

Item: Board of Governors Minutes, October 2000

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**Proposed Agenda
Board of Governors
Dalhousie University
October 24, 2000, 4:00 p.m.
Lord Dalhousie Room, A&A Building**

1. Approval of Proposed Agenda
2. Approval of minutes of September 26, 2000 Board of Governors Meeting (Attachment)
3. Report of the Chair
4. Report of the President

Items for Decision

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| 5. | Creation of Dalhousie International Services (Attachment) | Traves |
| 6. | Actuarial Valuation of the Staff Pension Plan (Attachment) | Mason |
| 7. | Amendments to the Staff Pension Plan (Attachment) | Mason |
| 8. | Retirees Trust Fund Surplus Distribution to Retirees (Attachment) | Mason |
| 9. | DSU motion (Attachment) | Coté |

Items for Information

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| 10. | Canada Research Chairs (Attachment) | Scully |
| 11. | Atlantic Investment Fund | Traves |

In Camera

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| 12. | IBEW certification | Mason |
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**Board of Governors Meeting
Dalhousie University
Motions to be Proposed
October 24, 2000**

Be It Resolved:

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7. THAT, based on the recommendation of the Pension Advisory Committee and accepted by the employee groups, the Board of Governors approve the Amendments P26-03.00, P52-05.00, P6-04.00, and P26-03.00.
8. THAT, based on the recommendation of the Pension Advisory Committee and accepted by the employee groups, the Board of Governors approve Amendment P52-05.00.
- 9(i) THAT, based on the recommendation of the Dalhousie Student Union, the Board of Governors approve the appointment of the President of the Dalhousie Student Union to the Officers Committee of the Board of Governors.
- 9(ii) THAT, based on the recommendation of the Dalhousie Student Union, the Board of Governors approve the appointment of the President of the Dalhousie Student Union to the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors.



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**Board of Governors Meeting
Dalhousie University
October 24, 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

Ms. Jo-Anne Galarneau

Ms. Patricia Harris

Dr. Lucy Ellen Canary

Dr. Daurene Lewis

Ms. Cathy MacNutt

Mr. Don Mills

Ms. Ann Petley-Jones

Dr. David Precious

Mr. Robert Radchuck

Mr. John Risley

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), Mr. Mike Roughneen (Associate Vice-President Personnel), Mr. Brian Christie (Executive Director, Institutional Affairs), Mr. Scott James (Director, Annual Giving), Ms. Ann Janega (Director, Public Relations), Mr. William Lord (Director, Facilities Management), Mr. William Straitton (Director, Capital Gifts), Dr. Tom Faulkner (DFA Representative), Mr. Leland Crowell (Manager, Pension & Benefits, Personnel Services), Mr. Peter Murchland (Manager, External Communications, Public Relations), and Ms. Sharlene Drake (Secretary).

Regrets were received from Mr. David Craig, Ms. Karen Cramm, Mr. Rob Dexter, Mr. John Flemming, Mr. Colin Latham, and Prof. Phillip Saunders.

1. Approval of proposed agenda

Mr. Cowan noted that the creation of Dalhousie International Services will be discussed during the *In Camera* session and that the Actuarial Valuation of the Staff Pension Plan will be an Information item. The agenda was approved with these changes.

- 2. Approval of minutes of September 26, 2000 Board of Governors minutes**
The minutes were approved with the change of one word in item 5: 'appliance' changed to compliance performance.

3. Report of the Chair

Mr. Cowan welcomed Dr. David Precious to his first Board meeting. The Chair also encouraged Board Members to attend the upcoming Alumni Association Annual Dinner. He then noted that, as discussed at the September 24, 2000 Board of Governors meeting, an ad hoc committee had been formed to discuss the function, scheduling of meetings for, and strategic direction of the Board. Mr. James Cowan will Chair this subcommittee and will be assisted by Hon. Lorne Clarke, Mr. Jack Flemming, Mr. Bruce Towler, Ms. Jo-Anne Galarneau, all of whom volunteered to serve. The ad hoc committee expects to report back to the Board in the near future.

4. Report of the President

Dr. Traves reported on the following items:

Student housing

Discussions are ongoing which will lead to a decision regarding the site for and type of new student housing.

Computer Science program launch

A new program has been launched by the Faculty of Computer Science to encourage entrepreneurship in students. Details of this exciting and unique program are available on the Faculty's web site.

Enrolments

There are some areas of concern in relation to enrolments and therefore the University will be spending time in the coming months reviewing this issue. Enrolments are down slightly from last year; however, the financial impact of the enrolment levels will be manageable within the framework of the budget plan previously approved by the Board of Governors.

Federal budget announcements

As part of the recent announcements in the federal budget, an additional \$500 million has been added to the Canadian Foundation for Innovation Program; \$400 million of this has been allocated to help support the costs of maintaining research projects and facilities that have been funded by CFI.

5. Actuarial Valuation of the Staff Pension Plan

Mr. Gregory L. Malone of Eckler Partners Ltd. provided highlights from the Valuation, including how the results were determined and assumption changes.

6. Amendments to the Staff Pension Plan

Following an explanation by Mr. Bryan Mason about the amendments, Mr. Robert Radchuck moved and Mr. Peter Stuart seconded a motion THAT, based on the recommendation of the Pension Advisory Committee and accepted by the employee groups, the Board of Governors approve the Amendments P26-03.00, P52-05.00, P6-04.00, and P26-03.00. The motion carried.

7. Retirees Trust Fund Surplus Distribution to Retirees

Following an explanation by Mr. Bryan Mason for the need for this amendment, Mr. Robert Radchuck moved and Ms. Patricia Harris seconded a motion THAT, based on the recommendation of the Pension Advisory Committee and accepted by the employee groups, the Board of Governors approve Amendment P52-05.00. The motion carried.

8. DSU Motion

(i) Mr. Coté moved and Mr. Robson seconded a motion THAT, based on the recommendation of the Dalhousie Student Union, the Board of Governors approve the appointment of the President of the Dalhousie Student Union to the Officers Committee of the Board of Governors.

(ii) Mr. Coté moved and Mr. Robson seconded a motion THAT, based on the recommendation of the Dalhousie Student Union, the Board of Governors approve the appointment of the President of the Dalhousie Student Union to the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors.

Following a lengthy discussion, Mr. Coolican moved and Ms. Petley-Jones seconded a motion THAT the motions as proposed by the Dalhousie Student Union be referred to the ad hoc committee which will be meeting to discuss the function, schedule and strategic direction of the Board of Governors. The motion carried.

The Motions as proposed by the DSU were therefore tabled.

The Chair agreed to bring the terms of reference for this ad hoc committee to the Board for consideration at its next meeting.

10. Canada Research Chairs

The discussion of this item was deferred to a future meeting.

11. Atlantic Investment Fund

This item was deferred.

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The meeting then moved to an *In Camera* session during which Dr. Traves and Dr. Lydia Makrides provided information on the proposed Dalhousie International Services.

Murray Coolican
Honorary Secretary

James Cowan
Chair