

Item: Board of Governors Minutes, June 1983

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Board
of Governors held on Thursday, June 23,
1983 in the Board and Senate Room at
4:00 p.m.

Dalhousie University
Halifax, Nova Scotia

In the absence of the Chairman, Miss Z. Linkletter presided.

PRESENT: Mr. James S. Cowan	Mr. S. McInnes
Dr. Donna Curry	Dr. Cliff Murray
Dr. D. A. Eisner	Mrs. Ruth Murray
Mr. John W. Graham	Mr. G. C. Piercey
Mr. A. G. Hayman	Mr. David Ritcey
Mr. Tim Hill	Ms. Heather Robertson
Ms. Mary L. C. Lamb	Mrs. Patricia Roscoe
Miss Zilpha Linkletter, Vice-Chairman	Mrs. Judith Sapp
Ms. Elizabeth A. Macdonald	Ms. Janine Saulnier
Ms. M. D. MacDonald	Mr. I. A. Thompson
Dr. W. A. MacKay	Mrs. Peggy Weld
	Mr. F. B. Wickwire

Also present were Messrs. L. R. Shaw (Vice-President, Administration and Finance), M. Roughneen (Director, Personnel/Payroll), R. J. Bowman (Director, Public Relations), G. A. Klassen (Vice-President, Academic and Research), D. M. Cameron (Director, Policy and Planning), M. Wright (Director of Finance), P. D. Flemming (Budget Manager), and A. J. Tingley (Secretary).

Minutes

Appendix B of the previous minutes had been omitted. A copy was circulated to those present. With this addition, the minutes were approved.

President's
Introductory
Remarks

Certain items, to be considered below, were added to the agenda.

A document concerning a number of administrative appointments, circulated as an Addendum to the "Staff Matters" report, was circulated to those present and was reviewed by the President.

Approval was given to all the appointments recommended, it being understood that discussions with representatives of the Senate will continue, particularly with respect to the Vice-Presidents, and that the review of the structure of the Faculty of Administrative Studies will also continue.

Board Matters

Alumni Representatives to Board

The following have been nominated by the Alumni Association:

Mrs. Peggy Weld, President
Mr. Peter Doig, Vice-President
Dr. Cliff Murray (three year term)

Appointments by the Governor-in-Council

It is expected that additional members of the Board will be named soon.

Board Matters
(continued)

Officers of the Board

The following were nominated by the President and approved by the Board to serve as Officers of the Board:

Dr. A. G. Archibald, Chairman
Mr. Struan Robertson, Vice-Chairman
Mr. George Piercey, Honorary Treasurer
Miss Z. Linkletter, Honorary Secretary

Academic Matters

Programme Leading to the Ph.D. in German

A proposal to introduce a programme leading to the Ph.D. in German was introduced by Dr. G. A. Klassen. In particular, he pointed out that the staff is adequate, and extra costs involved in mounting the programme will be minimal, except for scholarships.

Institute of Applied Biology

Dr. Klassen reviewed this proposal. He emphasized that it is expected to be financially self-supporting.

Marine Applications Electro-Optical Development Facility

Dalhousie University has given assistance to Seimac Ltd. to found a new company, "Focal Marine." A contract with the company has been drafted. The principal advantage to Dalhousie would be help with certain research, particularly involving fibre-optics, in which there is much expertise in our Physics Department. All costs to Dalhousie will be recovered. In answer to questions, it was made clear that legal opinion has been obtained in the negotiations to date, and the proposed contract will be reviewed by a lawyer before it is signed.

Agreement was given to all of the above proposals. Notification to the M.P.H.E.C. will be forwarded as appropriate.

Programme Leading to the Certificate in Educational Administration

Formerly conditional approval had been given to the programme leading to this qualification. Final approval has now been granted, and, the Senate having recommended implementation, it was agreed that it may now be implemented.

Programme Leading to the Master of Development Economics

This programme had been previously approved. A recommendation of Senate that it be implemented was approved.

Reports of
Standing Commit-
tees

Staff Relations Committee

The report of this Committee was presented by Mr. I. A. Thompson, who requested that one item be deleted from the list of staff changes. (This deletion has been made in the copy in the official files.) The recommendations for staff changes were ratified.

Reports of
Standing Committees
(continued)

Pension Advisory Committee

The pension fund has been reviewed by our actuary, who has determined that there is currently an actuarial surplus in the fund. Consideration as to the implications of this surplus was deferred.

Student Relations and Residence Committee

Dr. D. Curry, Mr. T. Hill and others referred to the advertisement concerning summer employment for students that had recently appeared in the local press. Mr. Hill expressed appreciation for the support given to students in this effort. It was agreed that the recommendation of the Committee concerning fees would be considered in connection with the report of the Finance and Budget Committee.

Finance and Budget Committee

Mr. Shaw reported for this Committee. He stated that the final deficit for the 1982/83 year was approximately 1.1 million dollars.

He presented a proposed budget for the 1983/84 year, the bottom line of which gives a deficit of slightly over one million dollars. This budget is shown in Appendix A. It was reviewed in considerable detail by Mr. Shaw. He stated that efforts would be made to reduce the deficit.

He reported that the former requirement of the M.P.H.E.C. that a deficit beyond a certain amount would have to be reduced annually, possibly by deductions from the operating grant, will again be put into effect. He described a plan for meeting this requirement, which he believes will be acceptable to the M.P.H.E.C.

Mr. M. Roughneen presented a document, a copy of which is attached hereto as Appendix B, with respect to salary policy, consistent with provincial policy relating to wage restraints, for non-D.F.A. members of the academic staff, and non-unionized members of the administration. Approval of this general policy was given.

With respect to the actuarial surplus in the pension fund, consideration was given to the matter of a premium holiday in university contributions as set out in a document circulated to those present, and attached as Appendix C. No final plan has yet been drawn. On the recommendation of the President, it was agreed that the Finance and Budget Committee have the authority to approve ex-gratia payments to those pensioners who retired prior to 1982, provided a satisfactory plan can be developed.

Authority was also granted to the Officers of the University to negotiate appropriate severance arrangements with termination of employment for members of the administrative and service staff whose work was deemed least important for the continuing operations of the University. The Officers were further directed to reduce service and support staff members through attrition where possible.

Reports of
Standing Commit-
tees
(continued)

Finance and Budget Committee (continued)

The Student Relations and Residence Committee recommended that tuition fees be increased by not more than ten percent. The President's proposal, drawn up after consultation with Deans and others, was as shown in the document attached as Appendix D.

The President reviewed his proposal, including an indication of what will be done by other institutions.

Mr. Hill spoke on behalf of the position of the Committee, arguing that a ten percent increase is the maximum considered acceptable by the students. He also referred to support for this position given by the D.F.A.

The Chairman called for a vote on the recommendation of the Committee. This was defeated.

A vote was then taken on the President's fee proposal, as given in Appendix D. This was approved.

Approval was given to the budget plan as presented with a preliminary forecast deficit of about one million dollars, with the understanding that the Officers of the University will undertake to reduce the deficit to the extent that this is possible.

It was agreed that the budget for 1983/84 be prepared to provide for a capital budget distinct from the operational budget, and that a plan for liquidating the deficit should be presented.

Building and Grounds Committee

The President reported that written confirmation has been received as to the government financing of the renovation of the Forrest Building, and a tender for construction has been accepted. The difference between the total cost and the government support will be provided by sales of real estate which will be made available when various departments move into the renovated Forrest Building.

Joint Executive
of Board/Repre-
sentatives of
Senate Meeting

The President pointed out that this meeting had been originally scheduled to follow the present Board meeting. He proposed that this be arranged within the next few weeks and that the Joint Board-Senate Committee report concerning the President's declaration of restraint be the subject of discussion at that meeting. It was agreed that members of the Board could attend should they so desire.

Ombudsman

It was agreed that the following should be Ombudsman and Assistant Ombudsman for the 1983/84 year:

Ms. Kimberley Turner
Mr. Peter Rodgers

Resolution re
Signing Authority

A bank resolution concerning the use of a night depository, with signing authority to be in the names of Mr. O. Nofle and Ms. Louise Smith, was approved.

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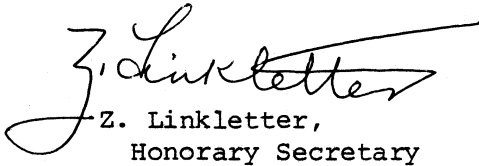
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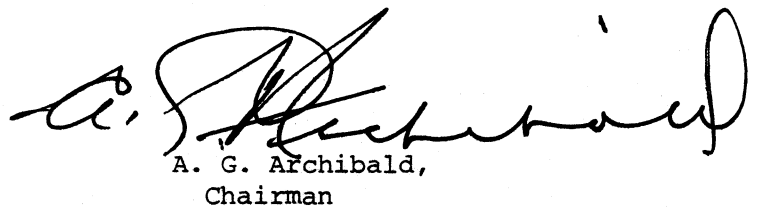
Workshop concerning Brief to the Royal Commission

The President referred to the workshop which will be held on Tuesday, June 28, 1983, 1:00 to 5:30 p.m., in the Henson Centre, I.P.A., 1261 Seymour Street, and invited anyone interested to attend.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.


Z. Linkletter,
Honorary Secretary


A. G. Archibald,
Chairman