

Item: Board of Governors Minutes, May 1982

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Minutes of a Meeting of the
Board of Governors held on Thursday,
May 20, 1982, in the Board and
Senate Room at 3:00 p.m.

Dalhousie University
Halifax, Nova Scotia

PRESENT: Dr. A. Gordon Archibald, Chairman
- Mrs. Margot Aucoin
Mr. G. E. C. Brown
Mr. W. G. Campbell
Mr. G. T. H. Cooper
Mr. James S. Cowan
- Dr. Donna Curry
Dr. D. A. Eisner
Mr. Brian Flemming, Q.C.
Mr. John Graham
Judge Nathan Green
- Mrs. Lorraine Green
Mr. A. G. Hayman
Ms. Mary L. C. Lamb
- Dr. Lorraine Laurence
- Miss Zilpha Linkletter,
Vice-Chairman

Ms. M. D. MacDonald
Dr. W. A. MacKay
Mr. J. A. MacKenzie, MLA
Mr. S. McInnes, Q.C.
Mr. E. N. McKelvey, Q.C.
Mrs. Shirlee Medjuck
- Mrs. Ruth Murray
Mr. G. C. Piercey
Mr. Peter Rans
- Ms. Heather Robertson
Dr. Edwin F. Ross,
Honorary Secretary
Mr. Atul Sharma
Dr. C. B. Stewart
Mr. I. A. Thompson
Mr. F. B. Wickwire, Q.C.

Also present were Messrs. A. M. Sinclair (Chairman of Dalhousie Senate), D. R. Mann (Director of Information and Public Relations), G. A. Klassen (Vice-President, Academic and Research), D. M. Cameron (Executive Director, Policy and Planning), M. Roughneen (Director, Personnel/Payroll Services), E. Wambolt (Budget Officer), L. R. Shaw (Vice-President, Administration and Finance), E. J. Nichols (Investment Manager), O. P. Kamra (President, Dalhousie Faculty Association), and A. J. Tingley, Secretary.

Regrets were received from Mr. R. G. Smith.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting, which had been circulated, were approved.

President's
Introductory
Remarks

The President briefly reviewed the agenda and mentioned one or two additional items that would arise. He reminded members of the reception and buffet that would follow the meeting.

Board Matters

Nominations for Board Membership

The following were nominated as Alumni Representatives, each for a three-year term:

Mr. David Ritcey
Miss Elizabeth Ann MacDonald
Mrs. Peggy Weld

Board Matters
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Nominations for Board Membership (Continued)

The Student Union nominations, for one-year terms, were as follows:

Mr. P. Rans (President, Student Union)
Mr. A. Sharma
Mr. J. Doucet

These appointments were ratified.

Development Committee

It was agreed that the officers of the university should approach prospective members for this committee. It was also agreed that the committee, when formed by officers of the Board, should begin to function. Nominations for membership will be presented to the Board at a future meeting.

Schedule of Meetings, 1982/83

A proposed schedule had been circulated previously. Approval was given to this schedule but with the understanding that changes might be made should this prove to be desirable.

Academic Matters

Programme Leading to a Diploma in Educational Administration

A description of this programme had been circulated with the agenda. Dr. Klassen explained that this programme was previously offered by the Province of Nova Scotia, and it is now proposed to be transferred to Dalhousie. Approval was given. Approval of the M.P.H.E.C. will now be sought.

Proposal for an Atlantic Institute of Criminology

Information on this proposal had been circulated with the agenda. Dr. Klassen gave additional background and answered some questions. Approval was then given.

Programme Leading to the Degree of Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Women's Studies

This item had been deferred at the meeting of April 22, 1982. Mr. John Graham reported that the Committee on Relations with Other Institutions had recently considered this programme, and took into account the reservations expressed at the previous meeting. This committee supports the programme. Approval was then given, and the appropriate recommendation will now be made to the M.P.H.E.C. It will again be referred to the Board prior to implementation.

Changes in Faculty
and Administrative
Appointments

A list of staff changes was circulated to those present. These were ratified.

Staff Benefits

A description of proposed changes had been circulated with the agenda. Mr. M. Roughneen gave an outline of these and answered some questions. The changes were approved, with the understanding that they will be recommended to the Minister of National Revenue, whose approval must be obtained prior to implementation.

Changes in the
Investment
Portfolio

The changes in the investment portfolios were ratified.

Finance and
Budget Committee

Academic Implications of the Preliminary Budget

Dr. A. M. Sinclair reported on Senate deliberations on this matter. The President elaborated on a written statement, which is attached as Appendix A.

Foreign Student Fee Differential

The President reported that as a result of a recommendation of the M.P.H.E.C. the foreign student fee differential has been raised to \$1,000.00. Some members present expressed regret at the necessity of this. Mr. P. Rans read a letter that he had sent to the Minister of Education to which a reply has not yet been received. He gave notice that he will offer a motion at the September meeting which will request the Board to oppose differential fees for foreign students.

Proposed Operating Budget

Mr. R. Shaw reviewed the document entitled "Preliminary Budget" which had been discussed at the previous meeting.

The President expressed concern about the proposed programme in Occupational Therapy, for which financing has not yet been assured. He indicated that a decision must be made in the very near future. It is still hoped that funding will be obtained. It was agreed that authority to authorize the programme be left to the Officers of the Board and the Finance and Budget Committee.

It was agreed that the budget be accepted in principle subject to further refinements which may result from the work of the Finance and Budget Committee. It was emphasized that the

Finance and
Budget Committee
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target is still a balanced budget.

Certain problems in connection with support of the Medical School were reviewed. It was agreed that the Board will support the President in his efforts in dealing with government to restore for the university's operating budget funds which, on the basis of prior years' experience, were anticipated from Health Department sources and which now seem to have been deleted from that Department's budget without consideration of the effects upon the Medical School.

Building and
Grounds
Committee

Mr. G. E. C. Brown reported for this committee.

Renovations to the Forrest Building

A decision must now be made as to whether to go forward with planning or to stop. It was pointed out by Mr. Brown and Mr. Shaw that operating expenses will be decreased if this building is renovated. The estimate of 3.2 million dollars for renovations is not a firm figure, and precise figures cannot be obtained until certain demolition is carried out.

It was agreed that the committee authorize to proceed with planning, with the external consultant, and report back to the Board prior to proceeding with demolition.

Space Study

The consultants have completed their study of the lower campus, and have submitted a report which is being considered.

The upper campus study has very recently been presented to the Building and Grounds Committee and Officers of the Board, and is now under consideration. It was pointed out by Mr. Shaw that if the proposals are accepted, a series of moves will result. Rejection of any one of these moves will affect the whole proposal.

The only major new construction contemplated for the near future would be for additions to the Old Archives Building, for Chemistry. Specific recommendations resulting from the Space Study will be made to the Board in the early fall.

Rink

Efforts have been made by the committee to control the cost overrun resulting from the construction of this building. It is still substantial. In answer to questions, Mr. Brown described some of the work originally planned, which has now been postponed. He pointed out that the planning is such that this work can be done in the future, if and when finances permit.

Research
Activities

Dr. G. A. Klassen mentioned that the Research Office for which he is responsible has been in operation for a year, and it seems appropriate that a report should now be presented. A document attached as Appendix B was circulated to those present at the meeting, and discussed by Dr. Klassen. Particular reference was made to the very large amounts of money received by Dalhousie from outside agencies in support of research.

Negotiations
with Unions

Dr. D. Cameron described the current state of negotiations with the Dalhousie Faculty Association. Authority was granted to Officers of the Board to sign an agreement with the Instructors' Union on terms described by Dr. Cameron.

Mr. M. Roughneen reported on the status of negotiations with the several staff unions. A new contract has been negotiated and ratified with one union. Negotiations with the others are continuing.

Signing
Authority

A resolution as given in Appendix C was approved.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Edwin F. Ross,
Honorary Secretary

A. Gordon Archibald, LL.D.,
Chairman