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(c) **Observer of Dalhousie Faculty Association**

Dr. David Williams, President Pro Tem of the Dalhousie Faculty Association, was introduced and welcomed to the meeting as observer for the DFA replacing Dr. Marcia Ozier.

(d) **Report of Nominating Committee**

Mrs. Medjuck informed members that this Committee is presently meeting and that there are three vacancies on the Board to be filled at this time.

Committee
Reports

(a) **Finance and Budget Committee**

Mr. Piercey advised that the Committee would be meeting after all budget figures were available from the various budget managers and that a report on the 1987-88 budget would be presented to the Board at a later meeting.

(b) **Buildings and Grounds Committee**

In the absence of Mr. Cowan, Mr. Mason reported on the following projects:

- (i) Student Housing Project on South Street - this project is on budget and although behind construction schedule it is expected the completion date of August will be met. As a satisfactory price had been negotiated for installation of a sprinkler system, this will be included as construction proceeds.
- (ii) Chemistry Phase I - this project is still on budget and although construction is behind schedule the project is expected to be completed this fall.
- (iii) Law School - planning is continuing and the Committee expects to bring forward a specific recommendation for proceeding with this project in the near future.

Ms. Tynes commented on the conditions of the grounds on campus during the winter months, noting particularly the difficulties encountered by the physically handicapped. Mr. Mason undertook to raise these concerns with Physical Plant and the Buildings and Grounds Committee and to report back to the Board at its next meeting.

(c) **Staff Relations Committee**

Mr. Zwicker, reporting for this Committee in the absence of Mr. Shaw, advised that the Dalhousie Staff Association had rejected the Board's offer and had proceeded to conciliation.

Staff Changes (Item 9 on the agenda), which had been previously circulated, were presented by Mr. Zwicker. He drew attention to some items of special interest. Two minor corrections were noted which have been made on the copies in the official files.

Campaign
for
Dalhousie

A report prepared by Mr. Mason had been circulated with the agenda. Dr. Clark and Mr. Mason reviewed the present position of the Campaign, its original goals, cash flow of funds received, disbursement of proceeds among designated areas, the possibility of going over target, and the costs of mounting the Campaign. Mr. Mason mentioned there was need for some flexibility in planning and some adjustments to the seven categories originally identified as priorities may have to be made as the needs of the University change. This matter is now under review. A brief discussion followed on the inclusion of Canelco funds in the Campaign and raising the Campaign's original target limit.

Enrolment
Statistics

A document on enrolment statistics as of December 1, 1986 had been previously circulated to members with the agenda. Dr. Sinclair commented on the slight decline in undergraduate and part-time enrolment, and noted the slight rise in first-year enrolment. He outlined measures being taken to maintain enrolment through increased recruiting activity in the high schools, improving admissions procedures and the appointment of an Assistant Vice-President of Student Affairs.

Revision to
D.F.A.
Collective
Agreement

Dr. Sinclair presented a resolution to amend provisions in the collective agreement pertaining to sabbatical leave. A copy of the resolution, as approved by the Board, is attached to the minutes as Appendix A.

President's
Report

This report was distributed at the meeting and a copy is attached to the minutes as Appendix B. Referring to Item 1 of his report, the President reviewed the Board's decision to apply the procedures of Clause 26.07(a) of the collective agreement, and drew Board members' attention to the responses received from the D.F.A. and Senate which were circulated at the meeting and are attached to the minutes as Appendices B-1 and B-2 respectively.

Mortgage -
New Women's
Residence

As a part of the construction price of this project, it was proposed that the University assume a first mortgage through Mutual Life of Canada in the amount of \$1,305,000. The Board approved the Resolution authorizing execution of this mortgage as set out in Appendix C which is attached to these minutes.

NOVANET -
Guarantee
of Loan

A background document was circulated by Mr. Mason to those present at the meeting. He explained that the agreement to acquire an integrated automated library system was a very meaningful cooperative effort among five metro universities following discussions among them for several years. It was hoped that financial assistance towards the total capital costs of \$1.1 million would be obtained from government and a proposal had been prepared to solicit funds from foundations and others. The balance of the costs are to be shared among the five metro universities based on an agreed formula, and Interuniversity Services Inc. had been

agreed on as the vehicle for borrowing money to negotiate a final contract with the supplier. Each of the metro universities involved were being asked to guarantee a portion of the loan, and the Board was now asked to guarantee Dalhousie's share of 66.6% up to a maximum amount of \$400,000.

Questions were raised by members about the stability of the proposed supplier, the advantages of such an integrated system to students and other users, and the possibility of Nova Scotia universities joining NOVANET at a later date. Dr. Birdsall, Dr. Clark and Mr. Mason responded to these questions.

The Board gave approval to the following resolution:

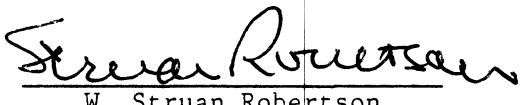
Be it resolved that the President and the Vice-President (Finance and Administration) be and they hereby are authorized to fix and determine the form and content of a guarantee whereby the Governors of Dalhousie College and University guarantee the indebtedness and liability of Interuniversity Services Inc. up to a maximum amount of \$400,000.00 and to provide for the execution and delivery thereof and otherwise to do all such matters and things as may be considered by them as necessary and desirable to provide for the said guarantee.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.



Donna M. Curry
Honorary Secretary



W. Struan Robertson
Chairman