Tonks introduced the eight Directors in the Faculty of Health Professions to Board members.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. A brief reception followed the meeting hosted by the Faculty of Health Professions.



Donna M. Curry
Honorary Secretary



W. Struan Robertson
Chairperson

Memorandum to the Board of Governors

The Board of Governors' approval is sought for the implementation of the following proposal.

Bachelor of Arts (Major) in Women's Studies

The proposed programme will organize existing offerings from eleven departments in the Faculty of Arts and Science into a framework for the study of the roles, contributions, and condition of women throughout all fields of enquiry. The programme will be offered with the cooperation of Mount Saint Vincent University and students will be required to take one-half credit class offered as part of that institution's Women's Studies programme. A Coordinator will be appointed to oversee the programme and to establish links with other local institutions offering or developing Women's Studies programmes.

The full cost of the programme is estimated to be \$3,850 annually. This includes an honorarium for the Coordinator and funding for curriculum and administrative expenses. As all courses are now in existence, there is no requirement for additional library, human or physical resources.

The proposal was approved by the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission at its meeting on November 2, 1987, on condition that (1) the University submit to the Commission a report on the transferability of credits for the programme, and (2) that a review of the programme be carried out and a report be submitted to the Commission following three years of operation.

December 1, 1987