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ORIENTATION MEETING FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Tuesday, September 15, 1987 - 2:00 p.m.
Board and Senate Room

Chairman: Dr. Howard C. Clark

1. President Clark
 - (a) Welcome, History, General Background, Role of Dalhousie
 - (b) Administration - General Structure
 - (c) Role of the Board of Governors and its Committees
 - (d) Government Relations
 - (e) Public Relations
 - (f) Senate
 - (g) Alumni, General Statement of Activities
 - (h) Student Union, Representation on Board
 - (i) Fund raising

2. Vice-President Mason
 - (a) Responsibilities
 - (b) Finance, General Picture
 - (c) Budgeting, Process
 - (d) Investments, Policy
 - (e) Labour Relations

3. Vice-President Sinclair
 - (a) Role of the Faculty Member
 - (b) Academic Issues

4. Question and Answer Period

NOTE

Immediately following the Orientation Meeting, there will be a brief ceremony at 3:30 p.m. in the corridor outside the Board and Senate Room to mark the installation of the portrait of Dr. Christopher Helleiner, winner of the Dalhousie Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1987. The regularly scheduled Board meeting will follow this ceremony at 4 p.m. in the Board Room.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

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AGENDA

Tuesday, September 15, 1987 4:00 p.m.
Board and Senate Room

1. Minutes of the Meeting of June 23, 1987 (previously circulated)
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Board Matters
 - (a) Board Membership
 - (b) Report of Nominating Committee
4. Reports of Standing Committees
 - (a) Buildings and Grounds Committee
 - (b) Staff Relations Committee - Report on Staff Changes
(enclosed)
5. Resolutions re Trustees of Pension Trust Fund and
Retirees Trust Fund
6. Agreement re Loan to Dalhousie Student Union
7. Naming and Opening of new Women's Residence
8. Statutory Joint Meeting
9. Campaign for Dalhousie
10. President's Report
11. Other Business

In Camera

Report on Negotiations with Dalhousie Faculty Association

Enclosed for Information

University Affairs - September 1987

EVENTS PRECEDING BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 15, 1987

2:00 p.m. Orientation Session for Board members
3:30 p.m. Unveiling of Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Board of Governors held on
Tuesday, September 15, 1987 at
4:00 p.m. in the Board and Senate Room

Dalhousie University
Halifax, Nova Scotia

PRESENT: Mr. W. Struan Robertson	Mrs. Vivian Layton
Chairperson	Mr. John Lindsay
Dr. Howard C. Clark	Ms. Bernadette Macdonald
President	Mr. Edward MacNeil
Mr. Barrie Black	Mr. Neil McKelvey
Mr. George Cooper	Sr. Sheilagh Martin
Mr. James Cowan	Mrs. Shirlee Medjuck
Dr. Donna Curry	Mr. Norman Newman
Honorary Secretary	Judge Ian Palmeter
Mr. Louis Deveau	Mr. George Piercey
Mr. Michael Dunn	Vice-Chairperson
Mr. Ivan Duvar	Mrs. Ruth Pulsifer
Ms. Cherry Ferguson	Mr. Alan Scales
Mrs. Betty Flinn	Mr. George Thompson
Mrs. Linda Fraser	Ms. Maxine Tynes
Miss Sherry Golding	Mrs. Peggy Weld
Mrs. Jean Harrington	Vice-Chairperson
Mr. Christopher Hopper	Mr. F. B. Wickwire
Mr. Donald Kerr	Miss Caroline Zayid
Mr. Gordon Lawley	

Also present were Mr. Bryan G. Mason (Vice-President, Finance & Administration); Dr. A. M. Sinclair (Vice-President, Academic & Research); Dr. Robert S. Rodger, Dr. John A. McNulty and Dr. William E. Jones (Observers for Senate); Professor David Lewis (Observer for Faculty Association); Mr. Brian Crocker (University Secretary and Legal Counsel); Mr. Mike Roughneen (Director of Personnel Services); Mr. Mike Wright (Director of Financial Services), and Mrs. Elizabeth A. Christian (Secretary).

Regrets were received from Mr. Peter Doig, Mr. Brian Flemming, Mr. David Hennigar, Dr. Albro MacKeen, Mr. Cedric Ritchie, Mr. Donald Sobey and Mr. Sherman Zwicker.

The Chairperson welcomed several new members who were attending their first meeting of the Board. These included Messrs. Deveau and Newman, Sr. Martin (M.S.V.), Mrs. Fraser (King's), Mr. Hopper (Student Union), and Ms. Ferguson (Alumni).

Minutes

The minutes of the Board of Governors meeting held on June 23, 1987, which had been previously circulated, were approved.

Agenda

Three items were added to the agenda and these are dealt with below. With these additions the agenda for the meeting was approved.

Board
Matters

Board Membership

President Clark reported that confirmation had been received from Government for the appointments of Messrs. Deveau and Newman as new members to the Board, and that the reappointments of eleven members had also been confirmed for terms ending 30 June 1990. Those reappointed include:

Mrs. Mona Campbell	Mr. George Piercey
Mr. James Cowan	Mr. Cedric Ritchie
Mr. David Hennigar	Mr. Struan Robertson
Mr. Alex MacIntosh	Mr. Allan Shaw
Mr. Neil McKelvey	Hon. Robert Stanfield
Mrs. Shirlee Medjuck	

The appointments of representatives from other institutions have been confirmed as follows:

University of King's College	Mr. George Cooper (one year)
	Mrs. Linda Fraser (one year)
Mount Saint Vincent University	Sr. Sheilagh Martin (one year)
The United Church of Canada	Mr. Gordon Lawley (three years)

Composition of the Board of Governors was reviewed by the Chairperson and members were informed of a proposal now before Senate to amend the statutes to permit the appointment of four academic staff to the Board.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Mrs. Shirlee Medjuck, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, recommended the appointments of additional persons to various Board committees. As all nominees had agreed to serve these appointments were approved. A copy of a chart showing present committee membership, on which these additions have been encircled, is attached to these minutes as Appendix A.

It was agreed that Mr. Brian Flemming be appointed the Board's representative to the Computer Advisory Committee of Senate.

Reports of
Standing
Committees

Buildings and Grounds Committee

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

New Women's Residence - completed and now fully occupied.

Chemistry Addition - work is progressing and building is scheduled to be completed in the new year.

Law School - excavation has begun for the library extension and work on the fourth floor has been completed on schedule by the university's own staff. With approval from MPHEC the university is proceeding to go to tender for the Law Library construction. The overall project was reported to be within budget.

Reports of
Standing
Committees

Henson College - detailed design work is to commence and costs of the project are to be shared between the university and Henson Board.

Economics House - detailed planning work to link buildings together is now under way.

Phase Two of Chemistry Project - Work is proceeding in consultation with members of the department.

Staff Relations Committee

A list of staff changes had been circulated with the agenda and two addendums were distributed at the meeting (copies are enclosed for members who were not present). In the absence of Mr. Shaw, Vice-President Sinclair noted several items of interest and indicated that a copy correcting several typographical errors would be provided to the secretary for the permanent file.

It was reported that during the summer months the university had successfully negotiated agreements with all non-academic bargaining units on campus.

Reciprocal
Pension
Transfer
Agreement

Approval was given to the following resolution:

It is resolved that the President or his designate is hereby authorized to sign on behalf of the Board of Governors a reciprocal pension transfer agreement between the Governors of Dalhousie College and the Council of Maritime Premiers.

Dalhousie
Staff
Plan

At its June meeting the Board had approved a change in the wording of the Staff Pension Scheme. In order that this change might be reflected in the Trust Fund Deeds, the Board agreed that

The Dalhousie Retirees' Trust Fund Deed and the Dalhousie Pension Trust Fund Deed are hereby amended so that any and all references thereon to the "Dalhousie Staff Pension Scheme" shall hereafter be considered as references to the "Dalhousie Staff Pension Plan."

Appointment
of Trustees

As the result of changes in senior officers and in membership on the Investment Committee, it is necessary for the Board to replace certain persons as Trustees of the Pension Trust Fund and the Retirees' Trust Fund. The following resolutions were approved.

1. The Trustees of the Dalhousie Pension Trust Fund shall be Howard C. Clark, Ivan E. H. Duvar, Paul B. Huber, Bryan G. Mason, Gordon S. Roberts, W. Struan Robertson, and Donald C.R. Sobey.

2. The Trustees of the Dalhousie Retirees' Trust Fund shall be Howard C. Clark, Paul B. Huber, Bryan G. Mason, Charles Redden, Gordon S. Roberts, and Michael Wright.

The President and/or the Secretary are hereby authorized to take the steps required by the applicable trust agreement in order to give full force and effect to this resolution.

Loan to
Dalhousie
Student
Union

A memorandum describing the terms of a loan to the Student Union to cover costs of major renovations to the Student Union building was circulated to those present. After discussion it was resolved

That the Board of Governors hereby approves a loan of \$550,000 to the Dalhousie Student Union for a period of fifteen (15) years on such terms as are acceptable to the President and the Vice-President (Finance and Administration). The President and/or Vice-President (Finance and Administration) are hereby authorized to do all acts necessary for the granting of said loan and to execute such documents on behalf of the Governors as might be necessary.

Naming of
New Women's
Residence

Dr. Clark advised members that the Naming Committee, a sub committee of President's Council, had considered names for the new residence and agreed to recommend to the Board

That the new women's residence be named in memory and honour of Eliza Ritchie; that the residence be named Eliza Ritchie Hall; and that there be a suitable plaque and photograph installed in the building.

It was agreed that the name chosen was most appropriate and approval was given to the Committee's recommendation.

Dr. Clark mentioned that it was proposed to have the official opening ceremony on October 20 which would be followed by a reception and tour of the residence. These events would be held prior to the Executive Committee meeting scheduled for later that day.

Statutory
Six & Six
Meeting

The President reminded those present that under the University's statute a joint meeting between six representatives of Senate and six members of the Board is required in October. Senate has identified its six representatives and the Board will be represented by its five officers and Mr. James Cowan. Members were invited to submit suggestions for the agenda to the President.

Campaign
for
Dalhousie

Dr. Clark reported that the Campaign total (excluding the contribution from the Province), had now reached \$21,254,000 and that good progress was expected to be made in the months ahead.

President's
Report

A copy of this report was distributed at the meeting and a copy is attached to the minutes as Appendix B. Dr. Clark commented briefly on several items contained in his report.

Dalhousie
Alumni
Association

A memorandum from the President of the Alumni Association concerning the reduction in funding for Alumni affairs for 1987-88 was circulated at the meeting and a copy is attached to the minutes as Appendix C. Judge Palmetter reviewed those activities which would be seriously affected by reduced funding and he strongly urged the Board to review and upgrade the Alumni budget. During the ensuing discussion the importance of Alumni in providing financial support to the university at a time when government funding is decreasing, and the need to strenghten relations with Alumni were recognized. Further discussions are to be held to try to develop a better mechanism for handling the Alumni budget.

Other
Business

Ms. Maxine Tynes raised three areas of particular concern to her; namely, accessibility on campus for persons with physical disabilities; the need to appoint a third advisor on women, minorities and the disabled who had experience as a disabled person, and a progress report on South African divestments. These items were addressed by Messrs. Clark, Mason and Kerr in the ensuing discussion.

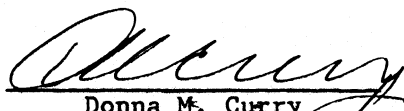
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Dalhousie
Faculty
Association

A confidential memorandum prepared by Vice-President Mason setting out the terms of a settlement reached in the D.F.A. negotiations was distributed to Board members and Dr. Jones. (Copies were later mailed to Board members not present at the meeting.) Mr. Mason reviewed the document and answered questions from members. A D.F.A. ratification vote was intended to be held on September 17 and 18. Should the settlement be accepted by the D.F.A., a special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board would be held on September 25 at 4 p.m. to consider ratification of the agreement.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.


Donna M. Curry
Honorary Secretary


W. Struan Robertson
Chairperson

Minutes of a Special Meeting
of the Executive Committee of the
Board of Governors held on Friday
September 25, 1987 at 4:00 pm.
in the Board and Senate Room

Dalhousie University
Halifax, Nova Scotia

PRESENT: Mr. W. Struan Robertson Chairperson	Mrs. Jean Harrington
Dr. Howard C. Clark President	Mr. Christopher Hopper
Mr. George Cooper	Mr. Norman Newman
Dr. Donna Curry Honorary Secretary	Mr. George Piercey Vice-Chairperson
Mr. Michael Dunn	Mr. Allan Shaw Honorary Treasurer
Mrs. Betty Flinn	Mrs. Peggy Weld Vice-Chairperson

Also present were Mr. Bryan G. Mason (Vice-President, Finance & Administration); Dr. A. M. Sinclair (Vice-President, Academic & Research); Dr. William E. Jones (Observer for Senate); Mr. Brian Crocker (University Secretary and Legal Counsel); Mr. Mike Roughneen (Director of Personnel Services); Dr. T. Stanley Cameron (Member, Board Bargaining Team) and Mrs. Elizabeth A. Christian (Secretary).

Mr. Robertson opened proceedings by stating that the purpose of the special meeting was to consider ratification of the proposed collective agreement with the Dalhousie Faculty Association. He indicated that the majority of the D.F.A. membership had voted in favour of the proposed agreement. As the proposed agreement had been reviewed in great length at the Board meeting on September 15, Mr. Robertson provided those present with an opportunity for further discussion.

Motion

It was duly moved and seconded that the Board ratify the collective agreement with the Dalhousie Faculty Association. Approval was given to this motion.

President Clark expressed his appreciation to members of the Board's negotiating team for their efforts in bringing about an amicable settlement with the D.F.A. There was unanimous support by those present. Mr. Mason commented favourably on the leadership of the D.F.A. negotiators in reaching a settlement.

Joint
Statutory
Meeting


Mr. Robertson expressed his regrets that he was not able to be present at the Six & Six meeting scheduled for October 16.

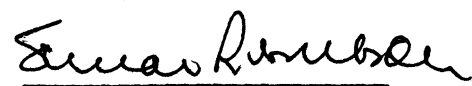
Convocations

The Chairperson reminded members about the Fall Convocation ceremonies scheduled for the morning and afternoon of October 17.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.


Donna M. Curry
Honorary Secretary


W. Struan Robertson
Chairperson