

Item: Board of Governors Minutes, May 1983

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Minutes of a Meeting of the  
Board of Governors held on Wednesday,  
May 25, 1983 in the Board and Senate  
Room at 4:00 p.m.

Dalhousie University  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

PRESENT: Dr. A. Gordon Archibald,  
          Chairman  
          Mr. W. G. Campbell  
          Mr. James S. Cowan  
          Dr. Donna Curry  
          Dr. Douglas A. Eisner  
          Mr. Brian Flemming  
          Mr. John W. Graham  
          Mr. Tim Hill  
          Ms. Mary L. C. Lamb  
          Miss Zilpha Linkletter  
          Vice-Chairman  
          Ms. Elizabeth A. MacDonald

Ms. M. D. MacDonald  
Dr. W. Andrew MacKay  
Mr. S. McInnes  
Mrs. Shirlee Medjuck  
Mrs. Ruth Murray  
Mr. George C. Piercey  
Mr. David Ritcey  
Ms. Heather Robertson  
Mrs. Patricia Roscoe  
Mrs. Judith Sapp  
Mr. Geoffrey Seymour  
Dr. C. B. Stewart  
Mrs. Peggy Weld  
Mr. F. B. Wickwire

Also present were Messrs. A. M. Sinclair (Chairman of Senate)  
G. A. Klassen (Vice-President, Academic and Research), H. W. King  
(Co-Chairman, Joint Board/Senate Ad-Hoc Committee), L. R. Shaw  
(Vice-President, Administration and Finance), D. M. Cameron (Director,  
Policy and Planning), M. Roughneen (Director, Personnel/Payroll  
Services), Mrs. Patricia Burt (President, Dalhousie Faculty  
Association), Ms. Heather Sutherland (Director, Alumni Affairs),  
and A. J. Tingley (Secretary).

Regrets were received from Mr. E. N. McKelvey and Mr. D. C. R. Sobey.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of April 21, 1983 were approved.

President's  
Introductory  
Remarks

The President advised that as yet final information regarding government  
funding has not been received.

Board Matters

*Board Membership*

The President reported that following discussions with the Nova Scotia  
government, he wished to propose that certain persons, currently members  
of the Board, be nominated for additional terms. It was agreed that  
these persons be nominated, and their names will be submitted to  
government by the President. The President reported that certain of  
the names previously brought before the Board are being considered  
by the government. Further nominations will be forthcoming.

Board Matters  
(continued)

*Board Membership (continued)*

The following have been nominated by the Alumni Association for three year terms as alumni representatives:

Sherman Zwicker  
John Moore

These nominations were approved.

*Board Committee*

The President reported that student nominations for the various committees have been submitted as follows:

Finance and Budget: Tim Hill  
Janine Saulnier

Buildings and Grounds: Karl Nightingale

Staff Relations: Tim Hill

Student Relations and Residence: Janine Saulnier  
Karl Nightingale

Committee on Relations  
with other Institutions: Karl Nightingale

Executive: Tim Hill

These nominations were ratified.

Academic  
Matters

Vice-President Klassen reported that M.P.H.E.C. approval has been given to the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. programme and to the programme leading to the Certificate in Educational Administration. It was pointed out that the Senate will now consider these programmes with respect to implementation,

Vice-President Klassen presented a recommendation of Senate for a programme leading to a B.Sc. with Honours in Statistics. It was agreed to recommend this programme to the M.P.H.E.C.

Reports of  
Standing  
Committees

*Staff Relations Committee*

A list of staff changes was circulated to those present at the meeting. Mr. B. Flemming pointed out some items of particular interest. Two additions were made to this list, and approval of the changes was then granted. (The additions are recorded on the copy in the official file.)

A memorandum on the employment of women, handicapped persons and members of minority groups was circulated to those present at the meeting and is attached hereto as Appendix A. Further consideration will be given to this document at the next meeting of the Board.

Reports of  
Standing  
Committees

(cont'd)

*Employee Benefits Committee*

A proposal concerning the Long-Term Disability benefit had been circulated with the agenda. This was described by Mr. M. Roughneen, and the proposal was approved. On the suggestion of the President, it was agreed that such minor matters be settled by the committee in future, and reported to the Board.

*Student Relations and Residence Committee*

Dr. D. Curry reported for this committee.

(a) Tuition Fees: No proposal is ready yet. It is expected that a recommendation will be made at the June Board meeting.

(b) Student Society Fees: The Student Union has recommended that the Union and society fees be increased as follows:

Student Union Fee: from \$73.00 to \$75.00  
Commerce Society: to be increased by \$20.00  
Howe Hall Society: to be increased by \$5.00  
Shirreff Hall Society: to be increased by \$5.00

These changes in fees were approved.

At the previous meeting, a motion presented by Mr. P. Rans had been referred to the Student Relations and Residence Committee for consideration. A document on this matter was circulated to those present at the meeting, and is attached hereto as Appendix B; this proposed that there be an advertisement placed in Halifax newspapers on behalf the Board (with others) urging government consideration of student pleas for improved summer employment programme. Dr. Curry reported that the committee agreed that support in principle should be given to the student's position. Mr. T. Hill pointed out that although the Student Union may take such action as it wishes, what is currently being requested is support of the Board, as well as the D.F.A., in representations to be made. It was agreed that action be deferred until after information is obtained about government funding. The President indicated he would like to have some changes made in the proposed advertisement.

*Finance and Budget Committee*

Miss Z. Linkletter reported that the Committee has been meeting with the officers of the university. Decisions are deferred pending word on government funding. The President commented on the preliminary advice that has been received from the government, and on meetings held with representatives of government. Firm information is expected soon.

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Reports of  
Standing  
Committees  
( continued)

Mr. Shaw reported on the year-end results for 1982/83. A deficit of \$1,100,000 was incurred for that year, which is considerably less than had recently been projected. He pointed out that the accounts would have been in balance had the mid-year cutbacks not been imposed by government.

He reported that if everything were done in 1983/84 that was done in 1982/83, the deficit would be intolerable. He described steps which are being taken to improve the situation.

The President advised of action that he had taken with respect to fees for residents and interns, to increase university fees by 20% effective 15 May 1983. Ratification of this action was given.

There was discussion of the possibility that fees generally might have to be increased by more than six percent. It is expected that a decision on this matter will be made at the June meeting of the Board.

*Building and Grounds Committee*

In the absence of Mr. G. E. C. Brown, Mr. J. S. Cowan reported for this committee. Tenders have been received for the renovation of the Forrest Building, some of which are well within budget. These are now being analyzed. Authority was granted to the Building and Grounds Committee to proceed with the letting of the contract, subject to assurance of government funding.

Joint Board/  
Senate Ad-Hoc  
Committee

This report had been previously circulated. Mr. F. B. Wickwire outlined the background on the basis of which the Joint Committee had been set up. He pointed out that the report has been given preliminary consideration by the Senate, and he believes that general approval will be given by Senate to the recommendations.

Dr. H. King described the reactions of the Senate members of the committee, explaining that these members were very impressed by the seriousness of the Board members. The deliberations had been held in an atmosphere of cooperation, not confrontation.

Miss Z. Linkletter expressed some reservations about certain of the recommendations. She suggested that the Board should spell out in detail its prerogatives and responsibilities.

It was agreed that the recommendations of the report be considered at a later date.

The President acknowledged the time and energy given to the matter by the committee members.

Resolution re  
Signing Authority

It was agreed that the following name be added to the list of those who are signing officers not under seal:

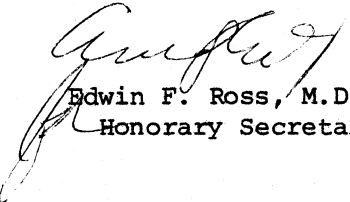
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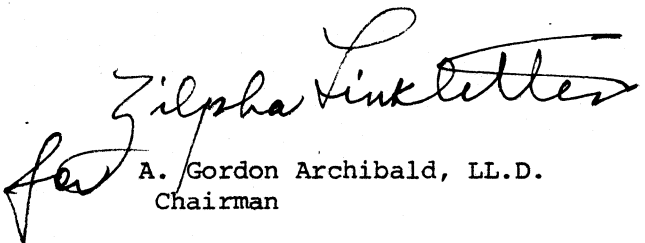
President's  
Report

The President advised that due to the lateness of the hour, his report will be put in writing and distributed in due course to the members of the Board. He mentioned the "Walk for Dalhousie" which took place on Wednesday, May 18, for which 998 members of Dalhousie walked for two kilometers. This had come about because of a challenge from the University of Regina, and it is believed that Dalhousie won this competition. He also mentioned that he and the Chairman of the Board had taken part in a ceremony on the Grand Parade to mark the 100th anniversary of the agreement between Dalhousie and the City of Halifax by which the city acquired the original site of Dalhousie College, now occupied by City Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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

  
A. Gordon Archibald, LL.D.  
Chairman