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**Board of Governors Meeting
Dalhousie University
Tuesday, June 22, 1999
University Hall, Macdonald Building**

Present were:

Mr. Allan Shaw
Chair

Ms. Nancy Anderson

Ms. Diane Bell

Mr. Gerald Clarke

Mr. Murray Coolican

Mr. James Cowan

Vice-Chair

Mr. Fred Fountain

Ms. Patricia Harris

Mr. David Lovas

Dr. John O'Brien

Ms. Ann Petley-Jones
Vice-Chair

Ms. Patricia Roscoe

Prof. Philip Saunders

Dr. Alasdair Sinclair

Dr. Colin Stuttard

Mr. Peter Stuart

Dr. Daniel Tam

Mr. Bruce Towler

Mr. Shawn Tracey

Dr. Tom Traves

President

Associate Board Members in attendance were: Mr. Derek Brown, Ms. Cynthia Davis, Hon. Jacqueline Matheson, and Senator Donald Oliver.

Also present were: Dr. Dale Godsoe (Vice-President, External), Mr. Bryan Mason (Vice-President, Finance & Administration), Mr. Eric McKee (Vice-President, Student Services), Dr. Sam Scully (Vice-President, Academic & Research); Mr. Brian Crocker (University Secretary & Legal Counsel); Mr. W.H. Lord (Director, Facilities Management), Mr. Ian Nason (Director, Financial Services), Mr. William Straitton (Director, Capital Ideas Campaign); Mr. Darrell Cochrane (Controller); Mr. Peter Murchland (External Communications, Public Relations); and Ms. Sharlene Drake (Secretary).

Special guests included: Mr. Paul Bennett and Mr. Alan Jeffers (Mobile Canada), and Mr. Edwin C. Harris, QC.

Regrets were received from: Sir Graham Day (Chancellor), Ms. Karen Cramm, Mr. Robert Dexter, Dr. Daurene Lewis, Mr. George MacDonald, Ms. Kelly MacKenzie, and Mr. John Risley.

1. Approval of proposed agenda

The proposed agenda was approved with the addition of an *In Camera* item - Staff Matters.

2. Approval of minutes for meeting of May 17, 1999

The minutes were approved as presented.

3. Report of the Chair

Mr. Shaw welcomed the Associate Board Members to the meeting and thanked them for their support throughout the year.

4. Report of the President

Dr. Traves provided a written report which highlighted various issues from the past year as well as identifying some of the emerging issues which will be significant in the coming year. The report is attached to these minutes.

The President also reported on the following:

(1) he expressed thanks to Dr. John Ruedy and Dr. Philip Rosson for their contributions to their respective faculties. He also thanked Dr. Bob Fournier for his contributions to the University over the past sixteen years.

(2) the Facilities Renewal Strategy Committee will be reporting in the coming weeks on the problem of deferred maintenance across the campus.

(3) more than \$80 million has been raised in the Capital Ideas Campaign and has allowed the University to move forward on new scholarship programs, new building programs, and the creation of research support services including the establishment of a series of endowed chairs. He thanked all of the extraordinary volunteers who worked under the leadership of John Risley.

(4) the President closed his comments by noting that there is an emerging national problem with decreasing levels of public funding. He indicated that he will be spending time on this issue in the coming months and will be calling on Board Members to assist with contacting government officials in an attempt to raise awareness of this problem which is faced by all universities across the country.

5. Financial Matters

a) 1998 - 1999 Budget Report

On behalf of Mr. Risley, Mr. Cowan noted that 1998/99 marks the eleventh consecutive year of a balanced or surplus operating result which has allowed the University to reduce accumulated operating debt from years gone by. Mr. Mason then highlighted areas of interest and explained variances between the approved versus the actual budget for the year ended March 31, 1999.

Mr. Cowan then moved and Mr. Fountain seconded a motion THAT based on the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Board of Governors approve the audited financial statements of the University for the year ended March 31, 1999. The motion carried.

b) Audited Financial Statement for the year ended March 31, 1999

On behalf of Dr. Lewis, Dr. Sinclair reported that the auditors have issued an unqualified audited opinion on the financial statements.

Dr. Sinclair then moved and Mr. Towler seconded a motion THAT based on the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Board of Governors approve the audited financial statements of the University for the year ended March 31, 1999. The motion carried.

c) Appointment of Auditors for 1999/2000 fiscal year

Dr. Sinclair moved and Ms. Roscoe seconded a motion THAT KPMG Chartered Accountants be reappointed as auditors for the University for the 1999/2000 fiscal year with no increase in the base audit fees. The motion carried.

d) 1999/2000 University Budget

Mr. Cowan reported that the Operations Committee reviewed the budget and have recommended a balanced budget. Mr. Mason noted that there is some uncertainty regarding the provincial government grants due to the defeat of the budget. He also noted the following points: (1) the operating investment income is expected to increase substantially due to the greatly reduced debt load; (2) tuition fees are projected to increase in accordance with the fee schedule approved by the Board and enrolment is expected to be stable; (3) scholarship support has been increased by 4.5%; (4) as all contracts have now been settled, the level of salaries for the coming year is now known. Dr. Stuttard noted for the record that the Senate has not deliberated on this proposed budget. Mr. Cowan then moved and Ms. Harris seconded a motion THAT based on the recommendation of the Operations Committee, the Board of Governors approve the 1999/2000 operating budget. The motion carried.

6. Report of the Nominating Committee

Mr. Cowan moved and Ms. Bell seconded the motion THAT based on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, Ms. Lucy Kanary be appointed for a one-year term as a representative of the Alumni Association effective July 1, 1999 and the appointment of the following as Chairs of the Standing Committees for one-year terms effective July 1, 1999:

Executive	Mr. Allan Shaw
Audit	Dr. Daurene Lewis
Development	Ms. Ann Petley-Jones
Investment	Mr. Peter Stuart
Nominating	Mr. James Cowan
Operations	Mr. John Risley
Staff Relations	Ms. Patricia Harris
Student Relations & Residence	Mr. Gerald Clarke

The motion carried.

7. Program proposals

→ Diploma in Disability Management

Dr. Traves moved and Mr. Clarke seconded a motion THAT, based on the recommendation of the Senate, the Board of Governors approve the Diploma in Disability Management program with the following conditions:

① the program will be exempt from ERBA and subject to the usual 5% administrative levy on tuition revenues; and

② transfers of funds are made from the Faculty of Health Professions to the University Library to cover the \$700 one-time and \$975 annual needs as identified in the library assessment budget. The motion carried.

→ BSc (Joint Combined Honours) with concentration in Environmental Science

Dr. Stuttard moved and Mr. Tracey seconded a motion THAT, based on the recommendation of the Senate, the proposed program modification, BSc (Joint Combined Honours) with concentration in Environmental Science be approved on the condition that the Faculty of Science makes a base budget transfer of \$8,600 to the University library system for the acquisition of monographs on environmental science. The motion carried.

→ BSc (Agriculture) with a Major in Agricultural Environmental Studies

Dr. Stuttard moved and Dr. Sinclair seconded a motion THAT, based on the recommendation of the Senate, the Board of Governors approve the proposed BSc (Agriculture) with a Major in Agricultural Environmental Studies. The motion carried.

8. QEII - Dalhousie School of Health Sciences

Following discussion and presentations by Dr. Stuttard and Dr. Traves, Dr. Traves moved and Ms. Bell seconded a motion THAT, based on the recommendation of the Senate, the Board of Governors approve the joint QEII Health Sciences Centre - Dalhousie School of Health Sciences in the Faculty of Health Professions. The motion carried.

9. Division of Emergency Medicine

Ms. Roscoe moved and Ms. Petley-Jones seconded a motion THAT, based on the recommendation of the Senate, the Board of Governors approve the Faculty of Medicine's proposal to change the status of the Division of Emergency Medicine to that of a department (the Department of Emergency Medicine). The motion carried.

10. Annual Reports of the Standing Committees

There being no questions or discussion on the reports, they were accepted as presented.

11. Presentation by Mobil Canada

Mr. Shaw welcomed Mr. Paul Bennett, Vice-President of Mobil Canada for Nova Scotia and Mr. Alan Jeffers, Senior Public Affairs Advisor to the meeting. Mobil, a lead player in the Sable Offshore Energy Project, made a pledge of \$1,250,000 over five years to the Capital Ideas Campaign in support of the Oil and Gas Institute. Mr. Shaw thanked them for this, the lead gift for this Institute. Mr. Bennett reported that he was very pleased with the level of support and cooperation surrounding the discussions which led up to this presentation, which is partly funded by the Mobil Foundation and partly by Mobil Oil Canada. Dr. Traves accepted the cheque and thanked Mr. Bennett for his personal assistance with facilitating other donations for this Institute.

12. Awards and Presentations

Mr. Shaw introduced Mr. Edwin C. Harris, QC who was one of this year's recipients of the University Community Award for outstanding service to the university community through his active involvement and leadership in the advancement programs. Mr. Shaw presented Mr. Harris with the award and thanked him for his long-standing support.

Mr. Shaw also expressed thanks to retiring Board Members Nancy Anderson, Diane Bell, Fred Fountain, George MacDonald, John O'Brien, Daniel Tam, and Patricia Roscoe, who between them had provided 39 years of service to Dalhousie during their time on the Board. The Chair, on behalf of the Board, thanked each Member for their support and noted that the University would lose much without the knowledge and expertise of volunteers. He expressed the hope that we could count on their guidance and support in future.

The meeting adjourned to an *In Camera* session during which Dr. Howard Dickson was appointed Associate Vice-President (Research) for a one-year period effective July 1, 1999, and Dr. William MacInnis was appointed Acting Dean of Henson College for a one-year period effective July 1, 1999.

Murray Coolican
Honorary Secretary

Allan Shaw
Chair