

Item: Board of Governors Minutes, January 1984

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Minutes of a Meeting of the
Board of Governors held on
January 31, 1984, at 4:00 p.m.
in the Board and Senate Room

Dalhousie University
Halifax, Nova Scotia

PRESENT: Dr. A. Gordon Archibald,
Chairman
Mr. Wesley G. Campbell
Mr. James S. Cowan
Mr. Peter Doig
Mr. John W. Graham
Mr. Alan G. Hayman
Mr. Tim Hill
Ms. Mary Lamb
Miss Zilpha Linkletter,
Honorary Secretary
Ms. Elizabeth A. Macdonald
Dr. W. Andrew MacKay
Mr. Stewart McInnes
Mrs. Shirlee Medjuck
Mr. John Moore

Mrs. Ruth Murray
Mr. Karl Nightingale
Mr. George Piercey,
Honorary Treasurer
Mr. David Ritcey
Mr. W. Struan Robertson,
Vice-Chairman
Dr. Henry Roper
Mrs. Patricia Roscoe
Mrs. Judith Sapp
Mr. Donald C. R. Sobey
Hon. Robert L. Stanfield
Dr. Chester B. Stewart
Mrs. Peggy Weld
Mr. F. B. Wickwire
Mr. Sherman Zwicker

Also present were Messrs. L. R. Shaw (Vice-President, Finance and Development); G. A. Klassen (Vice-President, Research); A. M. Sinclair (Vice-President, Academic); D. M. Cameron (Vice-President, Planning and Resources); J. Mabley (Director of Development); R. J. Bowman (Director, Information and Public Relations); B. Crocker (Legal Advisor to the Office of the President); M. Roughneen (Director of Personnel Services); W. E. Jones and R. Rodger (Senate Representatives); A. J. Tingley (Secretary of the Board); and Ms. P. Burt (President, Dalhousie Faculty Association).

Regrets were received from Dr. Mona Campbell, Mr. George Cooper, Mr. E. N. McKelvey, Dr. C. E. Ritchie and Dr. J. McNulty.

New Member

The Chairman welcomed the Hon. Robert L. Stanfield, who was attending his first meeting since his appointment to the Board. The President pointed out that he had served on the Board some years ago.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of December 20, 1983, which had been circulated, were approved.

President's
Introductory
Remarks

The President referred to the proposed slates of committees which had been previously circulated, and recommended the following additions:

Mrs. Patricia Roscoe	Finance and Budget Committee
Mr. R. L. Stanfield	Development Committee

It was agreed that the slates as circulated, together with the above additions, should be approved.

President's
Introductory
Remarks
(continued)

The President proposed that the committees be asked to review their terms of reference and report at the April meeting, recommending any changes considered desirable. It was agreed that this should be done.

Reports of
Standing
Committees

(a) Staff Relations Committee

This was presented by Mr. J. Moore, who drew attention to certain staff changes of particular importance. He pointed out two corrections, which have been made in the copy in the official file.

(b) Finance and Budget Committee

Miss Z. Linkletter, and Messrs. MacKay and Shaw, reported on the activities of this committee. The President referred to the funding process as it now appears for next year, reference to this topic being included in his report which was circulated to those at the meeting. Mr. Shaw stated that the budgeting is now at a critical stage. He emphasized that after two successive years of budget cutting, the situation is now such that, unless funding proves better than assumed for preliminary budget purposes, there will be negative effects on the academic programmes.

In answer to a question, the President advised that enrollment restrictions in some areas may be put in place.

(c) Audit Committee

Mr. G. Piercey reported that this committee has been meeting with the Auditors and senior officers of the university. The preparation of the financial report is on schedule. An internal audit has been made, and a detailed report on the result of this has been received by the Audit Committee, and will be the subject of a report at the next meeting of the Board.

(d) Committee on Relations with Other Institutions

Mr. John Graham reported on a recent meeting, at which four points were considered, as follows:

- (a) As a result of a government decision, the funding of the computer network has been eliminated. This has caused some difficulties. The future of this funding is at present unknown.
- (b) Ways of cooperation with respect to Teacher Education have been considered. No definite recommendations have been made at this point.
- (c) The Nova Scotia Agricultural College has indicated a desire to cooperate with Dalhousie. The nature of such cooperation has not yet been determined.
- (d) The agreement with the University of King's College

Reports of
standing
committees
(continued)

has been considered. Among the unresolved problems are: The number of professors that should be provided by King's, and, if enrollment limitations are to be imposed, what proportion of students should be King's students.

(e) Student Relations and Residence Committee

Mr. David Ritcey reported that this committee has met, and has discussed, in particular, the matter of tuition fees. At a meeting scheduled for February 9 this matter will be further considered. It is anticipated that still another meeting will be required, at which meeting a recommendation concerning fees will be formulated. The President mentioned that we are at, or near, the top of the list of Canadian universities with respect to our fee schedule.

Campaign for
Dalhousie

Documents, copies of which are attached hereto as Appendices A, B, C and D, were circulated at the meeting.

The President reported that he is heartened as to the prospects for the campaign by the fact that all who have been asked to work on the campaign have agreed willingly and enthusiastically.

He reviewed the needs of the university as indicated by faculties. The total requested on a priority basis amounts to much more than can possibly be obtained. A committee has been working on the list of priorities, with a view to refining the requirements to such an extent that a realistic campaign goal can be set.

The Chairman read a list of the names of those who are on the Campaign Committee, and outlined plans being made by this committee. Mr. Sobey reviewed the situation as it stands at present, and gave target dates. Prior to the May meeting, he anticipates that the following will have been accomplished:

- (a) An alumni assessment will have been completed.
- (b) Certain key prospective donors will have been solicited.
- (c) A financial target will have been set.
- (d) Each member of the Board will have been canvassed individually.

The following was proposed by the President:

That the Board approve and enthusiastically support the Campaign for Dalhousie as proposed and that it request the Development Committee to report at the May meeting of the Board with a recommended goal for the campaign in light of a refined set of priorities

Campaign for
Dalhousie
(continued)

among needs of the university, an assessment of potential alumni contributions, and an advance solicitation of each member of the Board and of key prospective donors.

A motion as proposed was moved by Mr. W. S. Robertson and seconded by Mrs. P. Weld, and carried.

Ex Gratia
Payments to
Retired Staff

The President reported that payments had been made on the basis of a memo circulated with the agenda for this meeting, and attached hereto as Appendix E. A number of retired people have expressed appreciation to him.

President's
Report

A written report, attached hereto as Appendix F, was circulated to those at the meeting. The President briefly reviewed certain points.

Indexing of
Long-Term
Disability
Programmes

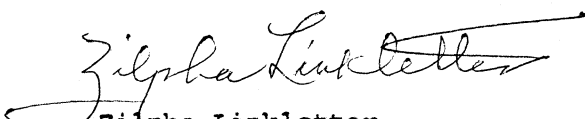
At the December meeting, the Board had approved an indexing provision in the LTD programme, on the understanding that a formal ruling on this benefit change would be sought from the Public Sector Compensation Board. Mr. M. Roughneen reported that this ruling has now been received, and is consistent with that anticipated. The change in premium and coverage will be reflected in the February payroll.

Dinner to Honour
Former Members of
the Board

The President reminded all of this dinner, to be held later on the same evening.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.


Zilpha Linkletter,
Honorary Secretary


A. Gordon Archibald, LL.D.,
Chairman