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Minutes of the meeting of
the Board of Governors held
on this date in the Board
and Senate Room at 4:00 p.m.

Dalhousie University
Halifax, Nova Scotia
July 7, 1980

PRESENT:

Dr. A. Gordon Archibald,
Chairman
Dr. Henry D. Hicks
Mr. G. E. C. Brown
Dr. J. McD. Corston
Mr. James S. Cowan
Dr. Donna Curry
Ms. Mary Dingee
Dr. D. A. Eisner
Mr. John W. Graham
His Honour,
Judge Nathan Green
Mrs. Peter G. Green

Mr. Gary Hurst
Mr. G. R. K. Lynch
Mr. Peter McDonough
Mr. Stewart McInnes
Mr. J. A. MacKenzie, MLA
Miss Aileen A. Meagher
Mr. Gordon Owen
Dr. C. Henry Reardon
Ms. Heather Robertson
Mr. R. G. Smith
Dr. R. Colin D. Stewart, MLA
Dr. Edwin F. Ross,
Honorary Secretary

Also in attendance were Vice-President W. A. MacKay,
Dr. Edgar Friedenberg, President, Dalhousie Faculty
Association, and Mr. D. R. Mann, Director of Information.

Minutes

The minutes of the last regular meeting of the Board
of Governors held on Thursday, March 20, 1980 were approved
as circulated with the correction on page 2, paragraph 4
"Institute for Research on Public Policy."

Governors

The following nominations to the Board of Governors from
the Alumni Association and the Student Union were approved:

- a) Alumni: Dr. W. D. Stanish, 1980-83
Mr. P. Brian N. Flemming, Q.C., 1980-83
Ms. Heather Robertson, 1980-81
(completing term of Dr. Donna Curry,
now ex officio on the Board as Vice-
President of the Alumni Association)
Mrs. R. M. MacDonald, 1977-83
- b) Student Union: Miss Sandra Zed

The following ex officio appointments to the Board were
noted:

Dr. D. A. Eisner, 1980-81 (President, Alumni Association)
Dr. Donna Curry, 1979-82 (Vice-President, Alumni Association)
Miss Mary Dingee, 1980-82 (President, Women's Division of the
Alumni Association)
Mr. Gordon Owen, 1980-81 (President, Student Union)

The President reported that in a telephone conversation
on this date the Minister of Education, The Honourable
Terence Donahoe, had informally indicated Cabinet approval
of Judge Nathan Green and Mr. F. B. Wickwire (reappointments)
and Mr. Donald C. R. Sobey (new appointment), all as Governor-
in-Council appointments to the Board.

Staff
Matters

Changes in appointments as per the list distributed at the meeting and attached to copies of these minutes for those who were absent were presented by Vice-President MacKay and were approved.

The appointments of Mr. L. Robert Shaw as Vice-President (Administration and Finance), Dr. David M. Cameron, Director of the School of Public Administration, as Executive Director of Policy and Planning, Office of the President, and of Mr. John W. Graham, student representative on the Board of Governors, as Manager of University Services, were noted by Dr. MacKay.

On being questioned regarding the appointment of a Vice-President (Academic), Vice-President MacKay said that the Search Committee had worked very hard in its search for a replacement for Dr. Guy MacLean, now the new President of Mount Allison University. The Board accepted his statement that he would clear any appointment of an academic vice-president with the Executive Committee of the Board before presenting it for formal approval to the Board of Governors.

Investment
Changes

Dr. Hicks explained that the Senate had nominated for appointment two representatives from that body instead of one. The President said that the Investment Committee had decided it only wanted one appointment as before, and had left the choice from the list of two presented by the Senate up to the President. It was agreed that the advice of the Investment Committee should be accepted and that the President should make the choice after looking into the matter further.

Staff
Mortgages

At a meeting of the Executive of the Board held on April 24, it had been agreed to recommend to the full Board continuation of the present policy of considering applications from non-academic members of the staff for mortgages to purchase a home. At the time of that meeting seven such mortgages had been granted. The Board now agreed that applications from non-academic members of staff should continue to be considered, but that no policy statement would be made.

Actuarial
Review
of the
Dalhousie
Pension
Plan

The members of the Board had received with the notice of the meeting a 29-page Actuarial Evaluation of the Dalhousie University Staff Pension Scheme as at June 30, 1979. The President now referred to the brief Summary of Conclusions and Recommendations on page 27 of the Report. After a brief discussion, it was agreed to reduce the additional contribution rate (over and above the matching contributions) by the University to the Staff Pension Scheme from 2.76% of

payroll to 1.2% of payroll. In reaching this decision it was understood that approval had been given as indicated in the Conclusions and Recommendations that serious consideration would be given to increasing pensions in course of payment to existing pensioners.

It was also agreed that a recommendation "to cease the practice of purchasing annuities for retiring employees and, instead, to pay pensions from the fund itself" be referred to the Employee Benefits Committee for detailed recommendations. (Hicks/Lynch)

Pension -
Mrs. A.E.Kerr

It was agreed that the ex gratia pension paid to Mrs. A. E. Kerr be increased to \$8,000 beginning in July 1980, and that this pension be reviewed again in two to three years' time. (Hicks/Ross)

Building
and
Grounds
Committee

Mr. Ted Brown, Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee, reported as follows:

The new Rink - An American architect and engineer, Mr. Tully, has been engaged in association with a local architect to design a rink to go on a space slightly to the east of where the old rink was located. Mr. Tully's qualifications for this project are that he has developed a patented roof type which Dr. Hicks reported as causing the university rink at Orono, Maine, to be the most "handsome" he has seen.

In answer to questions, Mr. Brown said that the roof would be fabricated in Canada, and the fees paid to Mr. Tully would be the usual ones paid to an architect for design work. He also said that the rink would seat 1,700 plus standing room, and would be able to provide an ice surface all the year round. The operating costs have not been worked out yet.

The Board was informed that in order to seize the full benefit of the insurance from the old rink it would be necessary to begin construction before December 1980. It was hoped to be able to move forward the public hearing required for City approval earlier than the first date (in October) mentioned by the City, in order to get construction started.

The Board approved the initiatives taken by Mr. Brown and his Committee on motion (Hicks/Judge Green).

Dental School - The Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee said that the Dental School was on time and on budget, but with the possibility of a general strike in the construction trades it may be necessary to make another presentation to Ottawa to ensure federal funding.

Institute of Public Affairs Building - Now ahead of schedule and on budget.

College of Art and Design - Proposal for the renovation of this building for departmental use is being fully financed from rent being paid by the Province for the present use of the building.

Day Care Facility - At a capital expenditure of \$86,000 it was proposed to install a Day Care facility to accommodate 60 children in the Education building on the corner of Oxford Street and Coburg Road. It was explained that estimates showed this facility could be operated on at least a break-even basis. The Day Care facility will be run by the Halifax Student Housing Society which already has a day care centre in its building on Wellington Street.

Financial approval was given as follows:

- a) \$300,000 to renovate the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design (Hicks/Brown)
- b) \$86,000 for a Day Care facility (Brown/Graham)

New Programmes

It was reported to the Board that the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission had approved for financing the new Master of Social Work programme.

Estate of
Mr. Hedley
O'Brien

One-third of the estate of the late Hedley O'Brien had been left to Dalhousie for medical research. This sum of money, in the vicinity of \$160,000, was now proposed to be transferred to the Dalhousie Medical Research Foundation. The Board agreed to this transfer on motion (Hicks/Ross).

Dalplex
Advisory
Committee

The Board approved the appointment of Mr. F. B. Wickwire as Chairman of the new Dalplex Advisory Committee and noted that letters had been sent by the President to Senate, the Alumni Association, the Staff Association and the Student Union for their appointments to this Committee.

Correspondence

Dr. Hicks read letters from Professor Murray Beck thanking the Board for his appointment as Professor Emeritus; from Professor Laurence Cameron in appreciation of his appointment as George S. Campbell Professor of Biology; and from Mrs. John Delaney expressing the thanks of herself and her family for the Memorial passed by the Board in memory of her husband who had retired from it shortly before his death.

Institute
of
Public
Affairs
Conference
Centre

The President had received a letter from Mr. Kell Antoft, the Director of the Institute of Public Affairs, asking that the new Institute of Public Affairs Conference Centre be named the "Henson Centre" after the late Guy Henson who had been the Director of the Institute for many years and had brought it to its present level of fame and usefulness in the community. After a brief discussion it was agreed to lay the suggestion on the table until the next meeting for a decision.

Schedule of
Meetings
1980-81

A schedule of meetings of the Board of Governors for 1980-81 was presented and approved. A copy is attached to these minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Edwin F. Ross, M.D.
Honorary Secretary

D A L H O U S I E U N I V E R S I T Y

Proposed Schedule of Meetings of Board of Governors and Executive
Committee of the Board, 1980-81.

<u>1980</u>	September	25 Thursday	4 p.m.	Board
	October	23 Thursday	4 p.m.	Executive of Board
	November	20 Thursday	4 p.m.	Board
	December	11 Thursday	4 p.m.	Executive of Board
<u>1981</u>	January	22 Thursday	4 p.m.	Executive of Board
	February	19 Thursday	4 p.m.	Board
	March	19 Thursday	4 p.m.	Board
	April	23 Thursday	4 p.m.	Executive of Board

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NOTICE

Please note that the minutes of February 21, 1980 should have included the following list of increases in Student Association fees which the Board approved at that meeting:

- (a) Student Union - from \$56 to \$59
- (b) Nursing Society - from \$4 to \$6
- (c) Commerce Society - from \$5 to \$10
- (d) Pharmacy Society - from \$16 to \$20
- (e) Howe Hall Residence Society - from \$15.50 to \$20

The omission is regretted.