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**Board of Governors Meeting
Dalhousie University
Motions to be Proposed
February 15, 2000**

Be It Resolved:

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6. THAT, based on the recommendation of the Senate, the Faculty of Medicine's proposal to change the status of its Department of Otolaryngology to that of Division of Otolaryngology within the Department of Surgery be approved on the understanding that a review of this arrangement be made in three years time.
7. THAT, the Board of Governors approve the amended Signing Authority Resolution as attached to these minutes.
8. THAT, based on the recommendation of the Senate, the Executive Master of Electronic Commerce be approved.

THAT, based on the recommendation of the Senate, the BA with a minor in Environmental Studies be approved.
9. THAT, the Board of Governors approve policy for the Guidelines for the Establishment of New Legal Entities.
10. THAT, the Board of Governors approve that amendments P 4-02.99, P9-01.99, P32-01.99, and P47-01.99 as recommended by the Pension Advisory Committee and accepted by the Employee Groups.



**Board of Governors Meeting
Dalhousie University
Tuesday, February 15, 2000
Lord Dalhousie Room, A&A Building**

Present were:

Mr. Allan Shaw Chair	Ms. Kelly MacKenzie
Mr. Gerald Clarke	Ms. Cathy MacNutt
Hon. Lorne Clarke	Dr. Virginia Miller
Mr. James Cowan Vice-Chair	Mr. Donald Mills
Ms. Karen Cramm	Dr. Alasdair Sinclair
Mr. Robert Dexter	Mr. Peter Stuart
Mr. John Flemming	Dr. Colin Stuttard
Dr. Lucy Ellen Kanary	Mr. Bruce Towler
Mr. Colin Latham	Mr. Shawn Tracey
Mr. David Lovas	Dr. Tom Traves President

Also present were: Mr. Eric McKee (Vice-President, Student Services), Dr. Sam Scully (Vice-President Academic & Provost); Mr. Mike Roughneen (Assistant Vice-President, Personnel Services); Mr. Brian Crocker (University Secretary & Legal Counsel); Mr. Bill Maes (University Librarian); Mr. Brian Christie (Executive Director, Institutional Affairs); Ms. Ann Janega (Director, Public Relations); Mr. Peter Murchland (Manager, External Communications, Public Relations); Dr. Tom Faulkner (DFA); and Ms. Sharlene Drake (Secretary).

Regrets were received from: Mr. Wesley Campbell, Mr. Murray Coolican, Mr. David Craig, Ms. Patricia Harris, Dr. Daurene Lewis, Ms. Ann Petley-Jones, Mr. Robert Radchuck, Mr. John Risley and Prof. Phillip Saunders.

1. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

2. Approval of minutes for Board of Governors meeting - December 16, 1999

The minutes were approved as presented.

3. Report of the Chair

Mr. Shaw reported that Dr. Traves will be the featured speaker at the Halifax Chamber of Commerce luncheon on Wednesday, February 23rd at the Westin Hotel. He will speak about Nova Scotia's knowledge economy and how business, government, and universities can realize a "brain gain" for Nova Scotia.

Report of the President

Dr. Traves shared a number of good news items including:

» Dr. Bertrum MacDonald, School of Library & Information Sciences, is part of a seven member interuniversity team who received a \$2.2 million grant from the Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council dealing with the history of the book. The Dalhousie part of this study will focus on electronic resources and application of geographic information systems to historical analysis.

» The federal government created three new national Centres of Excellence and Dalhousie will be a participant in two of the Centres. Dr. Traves extended congratulations to Professors Harold Robertson, Stephen Phillips, William Currie, and Theo Hagg from the Faculty of Medicine all of whom are partners in the Canadian Stroke Network. This group will investigate the causes, incidents, and various therapies for stroke victims in Canada. The second Centre deals with aquaculture and related issues. Professors Jim Wright, Richard Apostle, Jeff Hutchings, David VanderZwaag and Bill Pohajdak are part of the Dalhousie team in partnership with colleagues from across the country. These awards recognize the quality of the individuals involved and the ongoing work of the people at Dalhousie.

» The Faculty of Health Professions received a grant of \$95,000 through the Office of Learning Technology to develop a pilot distance education project to serve employees of Workers Compensation Board across the county.

» In a recent national stock exchange competition for MBA students, the top three teams were from Dalhousie. Dr. Traves congratulated the winning teams and Prof. Glenn Baigent of the School of Business who acts as faculty advisor for these students.

» During the recent United Way Campaign, the University surpassed its target of \$130,000 by raising \$136,000. Dr. Traves noted that this is one way that Dalhousie contributes back to the community. He introduced Dr. Don Cunningham of the Faculty of Dentistry and Anne Marie Coolen of the Co-op Education Department of DalTech who co-chaired this year's campaign and thanked them for their outstanding leadership. Mr. Shaw then presented Dr. Cunningham and Ms. Coolen with a small gift on behalf of the University.

4. Report of Standing Committee Chairs

The Officers of the Board met with Bob Shaw (Chair of the NSCHE) and Susan Clark (Executive Director of NSCHE) as well as David Precious and Don MacLeod, Members of the NSCHE, in January to discuss the current thinking of the Council and the role that Council can play in assisting universities. Mr. Shaw explained the decision making process at Council as well as their role in areas such as the funding formula and lobbying efforts with the government for funding for the university system.

The Officers also met on February 3rd to plan the agenda for this meeting and approve routine staff matters.

Finally, Mr. Shaw reported that the Presidential Review Committee met during January and February. A more detailed report will be presented during the *In Camera* session following the regular meeting today.

Mr. Peter Stuart , Chair of the Investment Committee, advised that the Committee will be meeting in the coming days to update the performance numbers and management structure to year-end. He noted that the funds had performed well to the end of September. More time has been spent to simplify the structure and to ensure that there is a reasonably diversified investment style within the management of the endowment and the pension funds.

Items for decision

5. **Department of Otolaryngology - Change in status**
Following explanation by Dr. Scully, Dr. Stuttard moved and Mr. Flemming seconded a motion THAT, based on the recommendation of the Senate, the Faculty of Medicine's proposal to change the status of its Department of Otolaryngology to that of Division of Otolaryngology within the Department of Surgery be approved on the understanding that a review of this arrangement be made in three years time. The motion carried.

6. **Signing Authority Resolution**
Dr. Traves moved and Mr. Latham seconded a motion THAT, the Board of Governors approve the amended Signing Authority Resolution as attached to these minutes. The motion carried.

7. **Program approvals**
 - **Executive Master of Electronic Commerce**
Mr. G. Clarke moved and Mr. Cowan seconded a motion THAT, based on the recommendation of the Senate, the Executive Master of Electronic Commerce be approved. The motion carried.

 - **BA (Minor in Environmental Studies)**
Ms. MacKenzie moved and Mr. Tracey seconded a motion THAT, based on the recommendation of the Senate, the BA with a minor in Environmental Studies be approved. The motion carried.

8. **Guidelines for the Establishment of New Legal Entities (Tom)**
Dr. Traves moved and Ms. Cramm seconded a motion THAT, the Board of Governors approve policy for the Guidelines for the Establishment of New Legal Entities. The motion carried.

9. **Proposed amendments to the Staff Pension Plan**
Following explanation by Mr. Roughneen, Mr. Mills moved and Mr. Cowan seconded a motion THAT, the Board of Governors approve that amendments P 4-02.99, P9-01.99, P32-01.99, and P47-01.99 as recommended by the Pension Advisory Committee and accepted by the Employee Groups. The motion carried.

Items for Information

10. **Audited financial statements of the Staff Pension Trust Fund and the Retirees' Trust Fund**
Mr. Stuart noted that the Trustees have signed the statements which were circulated for information.

Presentation

11. The Future of the Libraries

Mr. William Maes, University Librarian, presented information on the future of the libraries and the long-term strategic issues this presents for the University. He provided an overview of the current environment, the challenges faced as a result of this environment, and a proposed plan to meet these challenges.

The meeting moved to an *In Camera* session. During that session, Mr. Shaw made a motion, based on the recommendation of the Presidential Review Committee that Dr. Traves be reappointed for a six-year period, effective July 1, 2001. The motion received the unanimous support of the Board.

Murray Coolican
Honorary Secretary

Allan Shaw
Chair