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Minutes of the Meeting of  
the Board of Governors held on  
Tuesday, June 23, 1987 at 4:00 p.m.  
in the Board and Senate Room

Dalhousie University  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

PRESENT: Mr. W. Struan Robertson	Mrs. Vivian Layton
Chairperson	Mrs. Annemarie Macdonald
Dr. Howard C. Clark	Ms. Bernadette Macdonald
President	Dr. Albro MacKeen
Mr. Barrie Black	Judge Ian Palmeter
Mr. George Cooper	Mrs. Ruth Pulsifer
Dr. Donna Curry	Dr. Henry Roper
Mr. Peter Doig	Mr. Allan C. Shaw
Mr. Brian Flemming	Mr. George Thompson
Mrs. Betty Flinn	Mrs. Peggy Weld
Mr. Donald Kerr	Vice-Chairperson
Ms. Mary Lamb	Miss Caroline Zayid
Mr. Gordon Lawley	

Also present were Mr. Bryan G. Mason (Vice-President, Finance & Administration); Dr. A. M. Sinclair (Vice-President, Academic & Research); Mr. John Mabley (Assistant Vice-President, Development); Dr. Robert S. Rodger and Dr. William E. Jones (Observers for Senate); Professor David Lewis (Observer for Faculty Association); Mr. Brian Crocker (Legal Advisor to the President); Mr. Mike Roughneen (Director of Personnel/Payroll Services); Mr. Mike Wright (Director of Financial Services), and Mrs. Elizabeth A. Christian (Secretary).

Regrets were received from Mrs. Jean Harrington, Mr. John Lindsay, Mr. Neil McKelvey, Mrs. Shirlee Medjuck, and Mr. Sherman Zwicker.

As Mr. Robertson had been delayed, Mrs. Peggy Weld assumed the Chair and welcomed those present at the meeting.

Minutes

The minutes of the Board of Governors meeting held on May 8, 1987, which had been previously circulated, were approved.

Agenda

Three items were added to the agenda and these are dealt with below. With these additions the agenda for the meeting was approved.

Board  
Matters

**(a) Board Membership**

Mrs. Weld welcomed those present and introduced Mrs. Ruth Pulsifer, Mrs. Vivian Layton and Mr. George Thompson who were attending their first meeting as representatives of the Dalhousie Alumni Association.

The President reported that nominations for the appointment of two individuals and the reappointment of eleven persons to the Board had been recommended to the Governor in Council and that word was awaited on these appointments.

Word had been received that the University of King's College would be recommending continuation of Mr. George Cooper's appointment to the Board and that Mrs. Linda Fraser would be nominated to replace Dr. Henry Roper. Mount Saint Vincent University had also advised that Sister Sheilagh Martin would be nominated to replace Mrs. Annemarie Macdonald as one of its representatives on the Board. Written confirmation of these appointments is awaited and will be reported to the Board when received.

Mr. Robertson arrived at this point in the meeting and assumed the Chair.

**(b) Report of Nominating Committee**

In the absence of Mrs. Shirlee Medjuck, the President presented the report of the Nominating Committee, copies of which had been distributed to those present at the meeting.

Approval was given by the Board to the appointments of the following persons nominated by the Alumni Association to serve on the Board of Governors for the terms specified:

Mrs. Betty Flinn	3 year term to May 31, 1990
Ms. Cherry G. Ferguson	3 year term to May 31, 1990
Mr. George C. Thompson	3 year term to May 31, 1990
Chief Judge Ian Palmeter	1 year term to May 31, 1988
Mrs. Ruth Pulsifer	1 year term to May 31, 1988
Mrs. Vivian Layton	1 year term to May 31, 1988

The present Officers of the Board were nominated for an additional term to June 30, 1988. The slate was approved as follows:

Chairperson	Mr. W. Struan Robertson
Vice-Chairperson	Mr. George C. Piercey
Vice-Chairperson	Mrs. Peggy Weld
Honorary Secretary	Dr. Donna M. Curry
Honorary Treasurer	Mr. Allan C. Shaw

Recommendations of the Nominating Committee for membership on Board Committees for 1987-88 had been previously circulated. In addition, Mr. Ivan Duvar has agreed to serve as Chairperson of the Investment Committee. With this addition, the slate of committee membership was approved. A copy of this list is attached to the minutes as Appendix A. Also enclosed is a list of committees with membership, terms of reference and information about ad hoc committees.)

Certain persons were nominated to serve as Board representatives on Senate Committees for a further term to 30 June 1988. As Dr. Roper would be leaving the Board he asked that his name be withdrawn from the Academic Administration Committee and the Computer Advisory Committee. With this change the following nominations were approved:

Academic Planning Committee	Ms. Maxine Tynes
Financial Planning Committee	Mr. George C. Piercey
Library Committee	Mrs. Peggy Weld
Physical Planning Committee	Mr. James S. Cowan
Advisory Committee on Public Relations	Mrs. Peggy Weld

Academic  
Matters

Information on four programme proposals had been provided to members prior to and at the meeting. Dr. Sinclair commented briefly on each item recommended for approval.

(a) **M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Statistics** - this proposal would require minimal additional costs and would provide a better designation for courses offered within the Mathematics degrees. It was recommended

**That the proposal of Senate to change the degree certification for Statistics programmes in the Department of Mathematics, Statistics and Computing Science to Master of Science in Statistics and Ph.D. in Statistics be recommended to the M.P.H.E.C. for favourable consideration.**

(b) **Implementation of B.Sc. with Honours in Neuroscience** - this proposal had been approved earlier by the Board and by the M.P.H.E.C. Senate now recommended

**That approval be given to the implementation of the programme leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science with Honours in Neuroscience.**

(c) **Implementation of Graduate Diploma in Marine Affairs** - this proposal, to be funded by the International Centre for Ocean Development (ICOD), had been approved earlier by the Board and shortly afterwards by the M.P.H.E.C. It was recommended

**That approval be given to the implementation of the programme leading to the Graduate Diploma in Marine Affairs.**

(d) **Implementation of Change in Name for School of Library Service and its Degree** - this proposal, approved earlier by the Board and by the M.P.H.E.C., would reflect the School's increasing emphasis on information technology and would become effective immediately. It was recommended

**That approval be given to implement the change in the name of the School of Library Service to the "School of Library and Information Studies" and to implement the change in the name of the degree Master of Library Service to "Master of Library and Information Studies".**

Approval was given by the Board to the above four recommendations.

Committee  
Reports

**(a) Audit Committee**

A report of this committee was circulated with the agenda. Mr. Allan Shaw commented on the report. It was agreed that the audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 1987 be approved.

**(b) Finance and Budget Committee**

A report on the operating budget for 1987-88 had been previously circulated and a copy is attached to the minutes as Appendix B. In the absence of Mr. Piercey the President outlined the process used in preparing the 1987-88 budget whereby the Senate Financial Planning Committee and Senate both had an opportunity to review and comment on the budget book. Mr. Mason then reviewed the committee's report and noted that every effort possible would be made to reduce the budgeted deficit of \$500,000 in order to achieve a balanced budget for 1987/88 by year end.

During discussion it was suggested that the University should try to plan for a break-even budget as soon as possible and that the Board should make strong representations to Government to change its funding formula and increase its grants to Dalhousie to make them equal to those given to other institutions. It was also suggested that an opportunity be provided for Board members to have a lengthy and informed discussion on the budget in the early fall. Note was taken of these suggestions.

A report prepared by the Senate Financial Planning Committee on the 1987-88 budget and an excerpt from the draft minutes of the Senate meeting of June 8, 1987 outlining discussion on the budget in Senate had been previously distributed to Board members. (A copy of these documents is attached to these minutes as Appendix C.) Dr. W. E. Jones, on behalf of Senate, commented on the contents of these reports and noted several items of particular concern to Senate. He stated that despite these concerns Senate would fully support the 1987-88 budget. At the conclusion of Dr. Jones' remarks, Board members expressed their appreciation to Senate and its Financial Planning Committee for having provided such well-prepared reports.

The Board approved the University's operating budget for 1987-88 totalling \$96,242,000.

**(c) Pension Advisory Committee**

A change in the wording of the Staff Pension Scheme was requested in order to adopt more customary terminology. It was agreed

That the term "Plan" be substituted for the term "Scheme" in Rule 1 and throughout the text of the Dalhousie Staff Pension Scheme.

(d) Staff Relations Committee

Mr. Shaw reported that an agreement with the Dalhousie Staff Association had been ratified; that negotiations with CUPE were now in conciliation; that negotiations with IUOE were under way; and that progress was being made in negotiations with the Dalhousie Faculty Association.

Report on  
Staff  
Changes

A list of staff changes had been circulated with the agenda, and an Addendum was distributed at the meeting. Mr. Shaw drew attention to several items of interest. Two corrections were noted and these have been made on the copy in the permanent file. Approval was given to the lists of staff changes as amended.

Campaign for  
Dalhousie

Dr. Clark reported that the Campaign was continuing to make progress and that 81% of its \$25 million goal had now been committed.

Ombud and  
Assistant  
Ombud

Dr. Clark informed the Board that Senate had approved the appointment of Mr. Rory Rogers as Ombud and Ms. Joy Noonan as Assistant Ombud for the 1987-88 term.

MPHEC  
Submission

A copy of the University's submission on three-year planning information for the years 1987-88 to 1989-90 had been circulated to members with the agenda for information. The President briefly outlined the contents of this submission for members.

Naming  
Committee  
Guidelines

Copies of a set of guidelines prepared by the Naming Committee (a sub committee of President's Council) had been distributed with the agenda for information. The President indicated that these guidelines would be used by the Committee when considering several proposals to name buildings or parts of buildings within the University and that the Committee would bring appropriate recommendations to the Board for approval. The President invited comments from members on these guidelines.

President's  
Report

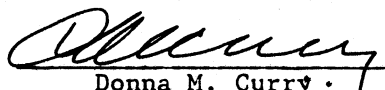
A copy of this report was distributed at the meeting and commented on briefly by the President. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes as Appendix C.

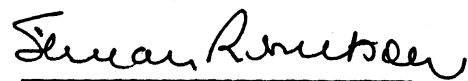
Resolution  
re Funding-  
New Women's  
Residence

A Resolution to borrow \$485,000 from the Province of Nova Scotia to defray a portion of the cost of the construction of the new women's residence was approved. A copy of this Resolution is attached to the minutes as Appendix D.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

  
Donna M. Curry  
Honorary Secretary

  
W. Struan Robertson  
Chairperson