



BOARD OF GOVERNORS

**Approved Minutes of the Meeting (Open Session)
held on February 19th, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.
University Hall, MacDonald Building**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Spatz (Chair), Jamie Arron, John Baxter, Barrie Black, Joyce Carter, Wadih Fares, Fred Fountain, Lloyd Fraser, Curtis Johnston, Lori MacLean, George McLellan, Ibrahim Merdan, Aubrey Palmeter, Sherry Porter, Paula Simon, Chris Smith, Stan Spavold, Larry Stordy, Candace Thomas, Tom Traves, Jim Wilson, Susan Brousseau (University Secretary).

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Martha Crago (VP Research), Jeff Lamb (Assistant VP Facilities Management), Ian Nason (Assistant VP, Financial Services), Bonnie Neuman (VP-Student Services), Catherine Bagnell Styles (Assistant VP, Communication and Marketing), Carolyn Watters (VP Academic and Provost), Rana Shams (Minute Taker).

REGRETS: Jay Abbass, Michelle Awad, William (Bill) Black, Gail-Tomblin Murphy, Ken Burt (VP Finance and Administration), Floyd Dykeman (VP External).

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by L. Stordy, seconded by A. Palmeter:

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

The motion CARRIED.

2. Consent Agenda

2.1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of November 27th, 2012.

Motion: **THAT the minutes of the meeting held on November 27th, 2012 be approved as presented.**

Approved by Consent

2.2 Order in Council Appointment - Agricultural Community Appointee

Motion: **THAT the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Governance and Nominating Committee, approve the nomination of Laurie Jennings for recommendation to the Governor-in-Council for appointment to the Board of Governors of Dalhousie University for a term from February 19, 2013 to June 30, 2016.**

Approved by Consent

2.3 Appointment of Public Member to Board Operations Committee

Motion: **THAT the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Governance and Nominating Committee, approve the appointment of Paul Dykeman as a public member on the Board Operations Committee for a term from February 19, 2013 to June 30, 2013.**

Approved by Consent

2.4 Appointment of Ombudsperson

Motion: **THAT the Board of Governors approve the appointment of Mr. Ramz Aziz as Ombudsperson for 2012-13.**

Approved by Consent

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. Chair's Report

J. Spatz congratulated Joyce Carter on being honored with her FCA (Fellow Chartered Accountant) designation; she was one of only five honorees in Nova Scotia this year.

5. President's Report

T. Traves highlighted several areas in his report, including early student application rates for 2013-14 which are very encouraging at this stage; he cautioned, however, that it will be some time before the University will know whether these numbers will translate into confirmed enrolments. He also commented on the recent Student Satisfaction Progress Dashboard report which presents data from two national surveys that track student satisfaction and engagement. Dalhousie has shown progress in most areas, with the exception of satisfaction with university athletic facilities. The University is currently developing proposals for a new arena, new fitness facilities and a renewal of the Dalplex which should help to address these concerns. Lastly, Dr. Traves noted that Dalhousie has been chosen as one of Canada's Best Diversity Employers for 2013, the latest in several workplace awards the University has received over the past two years.

Dr. Traves responded to a question regarding Dalhousie's continued poor showing in terms of student satisfaction with athletic facilities, providing a brief update on current activities and discussions and noting that he hopes to come back to the Board late in the spring with more information on this issue.

6. Dalhousie Student Union President's Report

J. Arron distributed his report, noting that the matters raised in it, and the motions presented, are not for discussion today, but that he would like to raise these for discussion over the next several months and to have them come forward to the meeting in April. The motions particularly relate to enhancing student participation in governance and decision-making and access to information. He also highlighted the issues for international students around annual tuition fees and the determination of the international differential fee.

T. Traves proposed that Mr. Arron, Dr. Spatz, Ms. Brousseau and he meet in the next week or so to exchange additional information and to discuss the appropriate way to deal with the motions presented in Mr. Arron's report. Mr. Arron indicated that this was acceptable to him. He encouraged Board members to contact him with any comments or questions.

7. Items For Information

7.1 Capital Projects and Facilities Committee – Draft Terms of Reference

L. Stordy introduced and presented the motion.

Moved by L. Stordy, seconded by L. Fraser:

THAT the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Governance and Nominating Committee, approve the Terms of Reference for the Capital Projects and Facilities Committee as presented.

The motion CARRIED.

7.2 Operations Committee – Revised Terms of Reference

L. Stordy introduced and presented the motion.

Moved by L. Stordy, seconded by L. Fraser:

THAT the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Governance and Nominating Committee, approve the amendments to the Terms of Reference for the Operations Committee as presented.

The motion CARRIED.

8. Items for Information

8.1 Board Standing Committee Report

J. Spatz noted that the reports of the following standing committees were distributed in the agenda package: Academic Affairs and Research, Audit, Capital Projects and Facilities, Human Resources and Student Experience. There were no questions on the reports.

9. *In Camera* Session

The Board moved to an *In Camera* session.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Jim Spatz, Chair

Joyce Carter, Honorary Secretary