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Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors held on , Tuesday, March 17, 1987 at 4:00 p.m. in the Board and Senate Room

Dalhousie University Halifax, Nova Scotia

PRESENT:	Mr. W. Struan Robertson	Mrs. Shirlee Medjuck
	Chairperson	Dr. Clifford Murray
	Dr. Howard C. Clark	Chief Judge Ian Palmeter
	President	Ms. Jolene Pattison
	Mr. George Cooper	Mr. George C. Piercey
	Dr. Donna Curry	Dr. Henry Roper
	Mr. Peter Doig	Mr. Jonathan Tarlton
	Mrs. Betty Flinn	Ms. Maxine Tynes
	Mr. Gordon Lawley	Mrs. Peggy Weld
	Ms. Bernadette Macdonald	Mr. F. B. Wickwire
	Dr. Albro MacKeen	Mr. Sherman Zwicker

Also present were Mr. Bryan G. Mason (Vice-President, Finance & Administration); Dr. A. M. Sinclair (Vice-President, Academic & Research); Mr. John W. Graham (Assistant Vice-President, University Services); Dr. Marcia Ozier (Assistant Vice-President, (Student Affairs); Dr. Robert S. Rodger, (Observer for Senate); Dr. David Williams (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); Dr. W. F. Birdsall (University Librarian); Mr. Val Traversy (Coordinator of Policy); and Mrs. Elizabeth A. Christian (Secretary).

Regrets were received from Mr. James Cowan, Mr. Ivan Duvar, Mr. Brian Flemming, Mrs. Jean Harrington, Mr. David Hennigar, Ms. Mary Lamb, Mr. John Lindsay, Mrs. Anne Marie Macdonald, Mr. Jamie MacMullin and Dr. Peter Schwenger.

The minutes of the meeting of February 5, 1987, which had been Minutes previously circulated, were approved.

Dr. Clark requested that two items pertaining to the new women's Agenda residence and NOVANET be added to the agenda and dealt with later in the meeting. With these additions the agenda was approved.

Board

Matters

(a) Board Membership

Dr. Clark reported that the appointments of Mrs. Peggy Weld, Mr. Donald Sobey and Mr. F. B. Wickwire to the Board had been confirmed by Governor in Council.

(b) Board Representative on Naming Committee

Dr. Clark advised that Mrs. Jean Harrington had agreed to serve as Board representative on the Naming Committee, a sub committee of President's Council.

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(c) Observer of Dalhousie Faculty Association

Dr. David Williams, President Pro Tem of the Dalhousie Faculty Association, was introduced and welcomed to the meeting as observer for the DFA replacing Dr. Marcia Ozier.

(d) Report of Nominating Committee

Mrs. Medjuck informed members that this Committee is presently meeting and that there are three vacancies on the Board to be filled at this time.

Committee Reports

(a) Finance and Budget Committee

Mr. Piercey advised that the Committee would be meeting after all budget figures were available from the various budget managers and that a report on the 1987-88 budget would be presented to the Board at a later meeting.

(b) Buildings and Grounds Committee In the absence of Mr. Cowan, Mr. Mason reported on the following projects:

- (i) <u>Student Housing Project on South Street</u> this project is on budget and although behind construction schedule it is expected the completion date of August will be met. As a satisfactory price had been negotiated for installation of a sprinkler system, this will be included as construction proceeds.
- (ii) <u>Chemistry Phase I</u> this project is still on budget and although constrition is behind schedule the project is expected to be completed this fall.
- (iii) Law School planning is continuing and the Committee expects to bring forward a specific recommendation for proceeding with this project in the near future.

Ms. Tynes commented on the conditions of the grounds on campus during the winter months, noting particularly the difficulties encountered by the physically handicapped. Mr. Mason undertook to raise these concerns with Physical Plant and the Buildings and Grounds Committee and to report back to the Board at its next meeting.

(c) Staff Relations Committee

Mr. Zwicker, reporting for this Committee in the absence of Mr. Shaw, advised that the Dalhousie Staff Association had rejected the Board's offer and had proceeded to conciliation.

Staff Changes (Item 9 on the agenda), which had been previously circulated, were presented by Mr. Zwicker. He drew attention to some items of special interest. Two minor corrections were noted which have been made on the copies in the official files.

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A report prepared by Mr. Mason had been circulated with the agenda. Campaign Dr. Clark and Mr. Mason reviewed the present position of the Dalhousie Campaign, its original goals, cash flow of funds received, disbursement of proceeds among designated areas, the possibility of going over target, and the costs of mounting the Campaign. Mr. Mason mentioned there was need for some flexibility in planning and some adjustments to the seven categories originally identified as priorities may have to be made as the needs of the University change. This matter is now under review. A brief discussion followed on the inclusion of Canelco funds in the Campaign and raising the Campaign's original target limit.

Enrolment A document on enrolment statistics as of December 1, 1986 had been Statistics previously circulated to members with the agenda. Dr. Sinclair commented on the slight decline in undergraduate and part-time enrolment, and noted the slight rise in first-year enrolment. He outlined measures being taken to maintain enrolment through increased recruiting activity in the high schools, improving admissions procedures and the appointment of an Assistant Vice-President of Student Affairs.

Revision to Dr. Sinclair presented a resolution to amend provisions in the D.F.A. collective agreement pertaining to sabbatical leave. A copy of Collective the resolution, as approved by the Board, is attached to the minutes as Appendix A. Agreement

President's This report was distributed at the meeting and a copy is attached Report to the minutes as Appendix B. Referring to Item 1 of his report, the President reviewed the Board's decision to apply the procedures of Clause 26.07(a) of the collective agreement, and drew Board members' attention to the responses received from the D.F.A. and Senate which were circulated at the meeting and are attached to the minutes as Appendices B-1 and B-2 respectively.

Mortgage -As a part of the construction price of this project, it was proposed that the University assume a first mortgage through Mutual New Women's Residence Life of Canada in the amount of \$1,305,000. The Board approved the Resolution authorizing execution of this mortgage as set out in Appendix C which is attached to these minutes.

NOVANET -Guarantee of Loan

A background document was circulated by Mr. Mason to those present at the meeting. He explained that the agreement to acquire an integrated automated library system was a very meaningful cooperative effort among five metro universities following discussions among them for several years. It was hoped that financial assistance towards the total capital costs of \$1.1 million would be obtained from government and a proposal had been prepared to solicit funds from foundations and others. The balance of the costs are to be shared among the five metro universities based on an agreed formula, and Interuniversity Services Inc. had been

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> agreed on as the vehicle for borrowing money to negotiate a final contract with the supplier. Each of the metro universities involved were being asked to guarantee a portion of the loan, and the Board was now asked to guarantee Dalhousie's share of 66.6% up to a maximum amount of \$400,000.

Questions were raised by members about the stability of the proposed supplier, the advantages of such an integrated system to students and other users, and the possibility of Nova Scotia universities joining NOVANET at a later date. Dr. Birdsall, Dr. Clark and Mr. Mason responded to these questions.

The Board gave approval to the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the President and the Vice-President (Finance and Administration) be and they hereby are authorized to fix and determine the form and content of a guarantee whereby the Governors of Dalhousie College and University guarantee the indebtedness and liability of Interuniversity Services Inc. up to a maximum amount of \$400,000.00 and to provide for the execution and delivery thereof and otherwise to do all such matters and things as may be considered by them as necessary and desirable to provide for the said guarantee.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Donna M. Curry Honorary Secretary

W. Struan Robertson Chairman