

Item: Board of Governors Minutes, December 2000

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Agenda

**Board of Governors
Dalhousie University
December 12, 2000 (4:00 p.m.)
Lord Dalhousie Room
Arts & Administration Building**

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Presentation : Environmental Health & Safety Awards
3. Approval of Minutes of October 24, 2000 Board of Governors Meeting (enclosure)
4. Report of the Chair
5. Report of the President
6. Standing Committee Reports

Items for decision:

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| 7. | Terms of reference for ad hoc committee on Processes and Structures for the Board of Governors (enclosure) | Cowan |
| 8. | Proposed Membership on Standing Committees of the Board (enclosure) | Cowan |
| 9. | Proposed modifications to the Bachelor of Commerce (Co-op Education) Program (enclosure) | Scully |
| 10. | Proposed modified Program Bachelor of Science with minor in Computer Science (enclosure) | Scully |
| 11. | Proposed MLIS/MBA Combined Program (enclosure) | Scully |
| 12. | Appointment of "Head" of Dalhousie for purposes of the FOIPOP Act (enclosure) | Crocker |

Items for information:

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| 13. | Freedom of Information Protection of Privacy (FOIPOP) Act (enclosure) | Crocker |
| 14. | Faculty of Management Building - Proposed Planning Committee (enclosure) | Traves |
| 15. | Canada Research Chairs (information previously distributed with material for October 24, 2000 Board of Governors meeting) | Scully |

In Camera:

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| 16. | IBEW Certification | Mason |
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Adjournment:

Reception to follow in the Victoria Lounge, Shirreff Hall



**Board of Governors Meeting
Dalhousie University
December 12, 2000**

Present were:

Mr. James Cowan
Chair
Ms. Elizabeth Beale
Mr. Wesley Campbell
Mr. Gerald Clarke
Hon. Lorne Clarke
Mr. Murray Coolican
Mr. Steven Coté
Mr. David Craig
Ms. Karen Cramm
Ms. Jo-Anne Galarneau
Dr. Lucy Ellen Canary
Dr. Daurene Lewis

Ms. Cathy MacNutt
Mr. Don Mills
Ms. Ann Petley-Jones
Dr. David Precious
Mr. Robert Radchuck
Mr. Ian Robson
Dr. Alasdair Sinclair
Mr. Peter Stuart
Dr. Colin Stuttard
Mr. Bruce Towler
Dr. Tom Traves
President

Also present were: Dr. Sam Scully (Vice-President Academic & Provost), Mr. Bryan Mason (Vice-President Finance & Administration), Mr. Eric McKee (Vice-President Student Services), Dr. Dale Godsoe (Vice-President Externa), Dr. Carl Breckenridge (Vice-President Research); Mr. Brian Christie (Executive Director, Institutional Affairs); Ms. Ann Janega (Director, Public Relations), Ms. Lynne Sheridan (Director, Alumni Affairs); Dr. Tom Faulkner (DFA Representative); Mr. Peter Murchland (Manager, External Communications, Public Relations), and Ms. Sharlene Drake (Secretary).

Regrets from: Mr. Rob Dexter, Mr. John Flemming, Ms. Patricia Harris, Mr. Colin Latham, Mr. John Risley, and Prof. Phillip Saunders.

1. Approval of proposed agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

2. Presentation of Environmental Health and Safety Awards

Mr. Cowan noted that since the early 1990's, the Security Office organized a regular Light Walk. The event brought together people from many different units who share an interest in improving campus safety - particularly in the after dark hours. Over the years, the walks have helped the University assign priorities to lighting and related improvements which have cost in excess of \$200,000. The result is that the campus is a much safer place than it was a decade ago. But, in more general terms, the Program has once again shown the potential of creating opportunities for people to participate in making campus improvements.

Additionally, Housing and Conference Services is being recognized for its commitment to safety - particularly fire safety - in University residences. With more than 2000 students living in residence, fire safety is a major concern and Housing and Conference Services has been taking it very seriously. Over the past decade, upgrades have been completed to improve smoke detection in each residence. Work has been carried out in Fenwick Towers - the University's high-rise residence - to improve fire separations in the building's halls and stair wells. Changes have been made to the main entrance of Shirreff Hall to make it easier to exit in an emergency. A routine inspection program now addresses fire safety issues in the University houses which accommodate students. The Residence Life Handbook which is given to students each fall, now contains detailed information on fire safety in the residences and the residence student staff leaders participate in an annual training program which addresses fire and other safety matters.

Mr. Cowan expressed his thanks to all of those involved in these programs and on behalf of the Board and the University, presented awards to Mr. G.A. (Sandy) MacDonald, Chief of Security and Janice Hines, Associate Director of Facilities, Housing and Conference Services.

3. Approval of minutes of October 29, 2000 Board of Governors minutes

The minutes were approved with the following changes:

Dr. Stuttard requested that it be noted in the minutes that he had circulated notice of motions and that Ms. Drake would circulate the amendments to the Handbook once all of the amendments were approved.

4. Report of the Chair

Mr. Cowan noted that Mr. Crocker was in the process of doing a detailed review of the By-Laws for the Board of Governors which will include taking note of proposed changes put forward by Dr. Stuttard. Once Mr. Crocker's review has been completed, the changes will come forward to the Board for consideration. He also reported that the Chair of Senate had informed him about a motion passed at the October 30 meeting of Senate. The motion, which not require action by the Board, states: "That the President and Vice-President Academic and Provost sign no further contracts that would commit Dalhousie to initiate academic programs with external partners until the Senate has expressed its wishes on the matter." Finally, Mr. Cowan reported that the Report of the Facilities Renewal Strategy Committee is now being finalized and will be available in the near future.

5. Report of the President

Dr. Traves reported on the following items:

- ▶ Information had been received that a Dalhousie student had received a Rhodes Scholarship, the 74th Dalhousie student to receive such a scholarship.
- ▶ Professors Ford Doolittle and Chris Beaumont were recently appointed as Canada Research Chairs and Professor Peter Gregson was awarded Dalhousie's first Industrial Chair in Design Engineering.

- ▶ He has initiated a review of the university's strategic plans.
- ▶ He announced his intent to bring forward, at the next meeting of the Board, details of the GINI project.

6. Standing Committee Reports

Mr. Stuart reported that the Investment Committee met in October to review the financial reports on the Pension Trust Fund and the Retirees Trust Fund, including the performance of the funds, and indicated long-term projections remain favorable.

Mr. G. Clarke reported that the Student Relations and Residence Committee had met recently to review the proposals for student housing including building a wing on Howe Hall which would provide 175 beds and be available for occupancy in September 2002, and construction of apartment style housing complex and day care centre at the corner of South and Seymour Streets by a private consortium.

In Mr. Risley's absence, Mr. Mason reported that the Operations Committee met last week to consider the housing projects and agreed to begin seeking proposals on these two projects. The Committee also: was updated on progress on the new building for the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and on other construction work ongoing on campus; reviewed the report on the current year's operating budget. Mr. Mason noted that the cost of bunker fuel had risen dramatically and resulted in a negative variance on this budget line; Tuition fees revenue levels remain uncertain and will remain so until January.

7. Terms of Reference for Ad Hoc Committee on Process and Structure

Mr. Cowan reminded Board Members that he had agreed to prepare a proposed mandate for this Committee and thanked Hon. Lorne Clarke for his willingness to act as Chair, and Mr. Coolican, Mr. Coté, Mr. Flemming, Dr. Canary, Dr. Stuttard, Mr. Towler and Dr. Traves for their willingness to serve as members on this important committee. Mr. Coolican then moved and Ms. Cramm seconded a motion THAT the Board of Governors approve the Terms of Reference for the Ad Hoc Committee on Process and Structures for the Board of Governors. The motion carried.

8. Proposed Membership on Standing Committees of the Board of Governors

Hon. L. Clarke moved and Dr. Precious seconded a motion THAT the Board of Governors approve the membership on Standing Committees of the Board of Governors. The motion carried.

9. Proposed modifications to the Bachelor of Commerce (Co-op Education) Program

Dr. Stuttard moved and Mr. Stuart seconded a motion THAT, based on a recommendation by the Senate, the Board of Governors approve the modified B. Commerce (Co-op Education) degree program with the understanding that simultaneously the B. Commerce (Honours) program will be discontinued. The motion carried.

10. Proposed modifications to the Bachelor of Science with Minor in Computer Science

Dr. Stuttard moved and Mr. Mills seconded a motion THAT, based on a recommendation by the Senate, the Board of Governors approve the modified B.Sc. with a Minor in Computer Science. The motion carried.

11. Proposed MLIS/MBA Combined Program

Dr. Stuttard moved and Dr. Traves seconded a motion THAT, based on a recommendation by the Senate, the Board of Governors approve the combined degree program Master of Library and Information Studies/Master of Business Administration. The motion carried.

12. Appointment of "Head" of Dalhousie for purposed of FIOPOP

Mr. Mills moved and Ms. Cramm seconded a motion THAT, pursuant to Section 49A of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, Dalhousie University designates Dr. Sam Scully, Vice-President Academic and Provost, Mr. Bryan Mason, Vice-President Finance and Administration, Mr. Eric McKee, Vice-President Student Services, Dr. Dale Godsoe, Vice-President External Relations, and/or Dr. Carl Breckenridge, Vice-President Research, as "Head" of Dalhousie University for the purposes of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. The motion carried.

13. Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FIOPOP) Act

Mr. Crocker provided Board Members with information on the Act and its implications to the University.

14. Faculty of Management Building - Proposed Planning Committee

The University has begun the process of planning for a new building for the Faculty of Management. The Terms of Reference, membership, and committee structures were outlined by Dr. Traves.

15. Canada Research Chairs

Dr. Scully outlined the details of this federal government program which was announced in 1999 in response to requests by the university presidents of the benefits of making an investment in research done by universities. Based on the research plan which was developed over the summer months, Dalhousie will continue with its focus on the broad areas of Health Studies and Ocean Studies and have added Materials Science, Oil & Gas, and Information and Communications Technology. The allocation of Chairs occurs over a five-year period, with eleven allocated in year one. This program will have long term benefits to the University.

The meeting then moved to an *In Camera* session.

Murray Coolican
Honorary Secretary

James Cowan
Chair