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Minutes of a Meeting of the
Board of Governors held on Tuesday,
September 20, 1988 at 4:00 p.m. in
the Board and Senate Room

Dalhousie University
Halifax, Nova Scotia

PRESENT: Mr. George C. Piercey
 Acting Chairperson
 Mr. David J. Almon
 Mr. Barrie Black
 Mr. Gerald Byrne
 Ms. Mary Clancy
 Dr. Howard C. Clark
 President
 Dr. Donna Curry
 Honorary Secretary
 Mr. Stephen Davis
 Mrs. Lorraine Green
 Mrs. Jean Harrington
 Dr. William E. Jones

Mr. Donald A. Kerr
Mr. J. Gordon Lawley
Dr. Albro MacKeen
Ms. Bernadette Macdonald
Mr. Edward MacNeil
Sr. Sheilagh Martin
Mr. E. Neil McKelvey
Mrs. Ruth Pulsifer
Mr. George Thompson
Ms. Maxine Tynes
Ms. Shayna Watson
Mrs. Peggy Weld
 Vice-Chairperson
Mr. Sherman Zwicker

Also present were Dr. Denis Stairs (Vice-President, Academic & Research); Mr. Bryan G. Mason (Vice-President, Finance & Administration); Mr. Eric A. McKee (Vice-President, Student Services); Dr. John A. McNulty (Observer for Senate); Mr. Michael Roughneen (Director of Personnel Services); and Mrs. Elizabeth A. Christian (Secretary).

Regrets were received from Mrs. Linda Fraser, Judge Alex Hickman, Mrs. Vivian Layton, Mr. John Lindsay, Mr. Norman Newman and Mr. Allan Shaw.

The meeting was chaired by Mr. George C. Piercey in the absence of Mr. Robertson.

Welcome

Mr. Piercey extended a welcome to Mr. David Almon who was attending his first meeting as a representative of the Alumni Association.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of June 21, 1988 were approved as circulated.

Agenda

Item 4(c) - Certificate in Community Health for Indian and Inuit Health Personnel in the Atlantic Region, was deleted from the agenda and will be referred to a future meeting after Senate has considered the program.

Two items were added to the agenda and these will be dealt with below.

Board
Matters

Board Membership

The recent resignation of Mrs. Elizabeth Flinn from the Board and several of its committees was noted. A letter of appreciation for her past service had been sent to Mrs. Flinn on behalf of the Board.

Board
Matters

Board Membership

The Alumni Association had nominated Ms. Bernadette Macdonald to fill the vacancy left by Mrs. FLinn's resignation to complete her term of office to May 31, 1990. Approval was given to this appointment.

Approval was given to the appointment of Ms. Mary Clancy and Sr. Sheilagh Martin as continuing representatives of Mount Saint Vincent University for a further term of one year.

The President reported that membership on the Board was now complete with the exception of the four faculty members to be nominated by Senate. It was expected these nominations would be forthcoming within the ensuing month.

Committee Membership

A list showing committee membership for 1988-89 including terms of reference for each committee had been circulated to Board members in early August, and a summary chart was distributed at the meeting (copy attached as Appendix A). Referring to these documents, the President drew attention to those persons who had been added to certain committees since the June Board meeting. He also noted the resignation of Mr. Robertson from the Investment Committee and as Trustee of the Pension Fund, and the resignation of Mrs. Vivian Layton from the Student Relations and Residence Committee.

Board members approved Committee membership, and representation on President's Council and Senate committees, as shown on the list circulated to members on August 2, 1988 (copy on file with official minutes). Approval was also given to a recommendation that Dr. Albro MacKeen be appointed Chairperson of the Student Relations and Residence Committee and as a member of the Executive Committee of the Board.

Academic
Matters

Change in Name of Faculty of Arts

At its February meeting the Executive Committee of the Board had approved restructuring of the Faculty of Arts and Science into the Faculty of Arts, the Faculty of Science, and the School of Education. It was agreed

That, on the recommendation of Senate, the Board approve the change in name of the Faculty of Arts to the "Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences."

Master of Science in Physiotherapy

Information on this proposed programme had been circulated with the agenda. Dr. Stairs explained that the School of Physiotherapy could cover the small costs involved for library resources and that no additional funds would be needed. It was agreed

That the proposal of Senate for a programme leading to the degree of Master of Science in Physiotherapy be recommended to the MPHEC for favourable consideration, and implementation.

Reports of
Standing
Committees

Staff Relations Committee

A list of staff changes had been circulated with the agenda, and two Addendums were distributed at the meeting (copies enclosed with these minutes for members not present). In the absence of Mr. Shaw, Mr. Zwicker drew attention to several items of interest. Approval was given to these staff changes.

Alumni and Community Relations Committee

In April a report from the special committee on Community Access and Service entitled "Getting on Together" had been referred to the Alumni and Community Relations Committee for study. A report from this committee was circulated to those present at the meeting and a copy is enclosed for members not present. At the request of Mrs. Weld it was agreed to table this report for discussion at the October meeting.

Student Relations and Residence Committee

On behalf of Mrs. Elizabeth Flinn, Mrs. Weld presented a recommendation from this committee to change the policy on overnight male visitation in Shirreff Hall. Mrs. Pam Stonehouse, Dean of Women, was present at the meeting and responded to various questions raised by members. She explained the policy of open visiting hours had been in effect for about five years for senior students and it was now recommended the whole residence be included. She said participation in open visiting hours was a matter of choice by residents and that arrangements would be made to suitably accommodate those not wishing to participate. A two-week trial period of the new policy in the spring had proved successful. Following discussion, it was agreed by those present, with one negative vote,

That, on the recommendation of the Student Relations and Residence Committee, the Board approve a change in policy concerning overnight male visitation in Shirreff Hall to allow for a uniform policy throughout the residence permitting signed-in escorted males overnight guest privileges on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Campaign
for
Dalhousie

Dr. Clark reported that pledges to the Campaign now exceeded the \$35 million goal and that plans are under way to carry on the Campaign during its fifth year. Further details for bringing the the Campaign to its conclusion would be available at the next meeting.

1818 Society Dr. Curry informed members that this segment of the Annual Fund is being chaired by Robbie Shaw. It is mainly directed towards persons who contribute \$1,000 or more to the university annually. These leaders would be recognized in three categories which are explained in the brochure distributed to members earlier. It is hoped the Annual Fund will realize \$150,000 from this new venture.

MPHEC
Three-Year
Planning
Submission Copies of the university's planning submission to MPHEC for the years 1988-89 to 1990-91 had been circulated to members in August (copy kept on official file with these minutes). There was a brief discussion on the present funding formula and its effect on Dalhousie. Dr. Clark expressed the hope that the formula would be changed in the coming year.

Amendments to
Regulations
Concerning
Appointments,
Tenure and
Promotion
1987 Dr. Stairs explained that the two amendments recommended by Senate were designed to incorporate several changes which are acceptable to the Dalhousie Faculty Association and would bring the regulations in line with current practice and current collective agreements. A copy of the amendments is attached to these minutes as Appendix B. On motion, it was agreed

That, on the recommendation of Senate, the Board approve amendments to the "Regulations Concerning Appointments, Tenure and Promotion 1987" relating to Affirmative Action and Promotion Appeals.

Opening of
Chemistry
Building Dr. Clark extended an invitation to members to attend the formal opening of the addition to the Chemistry Building which will be held at 3:00 p.m. prior to the Executive Committee meeting on October 18. Further details will be provided in due course.

Statutory
Joint
Board/Senate
Meeting Dr. Clark announced this meeting would be held in October as required, but that a date had not yet been fixed. The Officers of the Board had authorized the President to identify the Board's representatives who could be available for the "Six and Six" meeting when a date had been set.

President's
Report A copy of this report which was distributed at the meeting is attached to these minutes as Appendix C. Dr. Clark commented on each of the items contained in his report, adding that the consultant's draft report on the allocation formula was expected to be available to MPHEC by the end of October.

Orientation
Session Dr. Clark announced that an orientation session for new Board members would be arranged for November, after the four faculty members have been nominated by Senate.

Dalhousie
Advocates
for the
Physically
Challenged

Ms. Tynes gave a brief report on this group's activities during the summer months. A ribbon cutting ceremony for the new elevator in the A & A Building had been held the previous day and it was suggested an appropriately named plaque might be installed. Ms. Tynes expressed appreciation for the interest taken by members of the University in the work of DAPC, and extended an invitation to Board members to support the group's first fund-raising dinner on October 6th. (see enclosed)

In Camera

Report on
Negotiations

Dalhousie Staff Association

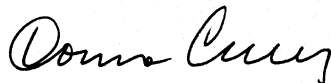
Mr. Michael Roughneen provided very comprehensive background information about issues under negotiation since the end of May with the 500 clerical and 250 technical members of the Association. The main issues as yet unsettled include pay equity, wages and bonuses, and a "no lay-off" provision. The Association and the Board filed for conciliation on August 19 and a conciliator has now been appointed. Negotiators are awaiting advice about the date conciliation meetings will commence.

Dalhousie Faculty Association


Mr. Mason advised members that membership of the DFA included about 700 faculty, professional librarians, instructors and counsellors. Negotiations ceased in mid August and although some issues had been agreed on, those relating to salaries and benefits, staffing levels, workloads and pay equity remain outstanding. Both parties applied for conciliation and the first meeting with the conciliator will be held on September 21. Mr. Mason commented briefly on a document comparing faculty salaries at Dalhousie with other universities which was circulated to members present (copy enclosed for members not at the meeting).

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.



Donna M. Curry
Honorary Secretary



W. Struan Robertson
Chairperson