

Item: Board of Governors Minutes, November 1998

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## Proposed Agenda

Board of Governors  
November 17, 1998, 4:00 p.m.  
Lord Dalhousie Room, A&A Building

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1. Approval of proposed agenda
2. Approval of Minutes of meeting September 15, 1998 (Attachment)
3. Report of the Chair Shaw
4. Report of the President (Attachment) Traves

### Items for Decision

5. Program approval: BA (Minor in Film Studies) (Attachment) Scully
6. DSU Motions re: tuition fees (Attachment) Traves/Chiasson
7. Report of the Nominating Committee Roscoe

### Items for Discussion

8. Orientation week Chiasson

### Presentation

9. Research at Dalhousie Fournier

### In Camera

10. Response to proposal from ADD (Attachments)

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Dalhousie University  
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**Be It Resolved:**

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7. **THAT, based on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee,  
Dr. Alasdair Sinclair be appointed to the Audit, and Development Committees;  
Mr. Bruce Towler be appointed to the Investment and Honorary Degrees Committees;  
Dr. Daniel Tam be appointed to the Staff Relations, the Development, and the Governors' Awards Committee; and  
Mr. Robert Dexter be appointed to the Operations, and Investment Committees;**

## **Chair's Expanded Agenda**

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1. Approval of proposed agenda
2. Approval of Minutes of meeting September 15, 1998
3. Report of the Chair  
No issues to report on at this meeting.
4. Report of the President  
Circulated with agenda.

### Items for Decision

5. Program approval: BA (Minor in Film Studies)  
Sam Scully will present this motion.
6. DSU Motions re: tuition fees  
Background information for this motion prepared by Bryan Mason was circulated today. Tom will introduce this and Ted Chiasson will speak to the motion. Bryan will provide back-up as required.
7. Report of the Nominating Committee  
Jim Cowan will introduce these motions.

### Items for Discussion

8. Orientation week (and other issues)  
Ted Chiasson will speak about issues facing student s at this time. He expects his presentation will last about 10 minutes.

### Presentation

9. Research at Dalhousie  
Dr. Bob Fournier will speak about research issues at Dalhousie.

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All non-Board Members should leave at this time. (Michelle Gallant will remain for this discussion.)

### In Camera

10. Response to proposal from ADD  
Tom will speak to this issue.

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**Present were:**

Mr. Allan Shaw  
Chair  
Dr. Tom Traves  
President  
Ms. Nancy Anderson  
Ms. Diane Bell  
Mr. Level Chan  
Mr. Ted Chiasson  
Mr. Gerald Clarke  
Mr. Murray Coolican

Mr. James Cowan  
Vice-Chair  
Mr. George MacDonald  
Dr. John O'Brien  
Mr. Andrew Philopoulos  
Ms. Patricia Roscoe  
Prof. Phillip Saunders  
Dr. Colin Stuttard  
Mr. Bruce Towler

Regrets were received from: Ms. Karen Cramm, Mr. Rob Dexter, Mr. Fred Fountain, Dr. Daurene Lewis, Ms. Ann Petley-Jones, Mr. John Risley, Mr. Bryan Mason, Dr. Alasdair Sinclair, Mr. Peter Stuart, and Dr. Daniel Tam.

Also present were: Dr. Dale Godsoe (Vice-President (External)), Mr. Eric McKee (Vice-President, Student Services), Dr. Samuel Scully (Vice-President, Academic & Research); Dr. Robert Fournier (Associate Vice-President, Research & International Relations); Mr. Mike Roughneen (Assistant Vice-President, Personnel Services); Mr. Brian Crocker (University Secretary & Legal Counsel); Dr. Ismet Ugursal (President, DFA); Mr. Brian Christie (Executive Director, Institutional Affairs), Ms. Michelle Gallant (Director, Public Relations), Mr. Bill Lord (Director, Facilities Management), Ms. Lynne Sheridan (Director, Alumni Affairs); Mr. Peter Murchland (External Communications, Public Relations); and Ms. Sharlene Drake (Secretary).

**1. Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Shaw sought and received approval for the proposed agenda with the following change: the item listed as Orientation Week will be an update of DSU activities. Board Members concurred.

**2. Approval of Minutes of September 15, 1998**

The minutes were approved as distributed with the following change: on pg. 3, pp 2, the word "availed" should be "available".

**3. Chair's Report**

Mr. Shaw noted that the note pads distributed to Board Members were gifts from the Alumni Association.

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### **4. President's Report**

Dr. Traves reported that the report which had been prepared by him and Dr. Scully, and circulated with the agenda, represented findings gained over several months of discussions held with a large variety of groups across the campus. The purpose of this endeavour was to identify concerns within the University community, challenges and opportunities faced by faculty, staff, and students, and to encourage the presentation of new ways of doing things at Dalhousie which might lead to improvements in the institution. The report identifies the major issues that were raised during these sessions. Dr. Scully noted that the process provided an excellent opportunity to meet people across the campus and the achievements and opportunities and problems people are facing. This provided an opportunity for those who participated to learn about the work of others on campus and to appreciate the challenges in other areas.

### ***Items for Decision***

#### **5. Program approval: BA(Minor in Film Studies)**

Dr. Traves moved and Dr. Stuttard seconded a motion THAT, on the recommendation of the Senate, the program BA (Minor in Film Studies) be approved. The motion carried.

#### **6. DSU motion regarding tuition fees**

Mr. Chiasson noted that the motions were put forward to ensure the principals of accessibility and reasonably maintained tuition fees would become part of the objectives of the Board of Governors and the University. Following discussion, Dr. Traves moved and Mr. Chiasson seconded a motion THAT the motion proposed by the DSU be referred to the Operations Committee for consideration and recommendation and be brought back to the Board for further consideration at a future meeting. The motion carried.

#### **7. Report of the Nominating Committee**

Mr. Cowan moved and Ms. Bell seconded a motion THAT, based on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee:

Dr. Alasdair Sinclair be appointed to the Audit and Development Committees;

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The motion carried.

### ***Items for Discussion***

#### **8. DSU presentation**

Mr. Chiasson reported that the DSU currently represents all students on campus. The executive is elected annually and consists of the President, the Executive Vice-President, two Board of Governors and three Senate representatives, a Vice-President (Student Advocacy), Vice-President (Community Affairs), and Vice-President (Internal). The Executive receives direction from Council which consists of forty-eight members representing faculties and under represented groups or distinct groups.

Mr. Philopoulos reported that the DSU is involved in lobbying governments at a municipal, provincial and national levels. The DSU is a member of the Canadian Association of Student Alliance and on the Nova Scotia Council on Higher Education. The DSU is also involved in course evaluations which provides a guide for students when considering course selection.

Mr. Chan reported that the DSU is involved in various business activities which are concentrated in the Student Union Building and which include a newsstand, coffee shop, the Gazette, and CKDU. The DSU has recently reviewed and implemented a new health plan for students. The DSU also coordinates Orientation Week for students, a time-consuming activity, and includes activities which involve community building. This year Shinerama raised \$20,000 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Mr. Chan also reported that the DSU has 160 societies which represent the interests of various groups on campus. He closed by reporting that the DSU has established a web site to further communicate the ongoing activities and now includes information on the Board of Governors. The address for this site is <http://is2.dal.ca/~bog>.

Dr. Traves noted that current research reports indicate that student affiliation to a university through societies and activities, such as those coordinated by the DSU, leads to students making a quick identification with the institution when they become involved with activities at the institution. This association leads to academic success due to feelings of connection and motivation. He also noted that the work associated with coordinating these activities is very time consuming and requires personal sacrifices. Dr. Traves expressed appreciation to the DSU on behalf of the Board and the community.

#### **Presentation**

##### **9. Research at Dalhousie**

Due to time constraints, this item was deferred to a future meeting.

*An In Camera* session followed.

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Murray Coolican  
Honorary Secretary

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Allan Shaw  
Chair