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Minutes of a Meeting of the  
Board of Governors held on Tuesday,  
November 19, 1985, at 4:00 p.m. in the  
Board and Senate Room

Dalhousie University  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

PRESENT: Ms. C. Blewett	Mr. E. N. McKelvey
Dr. M. L. Campbell	Dr. C. Murray
Mrs. M. Cooper	Mr. G. C. Piercey
Dr. D. M. Curry	Vice-Chairperson
Honorary Secretary	Mr. W. S. Robertson
Mr. P. Doig	Chairperson
Mr. S. Ellis	Dr. H. Roper
Ms. J. Jackson	Mr. A. C. Shaw
Miss M. Lamb	Honorary Treasurer
Miss Z. Linkletter	Mr. T. Taylor
Mrs. A. MacDonald	Mr. S. Zwicker
Dr. W. A. MacKay	

Also present were Messrs. B. Christie (Director, Office of Institutional Analysis and Planning), P. Jones (Executive Director, Computing and Information Services), R. Shaw (Vice-President, Finance and Development), A. M. Sinclair (Vice-President, Academic and Research), J. Graham (Assistant Vice-President, University Services), D. M. Cameron (Special Advisor to the President), M. Wright (Director, Financial Services), B. Crocker (Legal Advisor to the President), V. Traversy (Coordinator of Operations), and A. J. Tingley (Secretary).

Regrets were received from Mr. G.T.H. Cooper, Mr. B. Flemming, Mrs. B. Flinn, Mrs. J. Fraser, Mr. D. J. Hennigar, Mr. J. W. Lindsay, Dr. J. Rutherford (DFA), Mrs. P. Weld, and Mr. F. B. Wickwire.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of September 17, 1985, which had been circulated, were amended as follows:

Item (b) under Reports of Standing Committees should read as follows:

1984/1985 Audited Financial Statements

These statements had been previously circulated. After some comments by the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. G. C. Piercey, the statements were approved.

It was also agreed that the name of former Mayor John Lloyd should be added to those whose passing was referred to under Report on Staff Changes.

President's  
Introductory  
Remarks

The President asked that certain additional items be included in the agenda. These are reported upon below.

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Board  
Membership

It was agreed that Mr. Tom Taylor, who had been nominated by the Student Union to replace Mr. John Lee, should be confirmed as a member of the Board. Mr. Taylor was then welcomed to the meeting.

The President pointed out that there currently exist six vacancies on the Board, all to be filled by the Governor-in-Council. He suggested the names of three persons who might be proposed to Government. It was agreed that these names are acceptable, and that the other three vacancies will be considered later.

Committee  
Membership

It was agreed that the following changes should be made in committee membership previously proposed: Dr. Donna Curry has been replaced by Mrs. B. Flinn on the Pension Advisory Committee; Mr. G. Cooper has been deleted from the Staff Benefits Committee; Mr. John Lindsay has been deleted from the Finance and Budget Committee; and Mr. Brian Flemming has been deleted from the Staff Relations Committee.

It was agreed that Dr. Henry Roper be the Board representative on the Computer Advisory Committee of Senate, and that A. J. Tingley be the Board representative on the Academic Planning Committee of Senate.

It was recommended that the representative of the Senate and the representative of the DFA who serve as Trustees of the Pension Fund be appointed as members of the Investment Committee. Agreement was given to this proposal.

Academic  
Matters

**(a) Henson College of Public Affairs and Continuing Education**

A document which had been circulated was introduced by Vice-President A. M. Sinclair. It was agreed that the senior academic unit previously approved by the Board should be known as Henson College of Public Affairs and Continuing Education. Mr. Zwicker expressed regret that the name "Institute of Public Affairs" would no longer be used, and requested that his abstention from the vote be recorded.

**(b) The Use of French Language at Dalhousie**

A document on this matter had been circulated. It is for information only as no proposal has yet been made by the Senate.

**(c) Implementation of the Programme in Clinical Chemistry**

This programme had been recommended to the MPHEC. The Commission has now advised that their approval is not necessary, and the Senate has recommended that the programme be implemented. Vice-President Sinclair explained that this will be one of several residency programmes, supported by the Province and that no additional funding is required. Approval was granted.

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**(a) Building and Grounds Committee**

Vice-President R. Shaw reported that work at the staff level on fire safety is proceeding.

The Committee has recommended that the architects for the proposed student housing should be John Preston and Associates; this was agreed. He pointed out that approval for the proposed construction has not yet been obtained from the city.

The Building and Grounds Committee has recommended that the Board grant the Officers of the University, in consultation with the Committee, authority to appoint an architect for the Law School construction. This was agreed, subject to final ratification by the Board.

A lengthy presentation, illustrated by slides, was presented by R. Shaw and Peter Jones. The present situation was reviewed, and a proposed schedule for developing computing facilities, including cost, was presented.

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. D. Sobey, the President reported that progress to date has been satisfactory. More than \$10 million, in addition to the contribution of the Nova Scotia Government, has been raised during the first year of the Campaign.

This report was presented by Vice-President Sinclair. He pointed out some general changes in the enrolment pattern. Overall, enrolment has increased this year by approximately 3.5 %.

It was agreed that Mr. Allan Shaw should replace Mr. James Cowan as the Board representative on this Committee, Mr. Cowan having resigned.

A report of the activities of that Committee to date, and the proposed schedule for the future, was circulated to those present. Mr. Shaw indicated that the Committee hopes to be able to make its recommendation in early February. A special meeting of the Board may be necessary.

Dr. Donna Curry, the Board representative on this Committee, commented on the work of the Committee, and invited input from any interested persons. The Committee hopes to report in December.

Report of  
Standing  
Committees

Computing at  
Dalhousie

Campaign for  
Dalhousie

Report on  
Registration

Presidential  
Search  
Committee

Advisory  
Committee on  
Athletics

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Special  
Board/Senate  
Meeting

A Joint Committee of the Board and Senate has proposed that there be a joint meeting, partly social, following the January Board meeting. It is proposed that on January 21 the Board should meet at 3:00 p.m., and adjourn to the Faculty Club not later than 4:30 p.m. It is proposed that the gathering be called to order for approximately 45 minutes of discussion, possibly on the report of the Commission on Higher Education, if this is available at that time, and then adjourn for informal discussion and a reception.

Notice of  
Motion

Mr. Stevan Ellis gave notice that he will move in January that the Board of Governors should direct that any securities held by the University in companies which operate in South Africa be divested.

President's  
Report

(1) The President acknowledged the help and support of alumni who have arranged meetings in a number of locations.

(2) There is concern about research funding from federal agencies. Proposals have been made by some of these to Government for increases in funding. If the increases are granted, there may be corresponding deductions from other funding.

Other  
Business

Mr. Rodger advised that a CBC team was recently on campus, and a CBC radio program on Sunday morning next will feature Dalhousie.

In Camera


**Report on Staff Changes**


A report on staff changes had been circulated with the agenda, and an addendum was circulated at the meeting. Mr. A. Shaw drew attention to certain items of particular interest. The changes were ratified.

The President made particular reference to the appointment of Dr. P. Waite to a McCulloch Professorship. He also referred to the death of Dr. Gordon Riley, former Director of the Institute of Oceanography, and of Dr. Arthur Murphy, formerly a member of the Faculty of Medicine, more recently a member of the Theatre Department.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

  
Donna M. Curry  
Honorary Secretary

  
W. Struan Robertson  
Chairperson

**Proposal on the  
Henson College of Public Affairs and Continuing Education  
for consideration by the  
Board of Governors**

At the Senate Meeting of Friday, October 11, 1985, the following motions were passed for recommendation to the Board of Governors. They are now presented to the Board for its consideration.

1. That the Senior Academic Unit authorized by Senate on May 14, 1984 be named the Henson College of Public Affairs and Continuing Education.
2. That Henson College of Public Affairs and Continuing Education be headed by a Dean, to be appointed by the procedures established by Senate for the appointment of Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Deans and Associate or Assistant Deans, such appointment to take effect on July 1, 1986.
3. That Henson College of Public Affairs and Continuing Education incorporate the Institute of Public Affairs, the Office of Part-Time Studies and Extension and the credit studies unit.
4. That Henson College of Public Affairs and Continuing Education have the customary responsibilities, duties and authority of a senior academic unit in Dalhousie University including the power to organize its own affairs in accordance with policies established by Senate, and including the responsibility of encouraging departments at Dalhousie to offer some of their classes at times and places which are suitable for students seeking degrees on less than a full-time basis. The College shall not have the power to recommend to Senate candidates for academic degrees, certificates, and diplomas.

The Board of Governors, at its meeting of June 18, 1984, considered the establishment of a senior academic unit in Continuing Education, and reviewed in general terms the Report of the Special Committee on Part-Time Studies and Continuing Education.

October 30, 1985