

Item: Board of Governors Minutes, November 1981

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Minutes of a Meeting of the
Board of Governors held on
November 19, 1981 in the
Board and Senate Room at
4:00 p.m.

Dalhousie University
Halifax, Nova Scotia
November 19, 1981

PRESENT: Dr. A. Gordon Archibald,
Chairman
Mrs. Margot Aucoin
Sister Elizabeth Bellefontaine
Mr. G. E. C. Brown
Mr. W. G. Campbell
Mr. James S. Cowan
Dr. Donna Curry
Dr. D. A. Eisner
Mr. P. B. N. Flemming, Q.C.
Mr. John W. Graham
Judge Nathan Green
Mr. A. G. Hayman
Mr. Gary Hurst
Ms. Mary L. C. Lamb
Dr. Lorraine Laurence
Miss Zilpha Linkletter,
Vice-Chairman

Mr. John Logan
Dr. W. A. MacKay
Mr. J. A. MacKenzie, MLA
Mr. P. McDonough
Mr. S. McInnes, Q.C.
Mr. E. N. McKelvey, Q.C.
Mr. G. C. Piercey
Ms. H. Robertson
Edwin F. Ross, M.D.,
Honorary Secretary
Mr. G. M. Seymour
Mr. A. Sharma
Mr. R. G. Smith
Dr. C. B. Stewart
Dr. R. C. D. Stewart, MLA
Mr. I. A. Thompson

Also present at the meeting were D. M. Mann (Director of Information), A. M. Sinclair (Chairman of the Senate), L. R. Shaw (Vice-President, Administration & Finance), C. A. Axworthy (President, Dalhousie Faculty Association), Earl Wambolt (Director of Budgeting), V. Traversey (Senior Policy Officer), Allan Barkhouse (Auditor, Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co.), and A. J. Tingley, Secretary.

Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of July 9, 1981 and September 24, 1981, which had been circulated, were approved.

Board Matters

Nominations for Appointment to Board Committees

Nominations were made by the President as on Appendix A. There were no other nominations and the various slates were approved.

Nominations for Appointment to the Mount Saint Vincent Board of Governors

The following were nominated:

Dr. Lorraine Laurence
Dr. C. B. Stewart

There being no other nominations, these persons were declared elected.

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Board Representative - United Church of Canada

The President advised that Mr. Alan Hayman had been nominated for this post by the United Church. There being no other nominations, Mr. Hayman was declared elected.

Recommendations for Appointment to the Board of Governors

The President recommended that the following be proposed to the Governor-in-Council for appointment to the Board of Governors:

Mrs. Ruth Murray
Mrs. Shirlee Medjuck

Approval was given to this recommendation.

Former Member of the Board - Deceased

There was a unanimous endorsement of a statement of appreciation for the contributions made by Mr. William Schwartz, recently deceased, to the Board of Governors and to other aspects of the life of Dalhousie University. It was agreed that a letter of sympathy should be sent.

Committee Reports

Staff Relations Committee

Judge Nathan Green asked that the staff changes which he presented be ratified. Agreement was given. Judge Green commented on information given to his Committee by Dr. David Cameron, and indicated that he expects the Board to be given further information about such matters as tenure. A sheet giving information about Sabbatical Leaves, which had been requested at a previous meeting, was circulated at the meeting. (Copies will be sent to those not present at the meeting.)

Staff Benefits Committee

As the Chairman was not present, Mr. Shaw spoke on behalf of this Committee. He reported that a number of matters are currently under consideration. In particular, some proposed changes in the pension plan are being studied.

Investment Committee

In the absence of Mr. Reuben Cohen, the President drew attention to the investment changes listed in a document which was circulated at the meeting. These were approved.

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Building and Grounds Committee

Mr. G. E. C. Brown, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the construction of the rink is slightly behind schedule. The estimated overrun is still \$200,000.00, as previously reported. Renovations of the Forrest Building are on hold, pending a report of the utilization study now being conducted by external consultants, the first report from whom is expected by December 14. The proposal that the Old Archives Building be converted for a Chemistry Library is on hold, and there is still no indication of government support. Renovations on the President's house have been completed, and Dr. and Mrs. MacKay are in residence. A transfer of ownership of the building occupied by the Salvation Army Maternity Hospital to Dalhousie is under consideration, because of an agreement made when the hospital was built. This hospital will be vacated when the new hospital on the Camp Hill location has been completed, which will not be for several years.

Finance and Budget Committee

The Chairman, Miss Zilpha Linkletter, reported on the activities of this Committee. The Auditor's Report for the past financial year was circulated, and was reviewed by Mr. L. R. Shaw, who answered a number of questions. The Auditor, Mr. Allan Barkhouse, also answered questions. Approval was then given to the Auditor's Report. (Copies of this will be sent to those not present at the meeting.)

Mr. Shaw commented on the budget for 1981/82. He pointed out that as the University does not operate on a monthly basis, it is difficult to determine the present situation, but indications are that operations are still within budget. The financial restructuring as previously reported is proceeding.

A document entitled "Budget Book" which describes the planning for the 1982/83 budget was circulated at the meeting. (Copies will be sent to those not present at the meeting.) Elements of this were reviewed by Mr. Shaw.

A question was raised as to the implications on the University of the recent federal budget. The President commented that the effects of this are not yet clear.

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Report from the
President

The President reported as follows:

- a) Concern about financial matters is widespread, and may have some effect on morale.
- b) An office of Research and Administration has been established under Vice-President Klassen, and is beginning to work satisfactorily.
- c) Vice-President Klassen is also looking into the matter of Institutes and Centres.
- d) He commented on the work of CIDA being administered from Dalhousie University by Dr. A. M. Sinclair and others.
- e) He advised that an International Centre for Ocean Development is expected to be established in either British Columbia or Nova Scotia. This will be a major development and it is hoped it will be in this area.
- f) Some Near-East countries are interested in making contacts with Dalhousie. There are already medical residents from Saudi Arabia here. The full cost of their education is being met by their government.
- g) The Trace Analysis Research Centre under Dr. D. E. Ryan is currently working with the government of Sri Lanka to establish a centre there.
- h) The Technical University of Nova Scotia and Dalhousie University have applied jointly for a grant for a Micro-Processing Research Centre.
- i) There is considerable concern about the financing of programmes in Occupational Therapy and Clinical Psychology, both of which have been approved by the MPHEC, unless special funding is provided. These are expensive programmes.
- j) Discussions are being carried on with the MPHEC concerning the support of Medicine and Dentistry.
- k) He reported that cooperation among the various Universities is developing to a greater extent than ever before, particularly in the institutions in the Halifax area. A purchasing office has been established jointly by Saint Mary's, Mount Saint Vincent, and Dalhousie University, and is already proving useful. Discussions are under way among a number of institutions concerning Teacher Education programmes. A Computer

Science programme involving both the Technical University of Nova Scotia and Dalhousie is in operation.

l) He has been engaged in activities involving both the A.U.C.C. and the A.A.U.

m) He has attended a meeting of the Alumni Association in Moncton, and also one of the Dalhousie Club of New York in New York. In the near future, he will visit Alumni groups elsewhere.

n) He and Mrs. MacKay have now moved into the President's house. Necessary renovations had been much greater than had originally been anticipated. A full report on these will be submitted to the Board at a later date.

Annual Reports

The report of the Art Gallery had been circulated.

The President indicated that he will produce a report by the end of the calendar year.

Submission to the MPHEC

This submission had been circulated. The President commented that the preparation of this report is an important part of on-going planning.

Academic Matters

The Senate had recommended that a Non-Thesis Master of Laws Programme be approved. The President described this programme. It was agreed that this be recommended to the MPHEC, it being understood that, if MPHEC approval is obtained, the proposal will again be brought to the Board before being implemented.

Bequests

A list of bequests had been circulated. Pros and cons were expressed as to whether this list should be considered confidential.

A variation of the will of Dr. E. Gordon Young was approved.

Signing of Contracts

It was moved by Dr. W. A. MacKay, seconded by Miss Zilpha Linkletter, that the officers of the University be authorized to sign a contract for the construction of the rink with H. W. Corkum Construction, Ltd., and also a contract with Bradley Brothers, Ltd. for drilling for the Dalhousie Geology Department.

Other Business

A view was expressed that all documents to be considered at the meeting should be circulated in advance.

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A question was raised as to whether the Board should have observers at DFA meetings, as the DFA does at Board meetings. Some reservations were expressed as to whether this would be appropriate except on invitation, in view of the fact that the DFA is a union.

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Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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Edwin F. Ross, M.D.
Honorary Secretary

A. Gordon Archibald,
Chairman

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