

Item: Board of Governors Minutes, August 1983

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Minutes of a Meeting of the
Board of Governors held on Thursday,
August 4, 1983 in the Board and
Senate Room at 5:00 p.m.

Dalhousie University
Halifax, Nova Scotia

PRESENT: Dr. A. Gordon Archibald, Chairman
Mr. G. E. C. Brown
Mr. W. G. Campbell
Mr. G. T. H. Cooper
Mr. J. S. Cowan
Mr. John W. Graham
Mr. Tim Hill
Ms. Mary L. C. Lamb
Miss Z. Linkletter, Honorary Secretary
Ms. Elizabeth A. Macdonald
Dr. W. A. MacKay
Mr. S. McInnes
Mrs. Shirlee Medjuck
Dr. Cliff Murray
Mrs. Ruth Murray
Mr. Karl Nightingale
Ms. Heather Robertson
Mr. W. S. Robertson, Vice-Chairman
Dr. Henry Roper
Mrs. Patricia Roscoe
Mr. F. B. Wickwire
Mr. Sherman Zwicker

Also present were Messrs. L. R. Shaw (Vice-President, Finance and Development), A. M. Sinclair (Vice-President, Academic), G. E. Klassen (Vice-President, Research), O. P. Kamra (representing the President of the Dalhousie Faculty Association), R. J. Bowman (Director of Public Relations), W. E. Jones (Chairman of Senate), and E. B. Mercer (Acting Secretary).

The President obtained the approval of those present for Professor Eric Mercer to act as Secretary in the absence of Dr. A. J. Tingley.

The President introduced Dr. Henry Roper and Mr. George Cooper, nominees to the Board from the University of King's College, and obtained approval of their appointments.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors of June 23, 1983 were approved as circulated, with one amendment: that Dr. Cliff Murray's term of appointment was for one year, not three.

Also distributed and approved were the minutes of the meeting by conference telephone call of the Executive Committee of the Board on July 23, 1983, called to approve the borrowing (in accordance with the Universities Assistance Act) of money for renovations and alterations to the Forrest Building. The action of the Executive Committee was ratified.

Report of the Joint
Board/Senate Ad-Hoc
Committee

The Governors had previously received copies of the report of the Joint Board/Senate Ad-Hoc Committee on Restraint and Renewal (May, 1983) and at its earlier meeting in the afternoon, with representatives of Senate had received copies of Chapter V (Conclusions and Recommendations) with amendments recommended by

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Committee (continued)

the Senate from its meetings of 16 and 25 May, 1983, and 13 June, 1983, supplied by the Secretary of Senate. They also had been given a copy of the recommendations in the same report, with the Senate revisions underlined, prepared in the President's Office.

Mr. Wickwire read a letter from Dr. C. B. Stewart, who had been unable to participate as a Board member in the last few meetings of the Joint Committee but who wished to make it known that he agreed fully with the report. Dr. Stewart emphasized the need for appointing persons on the proposed President's Council who would be prepared to spend sufficient time working on it to truly understand how the University works.

As the report had been discussed at the previous meeting with the representatives of Senate, the Board was now able to concentrate on recommendation B.1. - *that the Senate consider again the ex officio status of the President in relation to Senate.* Dr. MacKay explained that under the new constitution of the Senate the President of the University is no longer ex officio the Chairman of Senate, and that he had declined the opportunity of participating as a candidate in the election of the first Chairman under the new arrangements. (He said that he was a *member* of Senate and a *member and officer* of the Board of Governors.

At this point Mr. Brown moved that: "The President under these recommendations be one officer of Senate," and then, under the influence of an amendment by Mr. Hill "that the Senate consider making the President an officer of the Senate" reworded his motion to: "That the Senate give serious consideration that the President be an officer of Senate." (Mr. Hill withdrew his amendment.)

There followed a discussion as to the wisdom of trying to tell the Senate who to appoint as its officers, noting the good relationship existing between the Board and Senate. Dr. Jones pointed out that the recommendations under discussion were from a Joint Board/Senate Committee and that the Senate had made only small changes in them.

At the suggestion of Mr. Wickwire, Mr. Brown withdrew his motion and his seconder, Mrs. Murray, agreed.

The President now tried a motion on the Board: "That the Board accept the report and approve in principle the recommendations as amended, and ask the President, the Chairman of the Board, and the Chairman of Senate to work together to implement the recommendations."

This motion was approved by the Board.

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Committee (continued)

Mr. Brown introduced another motion, seconded by Elizabeth Ann Macdonald: "That the following recommendations be seriously considered in discussions prior to implementation of the report:

- (1) The recommendations be adopted for a trial period of two years;
- (2) (Item B.1) That the Senate give serious consideration to making the President an officer of Senate;
- (3) (Item A.4) That the following be added: 'Two members of the Board of Governors, designated by the Board, participate (voice without vote) at meetings of the Senate.'

On vote, this motion was defeated.

Report on Real
Property Transactions

The Governors had a report on real property transactions dated August 4th, and agreed to ratify the sales of or agreements to sell the properties listed in that report. Mr. Hill and Mr. Nightingale asked to have their abstentions noted, and Mr. Wickwire and Ms. Heather Robertson said they wished to disclose their business interests in some of the properties involved, and that they would not participate in the vote.

Appointments of
Vice-Presidents

On motion (W. S. Robertson/F. B. Wickwire), the appointments of Dr. Alasdair M. Sinclair as Vice-President (Academic) and of Dr. David M. Cameron as Vice-President (Planning and Resources) were ratified.

Appointment of Repre-
sentatives to Board of
Directors,
Peter Green Hall

The Board agreed to the nomination by the President of the following to represent it on the Board of Directors of Peter Green Hall:

- Mr. Patrick Donahoe (Dean of Men)
- Ms. Allison Edwards (Assistant to Manager,
University Services)
- Mr. E. J. Nichols (Investment Manager)

Share Option Purchase
Agreement: Dalhousie
Focal Marine, Ltd.

It was agreed on motion of the President that the Officers of the University be authorized to execute an agreement with Focal Marine, Limited, to provide for an option by the university to buy shares in the company if additional shares should be issued.

Share Option Purchase Agreement: Dalhousie and Focal Marine, Ltd.
(continued)

(The company and the university have concluded arrangements to provide for an exchange of services and facilities in the development of fibre optics relating to the marine environment.)

Rental of the Studley Gymnasium by the Maritime Academy of Gymnastics

Reference was made to a letter (copies of which appeared to have been circulated to the Board) from Vivien van Buuren to Ken Bellemare re the proposed arrangements for rental of the Studley Gymnasium by the Maritime Academy of Gymnastics. It was agreed that these arrangements should be left to Vice-President Shaw.

Letter from The Friends of the Public Gardens

Reference was made to a letter from Charlotte Lindgren of The Friends of the Public Gardens, to the Board of Governors asking the University to intervene in the proposal to build a high-rise condominium adjacent to the Public Gardens on property recently sold by the University to a local group.

After a brief discussion it was agreed that the matter should be left with the public authorities to decide and that the President should acknowledge receipt of the letter.

Dalhousie Financial Campaign: The President's Report


Dr. MacKay announced that a written report would be circulated in lieu of a verbal one at the meeting, as it was late.

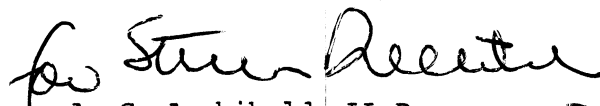
Other Business

Mr. T. Hill, President of the Dalhousie Student Union, thanked the Board of Governors for their efforts in securing additional government financial support for student summer employment.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.


Z. Linkletter,
Honorary Secretary


A. G. Archibald, LL.D.,
Chairman

August 4, 1983

Memorandum to Board of Governors

Report on Real Property Transactions

Members of the Board of Governors will recall that from time to time there has been discussion of the sale of certain real property owned by the University, and Officers of the Board and of the University have been acting in accordance with general authorization granted by the Board at its meeting on July 9, 1981 to sell certain real property if a proper opportunity occurs. At the time of that meeting certain possible properties that might be the subject of sale were listed in a memorandum made available to the Board and subsequently the Buildings and Grounds Committee considered a somewhat more extensive list of possible properties for sale in accordance with the principle that sales might be made in relation to property falling outside the main university precinct.

Under this general authorization certain sales have been made and other properties are now the subject of agreements to sell. It seems appropriate at this stage that these various transactions be ratified by the Board with specific reference to the properties in question. Summary details about the transactions now concluded are set out in the memorandum attached, a copy of which I propose be appended to the official minutes of the Board, and I propose that the minutes record that the Board ratify the sales or agreements to sell the following properties:

1451 LeMarchant Street
1257 Henry Street
6454 Coburg Road
6033 South Street
1350 Oxford Street
5963 College Street
6399 North Street (Ardmore)
Quarry Lands
 Purcell's Cove
 Parcels 1 & 2
 Parcel 3
Hart-Butler Lands

It is proposed that before further sales be made the situation relating to property holdings of the University be reviewed again.

W. Andrew MacKay