

Item: Board of Governors Minutes, December 1984

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Minutes of a Meeting of the  
Board of Governors held on Tuesday,  
December 18, 1984, at 4:00 p.m.  
in the Board and Senate Room

Dalhousie University  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

PRESENT: Dr. A. G. Archibald, Chairman	Dr. C. Murray
Mr. B. Black	Mrs. R. Murray
Mr. G. T. H. Cooper	Mr. G. C. Piercey, Honorary Treasurer
Ms. J. DeWolf	Mr. D. Ritcey
Mr. P. Doig	Dr. C. E. Ritchie
Mr. A. Gigeroff	Mr. W. S. Robertson, Vice-Chairman
Ms. M. L. C. Lamb	Dr. H. Roper
Mr. J. G. Lawley	Mr. A. C. Shaw
Mrs. A. Macdonald	Dr. C. B. Stewart
Ms. M. D. MacDonald	Mr. S. Zwicker
Dr. W. A. MacKay	Miss Z. Linkletter, Honorary Secretary
Mr. G. Martin	

Also present were Messrs. M. Wright (Director, Financial Services); R. Bowman (Director, Public Relations); M. Roughneen (Director, Personnel/Payroll); B. Crocker (Legal Advisor to the President); J. Rutherford (Dalhousie Faculty Association Representative); R. Rodger, W. E. Jones (Senate Representatives); D. M. Cameron (Vice-President, Planning and Resources); L. R. Shaw (Vice-President, Finance and Development); A. M. Sinclair (Vice-President, Academic and Research); and A. J. Tingley (Secretary).

Regrets were received from Mr. D. J. Hennigar.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of November 27, 1984, which had been circulated, were approved.

President's  
Introductory  
Remarks

The President referred to the death of Mrs. Laurie, wife of a former Chairman of the Board. He has written to members of the family on behalf of the university. He also referred to the death of two recent graduates of the university who were killed in a cave-in recently.

He proposed some additions to the agenda, which will be reported upon below.

Board Matters

*(a) Board Membership*

No new members have been appointed. It is expected that there will be nominations by the Governor-in-Council soon.

*(b) Resolution Concerning Signing Authority*

The resolution which had been circulated with the agenda was approved.

Board Matters  
(continued)

(c) *Board Committees*

The President reported on changes in committee membership as follows:

- (1) *Committee on Relations with Other Institutions*  
The senior officer serving with this committee is Vice-President A. M. Sinclair, in place of Vice-President L. R. Shaw.
- (2) *Staff Relations Committee*  
Staff support members are now Mr. Brian Crocker and Mr. Mike Roughneen.
- (3) Ms. Marilyn MacDonald will serve as a representative on the Mount Saint Vincent Board of Governors, replacing Ms. Jamie DeWolf.
- (4) *Pension Advisory Committee*  
Ms. Marilyn MacDonald has been added to this committee.

Reports of Standing Committees

(a) *Finance and Budget Committee*

The final budget for 1984/85 is still delayed pending resolution of negotiations with the Dalhousie Faculty Association.

(b) *Staff Relations Committee*

A document outlining staff matters was circulated. Some points of special interest were pointed out by Mr. A. C. Shaw. The changes were ratified.

Mr. Shaw reported that agreements with the security employees, represented by the I.U.O.E., and also with the D.S.A., have been reached. Ratification is pending. He asked that authority be granted to the officers to sign the contracts if they are ratified by the unions. This authority was granted.

Overview of Relations with Staff Groups

Vice-President Cameron outlined, with the aid of projected diagrams, the various staff groups and the ways in which personnel relations with these groups were maintained.

Negotiations with the Dalhousie Faculty Association

Negotiations have been in the conciliation stage. However, conciliation had been broken off earlier in the day.

Building and Grounds Committee

In the absence of Mr. Cowan, Mr. Shaw commented. There has been discussion with the government with respect to the ten million dollars promised by government in connection with the Campaign for Dalhousie. The government has indicated agreement with the priorities listed by the university, with the exception of the proposed addition to the Law School. This contribution will be provided under the Universities

Building  
and  
Grounds  
Committee  
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Assistance Act, 75 percent of the cost coming from the government and 25 percent from other sources. Mr. Shaw suggested that the ratio was reasonable in light of recent decisions by government on funding of capital projects. The matter of student housing has been under discussion, but no conclusion has been reached. It is hoped that it will be possible to arrange funding from government agencies such as the C.M.H.C., without using any part of the ten million dollar grant.

Employment  
of Women  
Academics

In response to a question raised at the previous meeting, the President read an extract from the document which had been approved by the Board earlier. He stated that he believes he has been acting in accordance with the principle outlined in the document which had been considered. There was some discussion as to whether a change should be made, but no action was taken.

Campaign for  
Dalhousie -  
Development  
Committee

The Chairman reported that the campaign is proceeding on schedule. He had recently been in western Canada, where he had contacted Messrs. Wiswell, MacKay, Neilson, and Rand, who are heading the campaigns in the four western provinces. He had brought these up-to-date and discussed the coordination of the campaign.

Centenary of  
the First  
Woman Graduate  
from Dalhousie

A document was circulated outlining plans for special activities. A copy of this document is attached as Appendix A.

Proposed  
Lester B.  
Pearson  
Institute  
for  
International  
Development

A document, attached as Appendix B, was circulated at the meeting. It was reviewed by Vice-President Sinclair. With the correction of one error in the supporting documents, and with the proviso that a member of the Board, as well as a member of Senate, should serve on the Board of Directors, the establishment was authorized.

President's  
Report


- (1) The President reminded all of the carol singing that would take place in the Arts Centre on Wednesday, December 19.
- (2) He referred to certain activities of the Dalhousie Chorale relative to the Christmas season.
- (3) He described a number of administrative changes which are anticipated, including possible changes among Deans, and the resignations of Vice-Presidents Cameron and Shaw, about which the President would report further at the January meeting of the Board.


Term of  
Office -  
President

The Chairman pointed out that the President's appointment terminates on August 31, 1986, and it is necessary to have a Search Committee in place at least 18 months in advance. It was agreed that the officers of the university should bring nominations for such a committee to the Board.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

  
Zilpha Linkletter,  
Honorary Secretary

  
A. Gordon Archibald,  
Chairman