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**Board of Governors Meeting
Dalhousie University
Motions to be Proposed
October 19, 1999**

Be It Resolved:

Item #

6. **THAT, based on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the following appointments be made to Standing Committees of the Board:**
Mr. Wesley Campbell be appointed to the Audit and Development Committees;
The Hon. Lorne Clarke be appointed to the Development Committee;
Mr. David Craig be appointed to the Staff Relations Committee;
Ms. Karen Cramm be appointed to the Nominating Committee;
Dr. Lucy Ellen Canary be appointed to the Student Relations Committee;
Ms. Cathy MacNutt be appointed to the Operations and Staff Relations Committees;
Dr. Virginia Miller be appointed to the Student Relations Committee;
Mr. Don Mills be appointed to the Development Committee;
Mr. Robert Radchuck be appointed to the Investment Committee;
Prof. Phillip Saunders be appointed to the Audit Committee;
Mr. Bruce Towler be appointed to the Development Committee;
Mr. J. Robert Winters be appointed to the Investment Committee;
and based on the recommendation of the Senate, Dr. Robert Lee be appointed to the Student Relations and Residence Committee.
7. **THAT, based on the recommendation of the Senate, the Board of Governors approved the Office of Bioethics and Research be reconstituted as a Department of Bioethics in the Faculty of Medicine.**

Additional Item THAT, based on the recommendation of the Operations Committee, the Board of Governors authorize the placing of an order for the purchase and installation of a replacement chiller at a cost in the range of \$1.25 to \$1.5 million and as detailed in the attached report.



**Board of Governors Meeting
Dalhousie University
Tuesday, October 19, 1999
University Hall, Macdonald Building**

Present were:

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| Mr. Allan Shaw Chair | Ms. Cathy MacNutt |
| Mr. Gerald Clarke | Dr. Virginia Miller |
| Hon. Lorne Clarke | Mr. Donald Mills |
| Mr. Murray Coolican | Mr. Robert Radchuck |
| Mr. James Cowan Vice-Chair | Prof. Phillip Saunders |
| Mr. David Craig | Dr. Alasdair Sinclair |
| Ms. Karen Cramm | Dr. Colin Stuttard |
| Dr. Lucy Ellen Canary | Mr. Bruce Towler |
| Dr. Daurene Lewis | Mr. Shawn Tracey |
| Mr. David Lovas | Dr. Tom Traves President |

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 & Provost); 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. Peter Murchland (Manager, External Communications, Public Relations), and Sharlene Drake (Secretary).

Regrets were received from: Mr. Wesley Campbell, Ms. Patricia Harris, Ms. Kelly MacKenzie, Mr. John Risley, and Mr. Peter Stuart.

- 1. Approval of agenda**
The agenda was approved as presented.
- 2. Approval of minutes for Board of Governors meeting - September 21, 1999**
The minutes were approved as presented with the addition of the name of Dr. Virginia Miller to those who had attended the meeting.
- 3. Report of the Chair**
The Chair welcomed Virginia Miller to the meeting. Mr. Shaw also advised new Members that as the Board meetings are open to the public they should, therefore, ask for a meeting to move *In Camera* if they wish to discuss any controversial issues.

4. Report of the President

Dr. Traves reported on various issues including:

- Six hundred and seventy-one students graduated at the Fall Convocation this year, with Honorary degrees being awarded to Mr. Bernie Francis and Dr. Milton Halem.
- The official opening of the Computer Science building occurred on October 18, 1999.
- On October 15, 1999, Premier Hamm and Senator Boudreau were on campus to announce funding for the Atlantic Canada Petroleum Institute.
- Also, on October 15, 1999, the Minister of Health, Mr. Rock, and Senator Boudreau announced funding for twelve research grants in the Faculty of Medicine for a total of \$3 million.
- The creation of the Twenty-first Century Research Scholars Program by the federal government will provide funding in the form of salaries and start-up research costs for a three-year period for twelve hundred faculty positions across the country. These funds will be administered by the granting councils responsible for social sciences and humanities, natural sciences and engineering, and the medical community. It is expected that the positions will be allocated in proportion to the share that each university had in relation to the total granting council budget.
- The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia has approved an application by the Killam Trustees to alter the terms of the Killam Endowment to allow for greater flexibility in the disposition of and the investment of the funds.

Finally, Dr. Traves reported that the provincial government recently announced that the budget allocation for this fiscal year would honour commitments made by the previous government. However, the government is facing serious financial difficulties and they intend to assess all expenditures. The possibility of budget cuts could mean that the 4% increase in funding promised by the previous government may not be forthcoming. Any budget cuts would present the universities with major challenges.

Declining budgets faced by the Nova Scotia universities, while the economy is growing in the rest of the country, would make it difficult to retain existing faculty members or to attract new faculty members. We must ensure that the government clearly understands the position in which the universities will be placed, appreciating the risks so that they will make strategic cuts which do not impede the contribution which universities make to the growth of the Nova Scotia economy. We must also consider enrolment levels and what growth is appropriate for Dalhousie.

5. Reports by the Operations Committee:

➤ **University debt and deficit (report deferred to a future meeting)**

➤ **Recommendations on capital expenditures**

Mr. Mason reported that a request for funding had been sent to the Nova Scotia Council on Higher Education for capital funding to replace the chiller. Because of the lead time required to have the equipment built, delivered, and installed, Mr. Cowan moved and Dr. Traves seconded a motion THAT based on the recommendation of the Operations Committee, the Board of Governors authorize the placing of an order for the purchase and installation of a replacement chiller at a cost in the range of \$1.25 to \$1.5 million. The motion carried.

Items for decision

6. **Nominating Committee report on Standing Committees**
Mr. Cowan moved and Mr. Coolican seconded a motion THAT, based on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the following appointments be made to Standing Committees of the Board:
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Mr. Don Mills be appointed to the Development Committee;
Mr. Robert Radchuck be appointed to the Investment Committee;
Prof. Phillip Saunders be appointed to the Audit Committee;
Mr. Bruce Towler be appointed to the Development Committee;
Mr. J. Robert Winters be appointed to the Investment Committee;
and based on the recommendation of the Senate, Dr. Robert Lee be appointed to the Student Relations and Residence Committee. The motion carried.
7. **Department of Bioethics**
Following an introduction by Dr. Scully, Dr. Lewis moved and Dr. Stuttard seconded a motion THAT, based on the recommendation of the Senate, the Board of Governors approve the Office of Bioethics and Research be reconstituted as a Department of Bioethics in the Faculty of Medicine. The motion carried.

Items for Information

8. **Presentations by Vice-Presidents**
➤ University finances/statistics and trends
Mr. Mason provided an overview of the financial position of the University through a series of charts and graphs demonstrating change over time.

➤ Who are our students: an overview
Mr. McKee provided Board Members with information about the student body, where they come from, where they live while attending Dalhousie, and the impact this has on the local housing market.

➤ Update on the Career Portfolio Project
Due to insufficient time, this item was deferred.
9. **Status Report - New Academic Programs**
Dr. Scully explained that the document provided to Board Members was a summary of new academic programs approved in 1998/99 and was provided for their information.

The meeting moved to an *In Camera* session.

During the *In Camera* session Sir Graham Day was reappointed as Chancellor for a two-year period effective October 01, 2000 to September 30, 2002.

Mr. Shaw reported that, based on the Senior Administrative Appointments document, the President had indicated his willingness to be considered for reappointment for a further term. Therefore, Mr. Shaw had written to the Chair of the Senate and to the President of the DSU requesting appointment of representatives to a Presidential Review Committee to review the performance of the President and prepare a recommendation to the Board, based on this evaluation.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. and was followed by a tour of the Computer Science Building.

Murray Coolican
Honorary Secretary

Allan Shaw
Chair