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Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Governors held on April 22, 1982 in the Board and Senate Room at 3:00 p.m.

Dalhousie University  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

PRESENT: Dr. A. Gordon Archibald,  
Chairman  
Mrs. Margot Aucoin  
Sister Elizabeth Bellefontaine  
Mr. G.T.H. Cooper  
Mr. James S. Cowan  
Dr. Donna Curry  
Dr. D.A. Eisner  
Mr. A.G.H. Fordham, Q.C.  
Mr. John W. Graham  
Mrs. Lorraine Green  
Mr. A.G. Hayman  
Mr. Gary Hurst  
Ms. Mary L.C. Lamb  
Dr. Lorraine Laurence  
Miss Z. Linkletter,  
Vice-Chairman

Mr. John Logan  
Dr. W.A. MacKay  
Mr. Peter McDonough  
Mr. S. McInnes, Q.C.  
Mrs. Ruth Murray  
Ms. Heather Robertson  
Mr. W.S. Robertson,  
Honorary Treasurer  
Edwin F. Ross, M.D.,  
Honorary Secretary  
Mr. G.M. Seymour  
Mr. Atul Sharma  
Mr. R.G. Smith  
Mr. Drew Sperry  
Mr. I.A. Thompson

Also present were Messrs. D.R. Mann (Director of Information and Public Relations), A.M. Sinclair (Chairman of Senate), G.A. Klassen (Vice-President, Academic and Research), D.M. Cameron (Director, Policy and Planning), L.R. Shaw (Vice-President, Administration and Finance), C.A. Axworthy (President, Dalhousie Faculty Association), Earl Wambolt (Budget Officer), E.J. Nichols (Investment Manager), and A.J. Tingley, who acted as Secretary. Mr. P. Rans, President-Elect of the Student Union, was present as an observer.

Regrets were received from Mr. A.H. Crockett, Mr. Brian Flemming, Q.C., Judge N. Green, Mrs. Shirlee Medjuck, and Mayor R. Wallace.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting, which had been circulated, were approved.

President's Introductory Remarks

The President referred to the change in plans, as a result of which the proposed dinner and the evening session had been cancelled.

He also reported that Mr. P. Rans will replace Mr. John Logan as President of the Student Union, and will attend Board meetings in that capacity beginning in May. Similarly, Mr. Jay Doucet will replace Mr. A. Sharma at that time. The appointment of these two students to the Board was ratified.

Board Matters

*Nominations for Board Membership*

Nominations for Board Membership was deferred to the next meeting.

*Appointment of Members to Board Committees*

(a) The following were nominated as members of the Audit Committee:

Mr. George C. Piercey, Chairman  
Mr. Alan G. Hayman, Member  
Mr. Wesley G. Campbell, Member  
Mr. Brian Flemming, Q.C., Member

All of these had agreed to serve. It was agreed that these persons should constitute the Audit Committee.

(b) Authority was granted to the Officers of the Board to ask persons to serve as members of the Development Committee.

*Schedule of Meetings, 1982/83*

A proposed schedule of meetings had been previously circulated. No changes were suggested. It was agreed that final approval be deferred until the May meeting.

Academic Matters

A document containing proposals for certain new programmes was circulated at the meeting, and is attached as an Appendix. Dr. G.A. Klassen led a discussion on the three programmes

*Programme Leading to a Diploma in Meteorology*

It was explained that the federal government is desirous of having this programme introduced, and will provide support to such an extent that the cost to the university will be minimal. It was agreed that this programme should be recommended to the M.P.H.E.C., it being understood that it will be referred to the Board again prior to implementation.

*Programme Leading to a Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Women's Studies*

It was explained that this programme would consist of classes which are already offered in various departments, and thus the expense of mounting the programme would be insignificant. Considerable concern was expressed as to the relationship with a programme being offered currently at Mount Saint Vincent University. It was agreed that this item should be referred to the Committee on Relations with Other Institutions.

Academic Matters  
(continued)

*Programme Leading to a Master of Development Economics*

It was explained that this programme, also, will consist of existing classes, and that therefore its cost will be minimal. It was agreed that this should be recommended to the M.P.H.E.C., with the understanding that it will be brought before the Board again prior to implementation.

Changes in Faculty  
and Administrative  
Appointments

The report of the Staff Relations Committee was presented by Mr. I.A. Thompson in the absence of Judge Nathan Green. Certain items of particular interest were pointed out by him and by the President. The appointments were ratified.

Changes in the  
Investment Portfolio

The changes in the investment portfolios were ratified.

Review of Finances

*Preliminary Financial Results - 1981/82 Fiscal Year*

It was reported that preliminary figures indicate that the deficit is approximately what was previously projected.

*Progress Report on Financial Restructuring*

Mr. L.R. Shaw updated the Board on the progress of the sale of bonds and other related matters. The restructuring has not yet been completed.

*Presentation of the 1982/83 Fiscal Year Draft Budget*

A preliminary budget for 1982/83 was considered. Due to the lateness of advice as to government support, the necessary consultations with the Financial Planning Committee of the Senate have not been completed. It was noted that the budget is not yet in balance, and it was emphasized by Miss Z. Linkletter and others that the target is a balanced budget.

*Recommendations regarding Tuition Fees, 1982/83*

A recommendation that tuition fees be increased by twelve percent across the board was approved.

Student Society  
Fees

On the recommendation of the Student Union, fees were approved as follows:

- (1) Student Union Fees: from \$67.00 to \$73.00
- (2) Society Fees
  - (a) Arts and Sciences: from \$3.00 to \$5.00
  - (b) Nursing: from \$6.00 to \$11.00
  - (c) Law: from \$10.00 to \$15.00
  - (d) Dentistry: from \$50.00 to \$150.00

Academic Implications  
of the Budget

Dr. G.A. Klassen reviewed some of these. He pointed out that it has not yet been found necessary to eliminate any degree or diploma programmes, and the integrity of all programmes has been maintained. Some class offerings have had to be cancelled. He emphasized the importance of flexibility, so that, where necessary, funds may be redirected from one area to another.

The President pointed out that decisions on the introduction of programmes in Occupational Therapy and Clinical Psychology have been delayed. He emphasized that further delay may result in the indefinite postponement of these programmes.

President's Report

The President reported as follows:

- (1) He reviewed the Convocations scheduled for May next.
- (2) He reported that he had recently attended alumni meetings in London, England, and in Sydney, Nova Scotia. He expects to go to Bermuda next weekend where a branch of the alumni is being formed.
- (3) Those present were reminded that the Alumni Dinner will be held on May 6, and members of the Board will be welcome.
- (4) Mr. John E. Terry, currently Vice-President of the College of Cape Breton, has been appointed Chairman of the M.P.H.E.C. He has been a member of the Commission from the beginning.
- (5) The Presidents of the Nova Scotia universities met last Monday to discuss the implications of the level of support for universities. They are seeking to meet with government representatives to discuss the consequences of the limited funding.
- (6) He reminded members that the throne speech given at the opening of the provincial legislature had announced the establishing of a Provincial Commission on Higher Education. Nothing further has been heard.
- (7) A group consisting of senior public servants of Zimbabwe will come to Dalhousie in the near future and stay for approximately six weeks, taking part in a special programme designed for them. Because of the efforts of Dr. I. McAllister and others, there is some prospect of future ties with the University of Zimbabwe.

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Negotiations with  
the Dalhousie  
Faculty Association

Dr. David Cameron described the progress of the negotiations.

(a) Restructuring: There have been discussions with respect to inclusions and exclusions to and from the D.F.A., and the Labour Relations Board is expected to issue a number of orders expanding the bargaining unit but confirming a number of management exclusions. In particular, the Instructors' Unit will now be amalgamated with the faculty into a single D.F.A. unit.

(b) Certain items which are currently under discussion between the two negotiating teams were outlined.

(c) The objectives and mandate of the Board negotiating team were confirmed.

Mr. George Cooper relayed from Judge Nathan Green some reservations and warnings that should be considered during the negotiation process.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

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

A. Gordon Archibald, LL.D.,  
Chairman