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Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Executive of the Board held on  
Tuesday, October 21, 1986 at 4:00 p.m.  
in the Board and Senate Room

Dalhousie University  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

PRESENT: Mr. W. Struan Robertson	Mr. James S. Cowan
Chairperson	Mrs. Shirlee Medjuck
Mr. George T. H. Cooper	Dr. Howard C. Clark
Mr. George C. Piercey	President
Mrs. Peggy Weld	Mr. Allan C. Shaw
Dr. Donna Curry	Mr. Sherman Zwicker

Also present were Ms. M. Lamb, Mrs. A. MacDonald, Mrs. Betty Flinn, Dr. C. Murray, Ms. Maxine Tynes, Ms. J. Pattison, Mr. J. MacMullin, Mr. T. Taylor (members of the Board of Governors), Dr. J. McNulty, Dr. R. Rodger (Observers for Senate), Mr. V. Traversy (Coordinator of Operations), Dr. Marcia Ozier (Observer for Faculty Association), Mr. John Graham (Assistant Vice-President, University Services), Mr. Brian Crocker (Legal Advisor to the President), Dr. A. M. Sinclair, <sup>Mr. G. Mason</sup> (Vice-President, Finance and Administration), Mr. Mike Wright (Director of Financial Services), Mr. M. Roughneen (Director of Personnel), and Dr. A. J. Tingley (Secretary).

#### Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of August 19, 1986, which had been circulated were approved.

#### Board Matters

##### (a) Board Membership

Dr. Clark reported that Mr. Ivan Duvar has been appointed by the Governor-in-Council as a member of the Board. He also reported that Ms. M. Cooper and Mr. D. McCarthy have resigned from the Board. As a replacement for Mr. McCarthy, the Students Union nominated Mr. J. D. N. Tarlton. This nomination was approved unanimously, and Mr. Tarlton was welcomed to the meeting.

##### (b) Committee Membership

It was agreed that Mr. W. G. Campbell be appointed as a member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

##### (c) Merger of Staff Relations and Staff Benefits Committees

The officers of the Board had recommended that these two committees be merged, effective July 1, 1987. This recommendation was approved. It was suggested that in the interim these committees might hold joint meetings.

#### Committee Reports

##### (a) Finance and Budget Committee

Mr. Piercey reported that the 1986-87 budget is not yet ready. It is hoped that it will be presented at the November meeting.

(b) Buildings and Grounds Committee  
Mr. J. Cowan reported that construction on Phase I of the Chemistry Building is now well under way.

The planning for the Law School construction is proceeding. It is expected that elevators in the present building will be operational before Christmas.

Tenders had been called for the proposed residence on South Street. All were well over the estimates. Negotiations are being carried out with the low bidders in an effort to obtain a satisfactory contract. A number of questions were raised as to whether the residence is now needed, in view of the fact that there are currently vacancies in both Howe Hall and Sherriff Hall. It having been explained that the 84 places for which plans are being made would be fewer than those recently lost, or that will be lost in the near future, approval was given for the Buildings and Grounds Committee to accept a tender from any bidder provided the cost is not more than \$1,410,000.

President's Report

A written report was circulated to those at the meeting, and is attached hereto as Appendix A. Particular reference was made to the service of Dr. L. Haley who served for several months as Interim Vice-President (Finance and Administration). It was agreed that this appreciation would be conveyed to him in writing.

Implications of Reduced Enrolment

Dr. Sinclair reported that although enrolment figures are not yet final, the decreases will be somewhat greater than previously estimated. It is difficult to predict what future enrolment will be. Plans are being made for more active recruiting.

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Staff Relations Committee

Mr. Allan Shaw reported that negotiations are being carried on currently with several unions. There is no unusual circumstance at this time.

He reminded members that when a policy on administrative leave was introduced, it was with the understanding that it would be reviewed. Two members of the Administrative Staff were on leave last year, and two more are on leave this year. No suggestion was made as to a change in policy.

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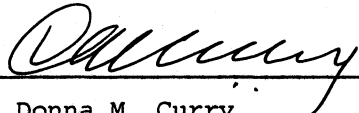
The report on staff changes had been circulated with the agenda. Mr. Shaw drew attention to certain items of particular significance. Reference was made to the deaths of Dr. A.G. Shane, who had served on the Faculty of Medicine, and Dr. Henry Reardon, who had also served on the Faculty of Medicine as well as on the Board of Governors.

Installation  
of  
Dr. Clark


Those present were reminded of the events connected with the installation, particularly of the Symposium which will be held on November 7 and 8.

Adjournment

The meetings adjourned at 5:10 p.m.



Donna M. Curry  
Honorary Secretary



W. Struan Robertson  
Chairperson