

Item: Board of Governors Minutes, January 1983

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Minutes of a Meeting of the
Executive Committee of the Board
of Governors held on Thursday,
January 20, 1983 in the Board and
Senate Room at 4:00 p.m.

Dalhousie University
Halifax, Nova Scotia

PRESENT: Dr. A. Gordon Archibald,
Chairman
Mr. G. E. C. Brown
Dr. Donna Curry
Mr. Brian Flemming
Mr. John W. Graham
Miss Zilpha Linkletter,
Vice-Chairman

Dr. W. A. MacKay
Mr. Stewart McInnes
Mr. Peter Rans
Dr. Edwin F. Ross,
Honorary Secretary

Also present were Messrs. O. P. Kamra (President, Dalhousie Faculty Association), L. R. Shaw (Vice-President, Administration and Finance), D. Mann (Director, Information and Public Relations), A. M. Sinclair (Chairman of Senate), G. A. Klassen (Vice-President, Academic and Research), Mr. Réal Samson (Visitor), and A. J. Tingley (Secretary).

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of December 16, 1982, which had been circulated, were approved.

President's
Introductory
Remarks

The President introduced Mr. Réal Samson, who is spending some time at Dalhousie as part of his programme of studies with the Atlantic Institute of Education, in order to study the administration of an educational institution. The President had invited him to be present, subject to the agreement of the members present. This agreement was forthcoming.

Board Matters

Pension Sub-Fund--Trustees

It had been agreed that a retiree be named as an additional member of this committee. As a result of consultation, a person has been suggested, but has not yet been approached. The President will report at a future meeting.

Joint Board-Senate Committee

Discussion of this item was deferred to the Joint Meeting to be held later in the afternoon.

Resolutions of Senate

These were referred to the Joint Meeting to be held later in the afternoon.

Board Matters
(continued)

Agreement with the Atlantic Institute of Education

The President reviewed the present situation. He hopes to be able to report at the February meeting that all arrangements have been made.

Board Membership

The President has had discussions with the Minister of Education concerning appointments, as there are now some vacancies on the Board and there will shortly be others. These discussions have not led to conclusions. He hopes to be able to report progress at the February meeting.

Academic Matters

Applied Microelectronics Institute

Vice-President Klassen reported that the establishing of the institute has been ratified by Senate, the Board of Directors has been appointed, and the institute is functioning well. He pointed out that it is fully funded from external sources.

Communications from the M.P.H.E.C.

Two documents were circulated to those present, "Funding of Maritime Universities" and "Financial Plan 1983/84". Copies are attached as Appendices A and B. These will be distributed to all Board members prior to the next meeting.

The President commented on the M.P.H.E.C. recommendations which have recently been announced. It is not yet known whether the Nova Scotia government will follow these recommendations. He advised that he has requested information from the M.P.H.E.C. concerning health funding, and also funding for the programme in Occupational Therapy. There has been no response as yet.

Committee Reports

Staff Relations Committee

Mr. Brian Flemming reported for this committee, as he has now been appointed Chairman to fill the vacancy left by the late Judge Green. He drew attention to certain staff changes of particular interest. One addition to the document circulated at the meeting was made, and will be included in the copy in the official file.

The President referred to the passing of Dr. P. S. Christie, formerly of the Faculty of Dentistry, and advised that he had written to Mrs. Christie on behalf of the University.

Committee Reports
(continued)

In answer to a question, the President explained that post-retirement appointments are considered, when appropriate, on an individual basis.

Building and Grounds Committee

Mr. G. E. C. Brown reported as follows:

- (1) The needs of the Faculty of Law has been reviewed with the Dean of Law.
- (2) The demolition contract for the Forrest Building has been completed, and tender documents are being prepared.
- (3) Certain properties owned by the University are being considered for sale.

Finance and Budget Committee

Miss Zilpha Linkletter reported that the committee has been meeting with senior officers of the University, and various options to solve the current problems are being considered. The President described efforts that he has made to persuade the government to provide financing as recommended by the M.P.H.E.C., but pointed out that the possibility of smaller grants must be considered.

Mr. Shaw commented on the morale problem, among both academic and non-academic staff, which is developing as a result of the financial situation.

Report of the
President

The President stated that all in the University have cooperated effectively with respect to the programme of Restraint and Renewal. Work is continuing as previously planned.

Special
Announcements

Mr. Rans announced that all present are invited to a reception to be held in the Faculty Club at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 25. This will be followed by a film and discussion. Mr. Brian Flemming pointed out that the Law School is now commencing its 100th year of operation, and a number of events will be held throughout the year. In his capacity as Chairman of the Law Alumni Association, he invited

Special
Announcements
(continued)

all to a dinner in the Great Hall of the Faculty Club on
January 28, 1983. Mr. Alec Colville will be the guest
speaker at this time.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Edwin F. Ross, M.D.,
Honorary Secretary

A. Gordon Archibald, LL.D.,
Chairman

Minutes of a Joint Meeting of the
Executive Committee of the Board of
Governors and Senate Representatives
held on Thursday, January 20, 1983
in the Board and Senate Room at 5:05 p.m.

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Halifax, Nova Scotia

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Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of October 22, 1982 were amended by noting that Dr. L. E. Haley had been present representing the Physical Planning Committee of Senate, rather than the D.F.A. With this amendment, the minutes were approved as circulated.

Joint Board- Senate Committee

The Senate members have been named. The Board members will be named shortly and it is expected that the Committee will hold its first meeting soon.

Senate Resolutions

Dr. Sinclair referred to concerns expressed in one of the Senate resolutions, which reads as follows:

"...to inform the Board that the Senate requests that the Board:

- eliminate its confidentiality requirements, except for matters involving personal confidentiality;
- allow all three officers of Senate to be present at Board meetings as observers;
- permit these observers to report directly to Senate at its regular meetings, on business conducted at the Board..."

Senate Resolutions
(continued)

It appeared that one of the concerns of Senate is that there is no provision for an alternate in case the Chairman of Senate is unable to attend a Board or Board Executive meeting. It was agreed to recommend to the Board that in such cases an alternate be permitted.

It was then agreed that these resolutions be referred to the Joint Committee, referred to above.


Senate Criticism
Respecting the
Closure of the
A.I.E.

The President had previously reported that he had transmitted the Senate resolution on this matter to the Minister of Education. The Minister has now acknowledged the letter, and has indicated that he has taken account of the Senate decision.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Edwin F. Ross, M.D.,
Honorary Secretary


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Chairman