

Item: Board of Governors Minutes, October 1983

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Minutes of a Meeting of the
Board of Governors held on Friday,
October 21, 1983 in the Board and
Senate Room at 3:00 p.m.

Dalhousie University
Halifax, Nova Scotia

PRESENT: Mr. G. T. H. Cooper	Dr. W. A. MacKay
Mr. J. S. Cowan	Mr. S. McInnes
Mr. P. Doig	Mr. K. Nightingale
Dr. D. A. Eisner	Mr. W. S. Robertson, Vice-Chairman
Mr. J. W. Graham	Dr. H. Roper
Ms. Mary Lamb	Mrs. J. Sapp
Miss Z. Linkletter, Honorary Secretary	Ms. J. Saulnier
Ms. E. A. Macdonald	Mrs. P. Weld
Ms. M. D. MacDonald	

Also present were M. Wright (Director of Finance), D. M. Cameron (Vice-President, Policy and Planning), G. A. Klassen (Vice-President, Research), M. Roughneen (Director of Personnel and Office Services), R. J. Bowman (Director of Public Relations), B. Crocker (Legal Advisor to the President), W. E. Jones (Chairman of Senate), P. Burt (President, Dalhousie Faculty Association), and A. J. Tingley (Secretary).

Regrets were received from Mr. S. Oland, Ms. H. Robertson, Mrs. P. Roscoe, Dr. C. B. Stewart and Mr. F. B. Wickwire.

In the absence of Dr. A. G. Archibald, Mr. W. S. Robertson acted as Chairman.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of September 22, 1983, which had been circulated, were approved.

Board Matters

(a) Board Membership

The President has been advised that the Governor in Council has renewed appointments of members of the Board as follows:

Dr. A. Gordon Archibald	(terminates June 30, 1985)
Mr. J. A. MacKenzie, MLA	(terminates June 30, 1985)
Dr. R. Colin D. Stewart, MLA	(terminates June 30, 1985)
Miss Zilpha Linkletter	(terminates June 30, 1986)
Mr. Donald C. R. Sobey	(terminates June 30, 1986)
Mr. F. B. Wickwire, Q.C.	(terminates June 30, 1986)
Ms. Marilyn MacDonald	(terminates June 30, 1986)
(formerly Alumni Representative)	

Additional appointments by the Governor in Council are expected shortly.

(b) Dalhousie Representatives on Mount Saint Vincent Board

It was agreed that the Officers of the University may act for the Board in making these appointments.

Board Matters
(continued)

(c) *Schedule of Meetings*

The schedule of meetings previously circulated has been found unsatisfactory in some respects. It was agreed that the November and December meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each of those months. Both of these will be full Board meetings.

(d) *Board Representatives on the President's Council*

The President proposed the following for members of this Council:

Miss Z. Linkletter
Ms. H. Robertson
Mr. J. S. Cowan
Mr. F. B. Wickwire
Mrs. P. Weld
Mr. S. Zwicker

He proposed the following as alternates:

Mr. A. Hayman
Mr. S. McInnes

He pointed out that some of these have not yet been approached. The proposed slate was approved.

It was reported that Mr. T. Hill has been proposed as a member by the Student Council.

Academic Matters:
Integration of
Education
Programmes

The M.P.H.E.C. had written to the President supporting the integration of programmes leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Physical Education, Bachelor of Music Education, and Bachelor of Education, it being understood that no new programmes are involved. This matter has not yet been considered by Senate, and Board action was deferred pending Senate recommendation.

Reports of
Standing Com-
mittees

(a) *Staff Relations Committee*

Mr. George Cooper reported for this committee. The staff changes as per a document circulated at the meeting were approved.

M. Roughneen reported that the University submitted details of its compensation plans to the Public Sector Compensation Board in August 1983, as required by the Public Sector Compensation Act. The Board has since responded and has issued orders confirming compliance with the Act. The Board has, however, required extension of the current collective agreements with the International Union of Operating Engineers for a further one year period as follows:

I.U.O.E. 968 (Trades) 1/03/84 - 28/02/85
I.U.O.E. 968B (Security) 1/11/83 - 31/10/84

These extensions require an upwards adjustment in the specified hourly wage rate by 6%, and no change to any other provisions contained in the existing collective agreements.

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(b) Finance and Budget Committee

Miss Zilpha Linkletter reported on the deliberations of this committee. It is now believed that there will be a decline in the real resources available to the University. Reference was made by her and by the President to the draft document, entitled "Restraint and Renewal: Review of Year 1 and Plans for Year 2," a copy of which is attached to these minutes as an Appendix. It was emphasized by the Chairman and others that it is essential that the 1984/85 accounts be in balance. The President expressed optimism that this will be possible, provided reasonable support is given by the federal and provincial governments.

(c) Committee on Relations with Other Institutions

The President reported that meetings are being held with representatives of other institutions to consider ways of cooperation in such matters as services.

The relationship with the University of King's College has been reviewed, and it is anticipated that recommendations will be brought before the Board.

Dalhousie has been asked for its views on the possible occupation of the Civic Hospital by the Grace Hospital. This question will be brought before the Board after clarification has been obtained.

(d) Pension Advisory Committee

Proposed changes to the Pension Plan had been circulated with the agenda. These were presented and a discussion on them was led by Mr. M. Roughneen.

Mr. Roughneen added an additional recommendation; namely, that a reciprocal agreement on pensions be made with McGill University.

The proposed changes were approved. The approval of the Minister of National Revenue, where required, will now be sought.

It was agreed that the Officers of the University may sign reciprocal agreements on pensions with the University of King's College and McGill University.

Report of the
President

In introducing this item, the Chairman congratulated the President on being elected as President of the Association of the Universities and Colleges of Canada.

The President's report included the following:

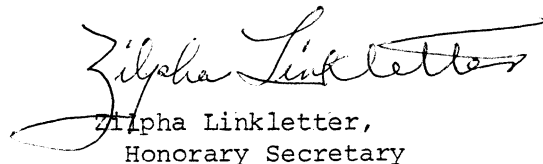
- (1) The University is preparing a brief for submission to the Royal Commission on Post-Secondary Education. He described the steps that are being taken to prepare this brief.
- (2) Alumni meetings have been held, and others will be held in the near future.

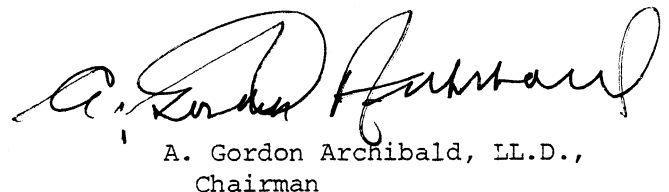
Report of the
President
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- (3) He reported that Professor G. Josenhans has received the alumni teaching award.
- (4) He commented on the convocation held on October 20, with particular reference to the honorary degree granted to Dr. Malcolm Ross, who has given long service to Dalhousie as well as to other universities.
- (5) He reminded members of a special convocation to be held on October 28 marking the 100th anniversary of the establishing of the Faculty of Law.
- (6) He reported that planning for a financial campaign is continuing.
- (7) He invited comments on the orientation session held recently, and in particular for suggestions as to what improvements in such sessions might be made.
- () He made reference to various lectures which have been given, or will be given, at Dalhousie this fall. These include the Guphill lecture, the Chute lecture, and the several Killam lectures.
- (9) He raised the question of inviting such people as Deans upon occasion to Board meetings, with a view to having them present their concerns.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.


Zilpha Linkletter,
Honorary Secretary


A. Gordon Archibald, LL.D.,
Chairman