

Item: Board of Governors Minutes, June 1986

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Minutes of a Meeting of the  
Board of Governors held on Tuesday,  
June 17, 1986, at 4:00 p.m. in the  
Board and Senate Room

Dalhousie University  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

<b>Present:</b> Mr. George T.H. Cooper	Miss Jolene Pattison
Dr. Donna M. Curry	Mr. George C. Piercey
Honorary Secretary	Vice-Chairperson
Mr. Peter R. Doig	Mr. W.S. Robertson
Mrs. Betty Flinn	Chairperson
Mrs. Jean Harrington	Dr. Peter T. Schwenger
Ms. Mary L.C. Lamb	Mr. Allan C. Shaw
Miss Zilpha Linkletter	Honorary Treasurer
Ms. Annemarie MacDonald	Ms. Joan Stirling
Dr. W.A. MacKay	Mr. Tom Taylor
Dr. Albro MacKeen	Ms. Maxine N. Tynes
Mr. David McCarthy	Mr. F.B. Wickwire
Mrs. Shirlee Medjuck	Mr. Sherwin Zwicker
Judge Ian Palmeter	

Also present were B. Crocker, (Legal Advisor to the President); V. Traversy, (Coordinator of Operations); J.W. Graham, (Assistant Vice-President, University Services); L.E. Haley, (Interim Vice-President, Finance and Administration); M. Ozier (representative of DFA); M. Wright, (Director of Financial Services); M. MacDonald, (Director of Public Relations); A. Barkhouse, (Auditor); A.J. Tingley, (Secretary).

Regrets were received from Mr. Louis Comeau and Mr. John Lindsay.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of May 20, 1986, which had been circulated, were approved.

New Members

The chairperson welcomed new members to their first meeting.

President's  
Introductory  
Remarks

The President asked that certain items be added to the agenda. These are reported upon below.

Board Members

(a) Board Membership  
As reported at the last meeting, the Alumni Association had nominated certain people to serve on the Board of Governors. Those nominated were approved for terms on the Board as follows:

Mr. Barrie Black	3 year term
Dr. Albro MacKeen	3 year term
Mr. Sherman Zwicker	3 year term
Mrs. Betty Flinn	1 year term
Judge Ian Palmeter	1 year term
Ms. Joan Stirling	1 year term

**(b) Committee Membership**

Recommendations of the Nominating Committee had been circulated. In addition, Dr. Albro MacKeen was nominated for membership on the President's Council and Mr. John Lindsay to the Finance and Budget Committee.

The slate was approved, provided none of those nominated express objections.

A list of committees with membership and terms of reference will be circulated to all Board members. Information will also be provided about ad hoc committees.

The present officers of the Board were nominated for an additional term. This slate was approved.

It was also agreed that certain former members of the Board should be asked to continue to serve on committees as follows:

Audit Committee	Mr. John Moore
Investment Committee and	Mr. F. Covert and
Trustees of the Pension Fund	Mr. J.G. Simpson

**(c) President's Council**

It was agreed that the Council should be continued, to meet at the call of the chairperson. It was also agreed that cross-representation on committees should continue as at present.

Academic Matters

It was agreed that the Institute for Resource and Environmental Studies be renamed as the School for Resource and Environmental Studies.

Annual Reports

**(a) Committee on Relations with Other Institutions**

This report had been circulated with the agenda. It was commented upon by the chairperson, Mr. Zwicker, who urged in particular that efforts to cooperate with other institutions should continue.

**(b) Investment Committee**

This report was circulated to those present at the meeting. In the absence of the committee chairperson, Mr. Cohen, the President introduced the report. He outlined the current state of the investments.

**(c) Building and Grounds Committee**

This report was circulated to those present at the meeting. As it covered the year ending March 31, and as there have been numerous developments since, it was agreed to postpone discussion until the current report was introduced.

Committee Reports (a) Audit Committee

The report of this committee had been circulated, and was commented upon by Mr. Allan Shaw. It was agreed that the audited statements be approved.

(b) Finance and Budget Committee

Mr. George Piercey, the chairperson of this committee, reported.

Student fees had been set as directed at the last Board meeting. The increases are approximately 4%. A copy of the new schedule is attached as appendix A.

The foreign student fee differential had been approved in line with the recommendations of the MPHEC.

Arrangements have been made for waivers of the fee differential for needy students from the 25 least developed countries. This was approved in principle for a trial period of two years.

The committee recommended that students paying full fees should be permitted to take up to five classes without additional payment unless a student registers in two degree programs. This was approved.

A Staff Housing Mortgage Plan as outlined in the document attached as appendix B was approved. A report on the use of this plan should be made to the Board a year hence.

(c) Building and Grounds Committee

In the absence of the committee chairperson Mr. John Graham reported for this committee.

Tenders for phase one of the Chemistry construction had come in over budget by \$1 million. Changes are being planned which will bring the costs down. Authority was requested to call for tenders again in mid-July. The following resolution was approved:

That the officers of the Board be given authority to go to tender when redesign is completed and further that a tender be accepted providing the tender price is within the estimate of \$4.5 million, and the project has received the approval of the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission.

With respect to the proposed student housing on South Street, some objections have been raised by neighbours. Planning is continuing.

The initial plan for the Law construction had proved to be too expensive. Changes will be made to bring the costs down.

An addition for Henson College is in the design stage.

When the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia moves, space will be made available which will be upgraded for use by the School of Business and the Faculty of Management Studies.

Some funding for Alterations and Renovations has been provided by the Province. Planning is going forward with respect to needed alterations and renovations.

The Chase Building was completed essentially on budget.

**(d) Student Relations and Residence Committee**

Recommendations of this committee concerning the Report of the Committee on Athletics had been circulated. The chairperson, Mrs. S. Medjuck, reported that concerns have been expressed about the proposed change in status of Women's Field Hockey. It was agreed that the report should be received and that the President should proceed to set up the proposed Advisory Council on Athletics.

**(e) Staff Relations Committee**

Mr. A. Shaw advised that the committee had nothing to report except items that would be taken up during the IN CAMERA portion of the meeting.

Campaign for  
Dalhousie

The President reported in the absence of Mr. Donald Sobey. The campaign is proceeding satisfactorily. He referred to the early response of faculty and staff.

Motion re the  
Income Tax Act

A draft of a letter on this matter which had been prepared by Mr. Tom Taylor had been circulated with the agenda. Mr. Taylor reported that the Senate had approved this in principle, and was prepared to support an appropriate university submission to government. He expressed the hope that the Board would approve and that the President would sign a re-drafted letter. Approval in principle to this proposal was given.

**IN CAMERA**

Staff Changes

A report on staff changes had been circulated with the agenda and an addendum was circulated to those at the meeting. Mr. A. Shaw drew attention to certain items of particular interest. With the correction of one error the report was approved. This error has been corrected in the file copies.

Progress in  
Collective  
Bargaining

Ms. M. Ozier was asked to withdraw prior to the discussion of this item.

Mr. A. Shaw reviewed the terms of the proposed contract with the DFA. Officers of the Board were given authority to ratify and sign the agreement under certain conditions.

Report of the  
President

The President reported as follows:

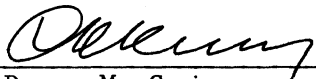
1. A number of people who received honorary degrees from Dalhousie at the recent Convocation have expressed their thanks.
2. Those retired persons who have received ex-gratia payments had expressed gratitude.
3. Dr. H. Clark has asked A.J. Tingley to continue as Secretary of the Board until the end of the current calendar year.
4. He reviewed the service of Miss Zilpha Linkletter, who has been a member of the Board for many years, and who has carried out many difficult assignments. All present supported his expression of thanks.

Other Business

Mr. W.S. Robertson thanked the President for the many contributions he has made to the university, and in particular for his distinguished service as President. Those present supported these remarks with a standing ovation. The President thanked the chairperson for his remarks, and stated that it has been a great privilege to be at Dalhousie.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.



Dr. Donna M. Curry  
Honorary Secretary



Mr. W. Struan Robertson  
Chairperson