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Minutes of a Meeting of the
Board of Governors held on
this date in the Board and
Senate Room at 3:30 p.m.

Dalhousie University
Halifax, Nova Scotia
July 9, 1981

PRESENT: Dr. A. Gordon Archibald,
Chairman
Sister Elizabeth Bellefontaine
Mr. G.E.C. Brown
Mr. George T.H. Cooper
Dr. Donna Curry
Mr. Arthur G.H. Fordham
His Honour, Judge Nathan Green
Dr. Lorraine Laurence
Miss Zilpha Linkletter,
Vice-Chairman
Mr. John Logan
Ms. Marilyn MacDonald
Dr. W. Andrew MacKay
Mr. Stewart McInnes, Q.C.
Miss Aileen A. Meagher
Ms. Heather Robertson
Mr. W. Struan Robertson,
Honorary Treasurer
Edwin F. Ross, M.D.,
Honorary Secretary
Mr. Geoffrey M. Seymour
Mr. Atul K. Sharma
Mr. R.G. Smith
Dr. R. Colin D. Stewart, MLA

Also present at the meeting were Mr. L.R. Shaw (Vice-President, Administration and Finance), Dr. G.A. Klassen (Vice-President, Academic and Research), Dr. D.M. Cameron (Executive Director of Policy and Planning), Dr. A.M. Sinclair (Chairman of the Senate), Professor C.A. Axworthy (President of the Dalhousie Faculty Association), Mr. Derek Mann (Director of Information), and A.J. Tingley, who, with the approval of those present, acted as secretary.

Minutes of the
Meeting of
May 28, 1981

As these minutes had not been distributed previously, it was agreed that approval would be deferred.

Nominations for
Vacancies on the
Board of Govern-
ors

The President, on behalf of the Officers of the Board, suggested twelve persons to fill vacancies. It was agreed that it would be in order for him to contact them to determine their willingness to serve.

Staff Relations
Committee

Judge N. Green reported a number of staff changes on behalf of the Staff Relations Committee, and answered a number of questions. Staff changes included in the list circulated at the meeting were approved by the Board. The President reported that certain senior appointments are pending, and appropriate recommendations will be made at a future meeting.

Union
Negotiations

The President reported briefly on the present state of negotiations with the various unions.

Investment
Committee

Mr. W. Struan Robertson reported on changes in the investment portfolios. On motion, the various transactions were ratified.

Buildings and
Grounds
Committee

Mr. G.E.C. Brown reported that progress on the rink to date has been satisfactory, and essentially on budget. It is expected that it will be ready for use early in 1982.

Mr. Brown and the President reported on certain real estate transactions and also on the lease of space to HELP LINE at a nominal charge.

Mr. Brown advised that the building for the School of Dentistry was completed essentially on budget.

Certain relatively minor changes in the Physical Plant were also reported.

Finance and
Budget Com-
mittee

Miss Z. Linkletter spoke on behalf of this Committee, and an update of the current situation was given by Mr. L.R. Shaw. Some proposals were outlined designed to deal with the current large operating deficit.

It was proposed by the President that the Board authorize the officers of the University to act as follows:

- 1) To sell certain real property if a proper opportunity occurs.
- 2) To sell certain investments and create a University debenture, should further study indicate that this would be desirable and feasible.
- 3) To sell the investments in certain unrestricted funds, with the proceeds going to reduce the bank loan, if this should prove to be appropriate.

On motion, agreement was given to these proposals.

Dalplex
Advisory
Committee

The President reported that studies, including studies by outside consultants, have been made, and plans relevant to the future operation of Dalplex are being developed.

Recommendations
from Senate

It was recommended that the Programme in Costume Studies be continued. Agreement was granted, with the understanding that further representations will be made to the M.P.H.E.C. which has not previously approved this programme for funding.

The Co-operative Education Programme with Honours in Mathematics and Computer Science was approved, it being noted that no significant costs will be involved.

It was agreed that the Programme in Computer Science, already approved as a major, would be extended to Honours. In answer to a question, the President advised that additional costs might be involved, but that efforts are

being made to use existing facilities, both at Dalhousie and at other institutions in the Halifax area.

Approval was given to Senate recommendations involving two programmes to be offered in co-operation with the Nova Scotia Teachers College. In one of these, students will be able to transfer to Dalhousie and obtain a joint degree after one year. In the other, students will transfer to Dalhousie and in two years obtain the degrees of B.A. and B.Ed. The President pointed out that the first of these proposals does not deviate significantly from a plan drawn up by the President of several Nova Scotia universities in consultation with the Chairman of the M.P.H.E.C. for co-operative arrangements with the Teachers College.

M.P.H.E.C.
Five-Year
Submission,
1981

The President reported that part of this submission has already been sent to M.P.H.E.C., and the rest is being prepared. It will be circulated to the members of the Board.

Dalhousie Sub-
mission to Par-
liamentary Task
Force on Fed-
eral-Provincial
Financial
Arrangements

A copy of this submission has been provided for members of the Board. The President pointed out that universities generally are very concerned about the implication of funding of university programmes if certain proposals now being considered by the Federal Cabinet are approved.

Report of the
President

The President reported as follows:

- 1) The meetings of the Learned Societies which took place on campus during May and June had resulted in favorable comments, and, to his knowledge, very few complaints.
- 2) A proposal has been made jointly with T.U.N.S. and the Nova Scotia Research Foundation for funding for a Centre for Microelectronics. This should be of value not only to universities in the area, but to business and industry as well.
- 3) Changes have been made in Engineering Education which require co-operation between Dalhousie and T.U.N.S. Plans have been made, but arrangements respecting costs have not been completed.
- 4) The Programme in Computer Science, originally proposed by T.U.N.S. as a four-year programme at that institution, has been approved by M.P.H.E.C.

on the basis that two years will be taken in the Faculty of Arts and Science at Dalhousie, following which students may either continue at Dalhousie or transfer to T.U.N.S.

5) Dalhousie, Saint Mary's University, and Mount Saint Vincent University have agreed to establish a common purchasing office. It is not intended that this replace the individual purchasing offices of the various universities.

6) Representatives of several local universities and the Mayor of Dartmouth have been involved in discussions which may lead to the offering of classes in Dartmouth which would be acceptable in the programmes of the several universities.

7) The President has consulted with M.P.H.E.C. and the Provincial Ministers of Health with respect to financial arrangements for various programmes in Health Education.

8) The senior academic officers of the University, including the officers of Senate, spent a day and a half recently in concentrated study of the present situation of Dalhousie and in planning for the future.

9) The President has been named Chairman of the Association of Atlantic Universities, and as such has become a member of the A.U.C.C. Board of Directors.

Employee
Benefits

Letters have been directed to the Chairman of the Board by Dr. Philip Welch on this topic. It was agreed that consideration should be given to these by the Staff Benefits Committee.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Edwin F. Ross, M.D.,
Honorary Secretary

Dr. A. Gordon Archibald,
Chairman