

Item: Board of Governors Minutes, February 2001

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**Board of Governors Meeting  
Dalhousie University  
February 13, 2001**

Present were:

Mr. James Cowan

Chair

Mr. Wesley Campbell

Mr. Gerald Clarke

Hon. Lorne Clarke

Mr. Murray Coolican

Mr. Steven Coté

Mr. David Craig

Ms. Jo-Anne Galarneau

Dr. Lucy Ellen Kanary

Ms. Cathy MacNutt

Mr. Don Mills

Ms. Ann Petley-Jones

Dr. David Precious

Mr. Robert Radchuck

Mr. Ian Robson

Dr. Alasdair Sinclair

Mr. Peter Stuart

Dr. Colin Stuttard

Mr. Bruce Towler

Dr. Tom Traves

President

Also present were: Dr. Sam Scully (Vice-President Academic & Provost), Mr. Bryan Mason (Vice-President Finance & Administration), Mr. Eric McKee (Vice-President Student Services), Dr. Dale Godsoe (Vice-President External), Dr. Carl Breckenridge (Vice-President Research); Dr. Noni MacDonald (Dean, Faculty of Medicine), Dr. Jacob Slonim (Dean, Faculty of Computer Science); Mr. Brian Christie (Executive Director, Institutional Affairs); Ms. Ann Janega (Director, Public Relations), Ms. Lynne Sheridan (Director, Alumni Affairs); Dr. Tom Faulkner (DFA Representative); Mr. Peter Murchland (Manager, External Communications, Public Relations), and Ms. Sharlene Drake (Secretary).

Regrets from: Ms. Elizabeth Beale, Ms. Karen Cramm, Mr. Rob Dexter, Mr. John Flemming, Ms. Patricia Harris, Mr. Colin Latham, Dr. Daurene Lewis, and Mr. John Risley.

**1. Approval of proposed agenda**

The agenda was approved with the agreement that Dr. MacDonald make her presentation at the onset of the beginning..

**2. Approval of minutes of December 12, 2000 Board of Governors meeting**

The minutes were approved as presented.

**3. Report of the Chair**

The Chair did not present a report.

**4. Report of the President**

Dr. Traves reported on the following items:

- ▶ Canadian Institutes of Health Research/Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council has announced a new program called Community Alliance for Health Research. Three professors from Dalhousie University have received funding under this program including Carol Amaratunga, Patrick McGrath, and Renee Lyons.
- ▶ Dalhousie will be working with the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada to develop a broad-based advocacy program for increasing awareness and promotion of liberal arts and social sciences education.
- ▶ Efforts are ongoing to secure adequate financial support from the provincial government.

**5. Standing Committee Reports**

There were no reports presented by the Chairs of the Standing Committees.

**6. Creation of the Department of International Development Studies**

Dr. Stuttard moved and Dr. Sinclair seconded a motion THAT, based on the recommendation of the Senate, the Board approve the proposal to establish a Department of International Development Studies within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. The motion carried.

**7. Proposed Combined MLIS/MPA program**

Dr. Stuttard moved Mr. Coolican and seconded a motion THAT, based on the recommendation of the Senate, the Board of Governors approve the proposal to create a combined MLIS/MPA program. The motion carried.

**8. Proposed Honours option in the Bachelor of Computer Science program**

Dr. Stuttard moved and Mr. Clarke seconded a motion THAT, based on the recommendation of the Senate, the Board of Governors approve the Master of Applied Computer Science program. The motion carried.

**9. Proposed Mater of Applied Computer Science program**

Dr. Stuttard moved and Mr. Mills seconded a motion THAT, based on the recommendation of the Senate, the Board of Governors approve the proposal to institute an honours option in the Bachelor of Computer Science program. The motion carried.

**10. Consideration of changes to the By-Laws of the Board of Governors**

Following a presentation by Mr. Crocker, Dr. Stuttard, and a lengthy discussion, the following changes were approved:

- 1.1.1 - amended to delete the words "Dalhousie College and University" and substitute therefor the words "Dalhousie University".

2.1.1(b) - amended by deleting the words "the Governors of Dalhousie College and University, more commonly known as".

3.2.1 - be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"At the annual meeting and such other meetings as might be appropriate, the Board shall vote on persons nominated pursuant to by-law 3.1.1(c) for approval and appointment to the Board when such persons have been nominated by the appropriate party pursuant to the Act."

3.3.1 - The first sentence of by-law 3.3.1 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"Persons nominated pursuant to by-law 3.2.1 shall become Members provided that a majority of Members present vote in favour thereof."

3.3.2 - The following be inserted as the first sentence in by-law 3.3.2:

"At least 14 days before a Board meeting at which nominations for Board membership pursuant to by-law 3.2.2 are to be made, the Nominating Committee shall communicate to all Board members a call for nominations."

4.2.1 - By-law 4.2.1 be amended by deleting the words "from the floor" and substituting the words "by any Member" therefor.

6.1.2 and 6.1.3 - by-laws 6.1.2 and 6.1.3 be renumbered as by-law 6.1.3 and 6.1.4 respectively and the following be inserted as by-law 6.1.2:

"Regular meetings of the Board may be cancelled by the Chair when necessary and/or appropriate provided that there may not be more than two consecutive regular meetings of the Board cancelled without the written consent of a majority of the Members of the Board or unless previously approved by the Board. Where possible, notice of the cancellation of a regular meeting shall be given at least ten days before the scheduled meeting date."

6.8.1 - By-law 6.8.1 be repealed.

6.13.4 - By-law 6.13.4 be revised by deleting the words "Officers of the Board" and substituting therefor the words "Executive Committee".

7.5.11 and 7.5.12 - By-laws 7.5.11 and 7.5.12 be renumbered 7.5.12 and 7.5.13 respectively and the following inserted as By-law 7.5.11:

"Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, the meeting of a committee shall be held *in camera* and non-members of the Committee shall be permitted to attend the meeting or a portion thereof only with the consent of the Committee or the Board."

7.5.11 - The former by-law 7.5.11 (renumbered 7.5.12 above) be amended by adding the following as the concluding sentence thereof:

“Unless otherwise determined by the Board, a record of a committee meeting held *in camera* shall be regarded as confidential and shall be dealt with in the same manner as the minutes or summary of an *in camera* meeting of the Board.”

9.2.1 - By-law 9.2.1 be revised by deleting the words “Finance Committee” and substituting therefor the words “Operations Committee”.

Other changes to the by-laws were proposed and defeated.

**11. Incorporation of GINI**

Following a presentation by Dr. Jacob Slonim, Dean, Faculty of Computer Science, Dr. Traves moved and Mr. Craig seconded a motion THAT the Board of Governors approve in principal the establishment of the Global Information Networking Institute as a wholly owned Dalhousie company to be known as GINI subject to the Board’s approval of the initial GINI business plan and review by Dalhousie’s lawyer of GINI’s legal arrangements. The motion carried.

**12. Facilities Renewal Strategy Committee Report**

Deferred to a future meeting.

**13. A Life Science Village**

Dr. Noni MacDonald, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, made a presentation entitled, “A Life and Health Science research Village”. The health research village is a proposed collaborative project involving Dalhousie University, National Research Council, local hospitals, research agencies, various research granting bodies, research-based biotechnology agencies, and various levels of government. It is intended to create a life sciences cluster with the potential to dramatically impact funding to this sector, improve health care systems and programs, create more high quality research and technology employment opportunities, and further the development and growth of more companies.

**14. New Programs**

Defer to a future meeting.

The meeting then moved to an *In Camera* session where the re-appointment of Professor Dawn Russell as Dean of Law for the period July 01, 2001 to June 30, 2005 was approved.

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Murray Coolican  
Honorary Secretary

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James S. Cowan  
Chair

**Proposed Agenda**  
**Board of Governors Meeting**  
**Dalhousie University**  
**February 12, 2001, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Lord Dalhousie Room, A&A Building**

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1. Approval of Proposed Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes from the December 12, 2000 Board of Governors Meeting
3. Report of the Chair
4. Report of the President
5. Reports by Standing Committee Chairs

**Items for Decision**

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| 6.  | Creation of the Department of International Development Studies (Attachment)     | Scully  |
| 7.  | Proposed Combined MLIS/MPA Program (Attachment)                                  | Scully  |
| 8.  | Proposed Honours Option in the Bachelor of Computer Science program (Attachment) | Scully  |
| 9.  | Proposed Master of Applied Computer Science Program (Attachment)                 | Scully  |
| 10. | Consideration of Changes to By-Laws (Attachment)                                 | Crocker |
| 11. | Incorporation of GINI (Attachment)   | Traves  |

**Item for discussion**

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| 12. | Facilities Renewal Strategy Committee (Attachment) | Cowan |
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**Presentation**

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| 13. | A Life Science Village<br>by<br>Dr. Noni MacDonald, Dean<br>Faculty of Medicine |
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**Items for Information**

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| 14. | New Programs (Attachment) | Scully |
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***In Camera***

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| 11. | Staff Matter | Traves |
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**Board of Governors Meeting  
Dalhousie University  
Motions to be Proposed  
February 13, 2001**

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Be It Resolved:

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6. THAT, based on the recommendation of the Senate, the Board approve the proposal to establish a Department of International Development Studies within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.
7. THAT, based on the recommendation of the Senate, the Board of Governors approve the proposal to create a combined MLIS/MPA program.
8. THAT, based on the recommendation of the Senate, the Board of Governors approve the Master of Applied Computer Science program.
9. THAT, based on the recommendation of the Senate, the Board of Governors approve the proposal to institute an honours option in the Bachelor of Computer Science program.
10. THAT, the Board of Governors approve the amendments to the By-Laws of the Board of Governors.
11. THAT, the Board of Governors approve the Incorporation of GINI as a subsidiary of Dalhousie University.