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Minutes of the Meeting of the
Executive Committee of the Board
of Governors held on Tuesday,
April 19, 1988 at 4:00 p.m.
in the Board and Senate Room

Dalhousie University
Halifax, Nova Scotia

PRESENT: Mr. W. Struan Robertson	Dr. Donna Curry
Chairperson	Honorary Secretary
Dr. Howard C. Clark	Mrs. Betty Flinn
President	Mrs. Shirlee Medjuck
Mr. George Cooper	Mrs. Peggy Weld
Mr. James S. Gowan	Vice Chairperson

Also present were Dr. Mona Campbell, Mr. Peter Doig, Mr. Michael Dunn, Mrs. Linda Fraser, Miss Sherry Golding, Mrs. Jean Harrington, Mr. J. Gordon Lawley, Mrs. Vivian Layton, Ms. Bernadette MacDonald, Dr. Albro MacKeen, and Mrs. Ruth Pulsifer (Board members); Dr. Alasdair M. Sinclair (Vice-President, Academic & Research); Mr. Bryan G. Mason (Vice-President, Finance & Administration); Dr. Robert S. Rodger (Observer for Senate); Professor David Lewis (Observer for Faculty Association); Mr. Brian Crocker (University Secretary and Legal Counsel); Mr. Michael Roughneen (Director of Personnel Services); Mr. Michael Wright (Director of Financial Services); Mr. William Lord (Director of Physical Plant & Planning); Ms. Marilyn MacDonald (Director of Public Relations); Ms. Gudrun Curri (Registrar); Miss Juanita Montalvo (President-elect of the Student Union); and Mrs. Elizabeth A. Christian (Secretary).

Regrets were received from Ms. Cherry Ferguson, Mr. Brian Flemming, Mr. David Hennigar, Mr. Norman Newman, Judge Ian Palmeter, Mr. George Piercey, Mr. Allan Shaw, Mr. F.B. Wickwire and Mr. Sherman Zwicker.

Welcome

As Mr. Robertson was delayed in arriving, Mrs. Peggy Weld assumed the Chair and welcomed Board members to the Executive Committee meeting. Mrs. Weld continued to act as Chairperson at the request of Mr. Robertson following his arrival during the discussion on staff changes.

During the course of the meeting Mrs. Weld welcomed Miss Juanita Montalvo, the newly elected President of the Dalhousie Student Union, to the meeting.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board held on February 16, 1988 were approved as circulated.

Dr. Rodger asked that an item in the minutes of the March 15 Board meeting relating to LTD indexation payments be corrected. This will be done when these minutes are considered for approval in May.

Agenda

Consideration of Item 10 was deferred to the May Board meeting. An item relating to the appointments of Ombud and Assistant Ombud was added to the agenda. This will be reported on below.

Board
Matters

Dr. Clark reported that word had not yet been received from Government concerning the Board's recommendations for the appointment of one new member and the reappointment of three current members.

Academic
Matters

Residency Program in Geriatric Medicine
Doctor of Medicine/Doctor of Philosophy Degree Program

Senate had recommended two programs to the Board for approval, and implementation. Dr. Sinclair noted that the additional request to approve implementation of these programs at this time was a change from past procedure, but that this new procedure should expedite consideration of similar matters in future. It was agreed

That the proposal of Senate for a Residency Program in Geriatric Medicine be recommended to the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission for favourable consideration, and implementation; and

That the proposal of Senate for a combined Doctor of Medicine/Doctor of Philosophy degree be recommended to the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission for favourable consideration, and implementation.

Reports of
Standing
Committees

Finance and Budget Committee

In the absence of Mr. Piercey, Mr. Mason reported that a draft budget for 1988-89, which had now been balanced with great difficulty, would be considered by the Senate Financial Planning Committee, the Senate and the Board's Finance and Budget Committee before presentation to the Board at its May meeting. Detailed information on the 1987-88 budget would also be available at the May meeting.

Buildings and Grounds Committee

Mr. Cowan advised that work on the Law School was on target and on budget, that the Economics houses were 90% complete, and that the space layout for Henson College had been approved and planning was proceeding on this project. The Committee had approved the recommendations proposed by staff concerning alterations and renovations for 1988/89. These are set out in a document which was circulated to members at the meeting (copy attached to these minutes as Appendix A). It was noted that funds were being directed mainly to maintenance and improving existing building systems, accessibility and safety rather than to new projects, and that the contribution from the students towards the elevator in the Arts and Administration building was not included in the figures contained in the document which had been distributed at the meeting. Detailed information on all the alteration and renovations projects planned for 1988-89 is available from Mr. Lord, Director of Physical Plant and Planning.

Staff Relations Committee

A list of staff changes had been previously circulated with the agenda and three Addenda were distributed at the meeting (copies enclosed for members not present). In the absence of Mr. Shaw, Mr. Doig noted one correction (this has been recorded on the official copy on file) and drew attention to several items of interest. Particular note was taken of the appointment of Mr. Eric McKee as Vice-President, Student Services, of various Deans' appointments in the recently formed College of Arts and Science, and of the appointment of new Deans for the Faculties of Health Professions and of Management Studies. Approval was given to the staff changes as presented.

Following discussion of this item Dr. Clark introduced Mr. and Mrs. McKee to Board members and extended a welcome to them on behalf of the Board and the University.

Special
Committee on
Community
Access and
Service

This special joint committee of Senate and the President's Office was established in February 1987 to examine the university's community service activities. Membership on the committee included several persons from the community, and Mr. Carmen Moir, Deputy Minister of Social Services, served as Chair. Copies of the committee's summary report had been circulated to members with the agenda. In discussing the work of the committee and its recommendations, Mr. Moir emphasized the need for the university to define its mission in relation to community access and service, to find ways of improving the community's knowledge about, and access to, the university's facilities and resources, and to involve more members of the community in its activities. During the ensuing discussion it was noted that some of the committee's recommendations (e.g. Open House) were already being acted upon. The Chair expressed the Board's appreciation to Mr. Moir and his committee for their work.

Dr. Clark informed those present that the Report on Community Access and Service was now being considered by the Senate Academic Planning Committee. He recommended the report be referred to the Board's Alumni and Community Relations Committee for study and comment.

Campaign
for
Dalhousie

In the absence of Mr. Sobey, Dr. Clark reported that the Campaign is proceeding well and had now reached a total of \$33,646,000. A full report on the Campaign will be made at the May Board meeting.

Mortgage -
Weldon Law
building

A Resolution to borrow \$1,462,500.00 from the Province to defray a portion of the cost of the addition to the Weldon Law Building was approved. A copy of the Resolution is attached to these minutes as Appendix B.

Hazel Lloyd
Seminar Room

The Naming Committee, a sub committee of the President's Council, had recommended that a room in the School of Physiotherapy be named the "Hazel Lloyd Seminar Room". This recommendation was approved by those present.

Committee on
Affirmative
Action in
Employment

Mr. Roughneen informed members this committee had been established to finalize and introduce a Memorandum of Understanding to Senate and the Board relating to affirmative action in employment for designated groups (women, visible minorities, aboriginal peoples and the disabled). The purpose of the Memorandum is to introduce policies which will remove any discriminatory barriers to hiring and promotion; to improve the participation of designated group members throughout the university; and to introduce positive practices and the establishment of internal goals and timetables which will result in the recruitment, hiring, training and promotion of designated group members. Mr. Roughneen explained that the Memorandum of Understanding must meet the criteria of the Federal Contractor's Program and the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission. A draft Memorandum is expected to be finalized by the end of June. No formal action is required by the Board at this stage.

Any affirmative action policy relating to education and housing will be dealt with separately.

It was noted that Dalhousie was one of the earliest universities to put a policy of affirmative action for the hiring of women academics into place.

President's
Report

Copies of this report were circulated to those present at the meeting and a copy is attached to these minutes as Appendix C. Dr. Clark commented briefly on the items contained in his report.

Appointment
of
Ombud

Senate had recommended for Board approval the appointments of Ms. Joy Noonan as Ombud and Mr. Colin MacLean as Assistant Ombud for the forthcoming year. These appointments were endorsed by members present.

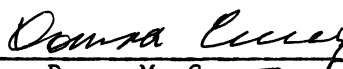
Other
Business


Mrs. Layton commented on the improvement in the processing of applications and scholarships by the Registrar's Office this year under the direction of Ms. Curri, the new Registrar. Her statement was enthusiastically endorsed by those present.

Mr. Dunn reminded Governors that in May new student representatives would replace those presently serving on the Board. Mrs. Weld expressed the Board's appreciation for the contribution made by the retiring students to the work of the Board and its committees.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.


Donna M. Curry
Honorary Secretary


W. Struan Robertson
Chairperson