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Minutes of the Meeting of the
Executive Committee of the Board
of Governors held on Tuesday,
February 16, 1988 at 4:00 p.m.
in the Board and Senate Room

Dalhousie University
Halifax, Nova Scotia

PRESENT: Mr. W. Struan Robertson Chairperson	Mr. George C. Piercey Vice-Chairperson
Dr. Alasdair Sinclair Acting President	Mr. Allan C. Shaw Honorary Treasurer
Mr. George Cooper	Mrs. Peggy Weld Vice Chairperson
Dr. Donna Curry Honorary Secretary	Mr. Sherman Zwicker
Mrs. Betty Flinn	

Also present were Mr. Michael Dunn, Mrs. Vivian Layton, Dr. Albro MacKeen; Mr. Bryan G. Mason (Vice-President, Finance & Administration); Mr. John Mabley (Assistant Vice-President, Development); Dr. Robert S. Rodger (Observer for Senate); Dr. Fred C. Wien (Vice-Chair of Senate); Professor David Lewis (Observer for Faculty Association); Mr. Brian Crocker (University Secretary and Legal Counsel); Mr. Mike Roughneen (Director of Personnel Services); Mr. Mike Wright (Director of Financial Services), and Mrs. Elizabeth A. Christian (Secretary).

Regrets were received from Ms. Mary Clancy, Mr. Brian Flemming, Mrs. Jean Harrington and Mr. Norman Newman.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board held on December 15, 1987 were approved as circulated.

Agenda

An item regarding a Banking Resolution and a second item regarding the Faculty of Arts and Science were added to the agenda. These are dealt with below. With these two additions the agenda for the meeting was approved.

Board
Matters

The proposed schedule of Board/Executive meetings for 1988-89 (previously circulated with the agenda) was approved subject to any future changes. A copy of the approved schedule is attached to the minutes as Appendix A.

Acting President Dr. Sinclair reminded those present that just prior to the next Board meeting on March 15 a plaque naming former Board Chairmen would be unveiled. A notice about this event had been mailed out to Board members earlier.

A copy of a memorial to the late Gene M. Hicks which had been sent to President Emeritus Hicks on the Board's behalf was distributed at the meeting. It was resolved to formally record this memorial in the minutes of this meeting.

Special
Board
Meeting

A special meeting of the Board has been called for March 1 in the event the Board may wish to formulate a resolution regarding funding pending the outcome of a meeting between university presidents and the Minister of Education on February 24. This meeting will be held unless members are notified otherwise.

Academic
Matters

Certificate in Liberal Studies for Police Officers

A brief description of the proposed programme had been circulated with the agenda. Dr. Sinclair explained that Senate had approved this programme on the understanding that prior to implementation Senate is satisfied that adequate provision has been made concerning a policy of police officers carrying weapons in the classrooms. He said the Board would be kept informed of discussion on any policy. It was agreed

That the proposal of Senate for a programme leading to the Certificate in Liberal Studies for Police Officers be recommended to the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission for favourable consideration.

Faculty of
Arts and
Science

A document outlining a proposal to restructure the Faculty of Arts and Science into a Faculty of Arts, a Faculty of Science, and a School of Education to form a College of Arts and Science was distributed at the meeting (copy attached to these minutes as Appendix B). Dr. Sinclair said this proposal had been approved by the Faculty and by Senate, and that Board approval was now sought so that the new structure might be implemented July 1, 1988. In answer to a query by Dr. Rodger about the College Committee on Promotion and Tenure Dr. Sinclair expressed the hope that the present Committee might continue to function for an interim period of at least two years during the transition to the new structure. Professor Lewis was concerned the Faculty Association had not yet studied the effects of the proposal on its membership, and noted that several details contained in the Smith Report needed to be discussed further by the D.F.A. as they relate to the collective agreement. Mr. Shaw asked about the costs involved and was assured that although additional staff would be required the costs would be low.

It was suggested that consideration of this item be deferred until the next full meeting of the Board. The Chairman invited the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science to comment on the issue. Dr. Betts outlined the background process over the past two years which led up to the Presidential Committee's recommendations now approved by faculty and Senate, and mentioned some of the advantages which would result from restructuring the Faculty at this time. Dr. Wien, Vice-Chair of Senate, in clarifying Senate's approval of the main principles contained in the motion before the Board, noted that Senate had been aware there were details in the Smith report which needed further discussion, and he suggested the Board act in

the same spirit and not make any changes to the recommendations. Any required changes would be forthcoming from Senate at a later date, for consideration by the Board.

Those present then approved proposals 1, 2 and 3 as set out in the document attached to these minutes as Appendix B.

Reports of
Standing
Committees

Finance and Budget Committee

Mr. Piercey reported the expected deficit in the 1987-88 budget remains unchanged and is still under review. He informed those present of a meeting between the Minister of Education and various university presidents scheduled for February 24. If, as a result of that meeting, the University's financial situation is not improved, a special meeting of the Board would be held on March 1 to consider ways of bringing the funding issue to the attention of government and the public more forcefully.

Buildings and Grounds Committee

Mr. Mason, in the absence of Mr. Cowan, brought members up to date on the following projects: Chemistry Phase I - 96-98% complete; Law School - work progressing well; Economics House - 75% complete; Henson College and Chemistry Phase II - planning under way; Incinerator - in need of major repair or replacement and local hospitals and Department of Health being approached to develop a joint incinerator to serve several institutions; Studley Field - initiatives being pursued to obtain funding for upgrading the field.

Pension Advisory Committee

A document setting out a number of Pension Plan amendments, which had been agreed to in principle during contract negotiations with the D.F.A. and reported to the Board last spring, had been circulated with the agenda. (A copy of this document is attached to these minutes as Appendix C.) It was agreed

That amendments to Rules 9, 10, 11, 15, 17 and 24 of the Dalhousie University Staff Pension Plan proposed by the Pension Advisory Committee be approved as circulated and that any necessary editorial changes to remove any ambiguity in the use of the term plan be incorporated in the Plan text and that all of these changes now be forwarded to the Superintendent of Pensions and Revenue Canada for their approval.

Staff Relations Committee

A list of staff changes had been previously circulated with the agenda and an Addendum was distributed at the meeting (copy enclosed for members not present). Mr. Shaw drew particular attention to the appointment of Dr. Denis W. Stairs as Vice-President (Academic and Research) effective July 1, 1988. Approval was given to the staff changes as presented.

Campaign

Dr. Donna Curry, Chair of this year's Annual Fund, announced that the Fund had exceeded its 1987 target of \$520,000 by 6.03%, and noted that over the past two years the Fund had raised more than one million dollars. Dr. Curry paid tribute to the many volunteer alumni, staff and students who were involved in the telephone canvass, and in particular noted the contribution and hard work of Sonya Banks as Manager of the Annual Fund. A copy of the final results for the Annual Fund is enclosed with the minutes.

Mr. Mabley, in the absence of Mr. Sobey, presented an update on the Campaign for Dalhousie which had now reached the \$33 million mark. He made note of the leadership provided by the Board at the start of the Campaign and since then through a noticable increase in the number of major gifts by Board members. Current initiatives now under way in the Campaign include a mail/phone programme, approaches to alumni in Toronto and key individuals in western Canada, and the Pharmacy Endowment fund drive in Toronto. A copy of a report on the Campaign is enclosed with the minutes.

Symposium on
Undergraduate
Education


Dr. Fred Wien, Chair of the committee organizing the Symposium, outlined the purposes of the sessions being held on March 3-5 and briefly reviewed the programme, workshops and displays. Copies of the programme have been mailed to Board members and Dr. Wien extended an invitation to Board members to attend the Symposium.

Banking
Resolution

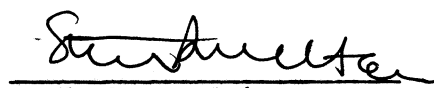
On September 16, 1986 the Board had approved a resolution relating to the signing authority of Officers of the University. A banking resolution expanding on this, as set out in Appendix D attached to these minutes, was approved by those present at the meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.



Donna M. Curry
Honorary Secretary



W. Struan Robertson
Chairperson

Approved by
Executive Committee of the Board
February 16, 1988

Appendix A

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Proposed Schedule of Meetings for 1988-89

Tuesday, September 20, 1988	Board of Governors
Tuesday, October 18, 1988	Executive Committee
Tuesday, November 15, 1988	Board of Governors
Tuesday, December 13, 1988	Executive Committee
Tuesday, January 17, 1989	Board of Governors
Tuesday, February 14, 1989	Executive Committee
Tuesday, March 14, 1989	Board of Governors
Tuesday, April 18, 1989	Executive Committee
Tuesday, May 16, 1989	Board of Governors
Tuesday, June 20, 1989	Board of Governors

Note: All scheduled meetings are open except for "in camera" portions of the meeting. Board members will receive agenda and documents in advance of all Board or Executive Committee meetings, and are entitled to participate in discussions at scheduled Executive Committee meetings, if present.

Meetings will ordinarily commence at 4 p.m. unless otherwise advised.