

Item: Board of Governors Minutes, May 1986

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Minutes of a Meeting of the
Board of Governors held on Tuesday,
May 20, 1986, at 4:00 p.m. in the
Board and Senate Room

Dalhousie University
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Present: Mrs. M. Cooper	Mr. E.N. McKelvey
Mr. J.S. Cowan	Mrs. S. Medjuck
Dr. D.M. Curry	Dr. C. Murray
Honourary	Mr. C.G. Piercey
Secretary	Mr. W.S. Robertson
Mr. B. Flemming	Dr. H. Roper
Mrs. B. Flinn	Mr. A.C. Shaw
Mrs. J. Fraser	Mr. P.T. Schwenger
Dr. W.E. Jones	Mr. T. Taylor
Mr. D.A. Kerr	Ms. M.N. Tynes
Mr. J.W. Lindsay	Mrs. P. Weld
Miss Z. Linkletter	Mr. F.B. Wickwire
Mrs. A. MacDonald	Mr. S. Zwicker
Dr. W.A. MacKay	
Mr. E. MacNeil	

Also present were Messrs. W.E. Jones (Representative of Senate), A.M. Sinclair (Vice-President, Academic & Research), L.E. Haley (Acting Vice-President, Finance), J. Graham (Assistant Vice-President, University Services), M. Wright (Director of Finance), B. Crocker (Legal Advisor to the President), Ms. M. Ozier (DFA representative), A.J. Tingley (Secretary).

Regrets were received from Mr. David Hennigar and Mr. Peter Doig.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of March 25, 1986, which had been circulated, were approved.

President's
Introductory
Remarks

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

Board Matters

(a) Board Membership

The President reported that the following have been approved by Governor in Council as members of the Board, for terms ending June 30, 1989.

Mrs. Jean Harrington
Mr. Alan Scales

It was agreed that the following should be recommended to the Governor in Council for reappointment for further three year terms, ending June 30, 1989.

Mr. Donald Sobey
Mr. F.B. Wickwire

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It was also agreed that the following who was formerly a member elected by the Alumni Association should be recommended for appointment by the Governor in Council, for a three year term ending June 30, 1989.

Mrs. Peggy Weld

The Student Union had submitted the following as their nominees for Board Membership.

Mr. Jamie MacMullin

Ms. Jolene Pattison

Mr. David McCarthy

Mr. Tom Taylor

It was agreed that these should be members of the Board for one year from May 1, 1986, to April 30, 1987.

The Alumni Association had nominated for membership on the Board as follows:

Mr. Sherman Zwicker	3 year term to May 31, 1989
Dr. Albro MacKeen	3 year term to May 31, 1989
Mr. Barrie Black	3 year term to May 31, 1989
Mrs. Betty Flinn	1 year term to May 31, 1987
Judge Ian Palmeter	1 year term to May 31, 1987
Ms. Joan Stirling	1 year term to May 31, 1987

The last three of those listed will serve as President of the Alumni Association, Vice-President of the Alumni Association, and President of the Women's Division respectively.

(b) DFA Representative

The Dalhousie Faculty Association has reported that Ms. M. Ozier, has been elected President of DFA; it was agreed that in accord with previous practice Ms. Ozier should be the observer while serving as President of DFA.

Ms. Ozier then brought greetings to the Board from the Faculty Association, and requested that a letter, distributed to members of the Board by members of the Faculty Association at the meeting, be considered.

(c) Board of Interuniversity Services Incorporated

It was agreed that the university President should be the representative on this Board. The President explained that this will be the case with the other universities.

Academic
Matters

(a) Implementation of B.Sc. (Kinesiology)

Information about this programme had been circulated, and was further explained by Vice-President Sinclair. The programme had been previously approved by the Board, and the Senate now recommends that it be implemented, the MPHEC having given its approval. It was pointed out that this results from a reorganization of the offerings of the School of Physical Education, and there will not be significant costs. It was agreed that this programme should be implemented as of September 1986.

Reports of
Standing
Committees

Finance and Budget Committee

Mr. Piercey reported that it appears that the deficit for 1985-86 will be approximately \$50,000. Although this is a matter of concern it is much better than was the case in previous years. With respect to the budget for 1986-87, there is at present an indicated deficit of \$1.4 million, which must be eliminated. Recommendations concerning a staff mortgage programme will come forward in June. Student fees have been considered, and a recommendation will be brought to the Board in June.

The President pointed out that it is important that the fee schedule for next year be available in early June. It was agreed that the Finance and Budget Committee may set fees not exceeding a 4% increase, if possible before the first of June, and report to the June meeting.

A new scale of differential fees has been recommended by the MPHEC. It was agreed that this scale be implemented by Dalhousie, except possibly for a small number of selected students who might be exempted. It was agreed that this matter be left to the Finance and Budget Committee.

Audit Committee

It is expected that audited statements of the 1985-86 accounts will be circulated in time for consideration at the June meeting of the Board.

Building and Grounds Committee

Mr. J. Cowan reported that a public meeting was held concerning the proposed student housing on South Street. There was no serious negative feedback. The President advised that he has received a few expressions of concern, but these have not been general. Mr. Cowan also reported that tenders for the Chemistry Building construction have come in at \$1 million over the estimate. This project will be reviewed.

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Student Relations and Residence Committee

Mrs. Medjuck reported that this committee has considered the report of the Advisory Committee on Athletics, and now has recommendations. As members of the Board had not been provided with the report to which the recommendations refer, action was deferred until the June meeting. The report will be circulated in the interim.

Annual Reports

Annual reports of the following committees had been circulated and were received for information.

- (a) Audit Committee
- (b) Building and Grounds Committee
- (c) Retirees Trust
- (d) Finance and Budget Committee
- (e) Staff Relations Committee
- (f) Alumni and Community Relations Committee

Student Union
and Society Fees

Proposals of the Student Union had been circulated with the agenda. The recommended schedule was approved.

Pay Ign for
Alumnae

A document outlining progress to date was circulated to those present at the meeting. Progress is continuing satisfactorily.

Senate Progress
and Academic
Planning

A document updating the Senate work on this matter entitled "1986 and Beyond" was circulated at the meeting. Mr. W. Jones elaborated on this, and invited members of the Board to submit comments to the Secretary.

Discussion Paper
on the Report of
the Royal
Commission
on Post-Secondary Education

This paper, which had been prepared by Senate, had been circulated with the agenda. It was agreed that this should represent the university response to the report.

Notice of
Motion

A letter prepared by Mr. T. Taylor in which certain changes to the income tax were recommended had been circulated to those present at the meeting. This had been considered favourably by Senate. It was agreed that this should be circulated with the agenda of the June meeting, and considered then.

Resolutions Re:
Bank Accounts

Resolutions as given in the document attached as appendix A were approved.

DFA Submission Ms. M. Ozier referred to the letter from the DFA circulated at the meeting, a copy of which is attached as appendix B. She emphasized that the membership of the DSA was prepared to be reasonable, and hoped for a settlement by the end of June.

President's Report

- (a) He has had discussions with members of government about the Report of the Commission on Post-Secondary Education. Of particular concern is the proposed council.
- (b) There is great concern about funding. Unless additional funding is obtained for Medicine, the situation will be very difficult.
- (c) There have been discussions with government and MPHEC about funding for the programme in Human Communication Disorders.
- (d) There have also been discussions with government and MPHEC concerning Dentistry. It has been recommended that the university should limit admissions to Dentistry and Dental Hygiene. This has been resisted by the university because of concerns about funding. Costs will not be reduced in direct proportion to the reduction in the number of students.
- (e) There have been suggestions that the Auditor General should have access to the accounts of the university.
- (f) There have been discussions with the Board of the Grace Hospital. This hospital was built on land owned by Dalhousie. The original agreement was to the effect that if the building ceased to be used for hospital purposes, it should be made available to the university, the cost being the value for teaching purposes. This is not easily determined. The matter is being studied and eventually a recommendation will be made to the Board.
- (g) The Alumni Association was thanked for its efforts in arranging meetings of the Alumni Association, and class reunions. Attendance at the reunions has been increasing.
- (h) He reminded members of the Convocations in Dentistry and Law which will be held on May 21 and 23 respectively.
- (i) He expressed pleasure that the university is able to serve the needs of many students, and referred particularly to those who are the first generation of their families to be university graduates.

N CAMERA Staff Changes

A list of these had been circulated with the agenda, and an addendum was revised to those present at the meeting. Mr. A. Shaw, on behalf of the Staff Relations Committee, drew attention to some of particular interest. Approval was given to the list of changes (one error was pointed out, and is corrected in the copy in the permanent file.)

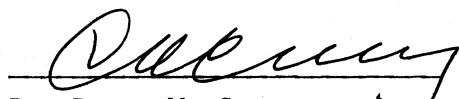
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Mr. Shaw advised that the university is currently in negotiations with the DFA, and will soon be negotiating with CUPE and the DSA.

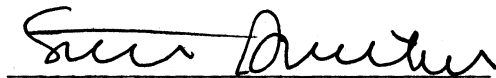
After the withdrawal of the DFA representative, Mr. B. Crocker updated members on the current state of negotiations with the DFA.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.



Dr. Donna M. Curry
Honourary Secretary



W. Struan Robertson
Chairperson