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Minutes of a Meeting of the
Board of Governors held on Tuesday,
September 25, 1984, at 4:00 p.m.
in the Board and Senate Room

Dalhousie University
Halifax, Nova Scotia

PRESENT: Mr. B. Black
Dr. M. L. Campbell
Mr. J. S. Cowan
Ms. J. DeWolf
Mr. Alex Gigeroff
Mr. J. W. Graham
Mr. G. Hardy
Ms. M. L. C. Lamb
Mr. G. Lawley
Ms. Z. Linkletter,
Honorary Secretary
Mrs. A. Macdonald
Ms. M. D. MacDonald
Dr. W. A. MacKay
Mr. G. Martin

Mrs. S. Medjuck
Mrs. Ruth Murray
Mr. G. Piercey,
Honorary Treasurer
Mr. W. S. Robertson,
Vice-Chairman
Mrs. P. Roscoe
Mr. A. C. Shaw
Hon. R. L. Stanfield
Mrs. Peggy Weld
Mr. Sherman Zwicker

Also present were Messrs. D. M. Cameron (Vice-President, Planning and Resources); M. Wright (Director, Financial Services); A. M. Sinclair (Vice-President, Academic and Research); L. R. Shaw (Vice-President, Finance and Development); J. Mabley (Director, Development Office); B. Crocker (Legal Advisor to the President); R. Bowman (Director, Public Relations); W.E. Jones, J. McNulty, R. Rodger (Senate Representatives); H. E. Crosby and A. L. Barkhouse (Auditors); J. Rutherford (Representing the President of the Dalhousie Faculty Association); and A.J. Tingley (Secretary).

Regrets were received from Dr. C. E. Ritchie, Mr. P. Doig, Dr. Cliff Murray and Mr. D. Ritcey.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were amended by changing A.R.U.C.C. in the second item of the President's Report, page three, to A.U.C.C.

President's
Introductory
Remarks

The President reported that there had been some difficulties during registration with respect to students getting the programmes of their choice, and, for female students particularly, housing. He expressed the belief that most of the difficulties had been reasonably resolved.

Board
Matters

(a) Board Membership

The President reported that the following had been reappointed to the Board for terms extending to June 30, 1987.

Mr. H. R. Cohen
Mr. J. S. Cowan
Mr. S. McInnes

Board
Matters

Mr. E. N. McKelvey
Mrs. S. Medjuck
Mrs. Ruth Murray
Mr. G. C. Piercey
Mr. W. S. Robertson

Mr. J. G. Lawley had been nominated by the United Church of Canada as the representative to the Board of that organization. This nomination was approved.

The President reported that Mr. Stewart McInnes has tendered his resignation. This was accepted with the understanding that he will be thanked for his past service on the Board.

Academic
Matters

(a) International Development Studies

A proposal to introduce this programme was outlined by Vice-President Sinclair. It was agreed to recommend this programme to the M.P.H.E.C. Particular note was taken of its cooperative nature.

(b) Honours in Microbiology

The M.P.H.E.C. had reported that formal approval was not required, since this programme is only a minor modification of existing work. It was agreed to approve the programme for implementation.

(c) Centre for International Development

The President reported on the current status of this centre. Dalhousie is one of the universities in the forefront in this area, and further support is expected from external agencies.

Reports of
Standing
Committees

(a) Finance and Budget Committee

Miss Z. Linkletter advised there is not yet a final budget, but it is believed that one will be produced shortly. A difficulty is that agreement on salaries has not yet been reached with certain unions.

The President reported on negotiations with the Province concerning funding. There has been some improvements since the original announcement, particularly with respect to funds allocated for the Faculties of Medicine and Dentistry.

(b) Audit Committee

The report of the Audit Committee was submitted by Mr. G. Piercey, and was approved.

(c) Building Committee

Mr. J. Cowan reported that the renovations of the Forrest Building have been virtually completed, nearly on schedule and under budget.

Reports of
Standing
Committees

A question was raised as to the financing of the renovations beyond the assistance provided by the Government. Mr. Shaw reminded members that originally there had been two alternatives, one to sell three different properties, and the other the Capital Campaign. To date two of the three properties have been sold.

Auditors'
Fees

It was agreed, on the recommendation of the Audit Committee, that the Auditors' fee be increased from \$46,000 to \$48,000.

Campaign for
Dalhousie

The President reported on the plans to date. The canvass of the Board has been virtually completed, and the support has been encouraging. Meetings have been held in several different areas to determine goals. The Campaign will be officially launched on October 13, which has been declared Leadership Day. All members of the Board, and others, are invited to participate in the ceremonies to be held on that day.

Mr. John Mabley emphasized the importance of the Leadership Day, and the leadership of the Board of Governors.

Resolution

Redemption of State of Israel Bonds

A resolution covering a legal requirement for this matter was approved.

President's
Report

The President reported on a number of items.

- (1) He has written to a number of people expressing sympathy on the deaths of the following.

Dr. Tom Acker
Dr. R. O. Jones
Mrs. W. J. Archibald
Judge Robert Inglis

He referred to the contributions made to Dalhousie and the community by each of these persons.

- (2) Enrollment
Problems have been caused by overcrowding in certain classes, and also by the scarcity of student housing.
- (3) Government Funding
Some increased funding from the Nova Scotia government has been received. He pointed out that in most provinces the funding increase has been less than in Nova Scotia.
- (4) The Presidents of the metropolitan universities had submitted a brief to the Royal Commission on Higher Education. The emphasis of this brief was on the cooperative efforts being made by the various institutions.
- (5) He had been invited to respond to a number of questions submitted to him and other Presidents of the metropolitan universities by the Royal Commission on Higher Education.

President's
Report

- (6) Vice-Presidents Sinclair and Shaw have been involved in discussions with Memorial University concerning training in Health Professions. There is particular concern about Occupational Therapy, where there is a perception that too few Newfoundland students are accepted. Similar questions are likely to be raised with respect to other programmes, such as Physiotherapy and Pharmacy.
- (7) He has met with the Premier and the Minister of Education concerning the support of certain projects in connection with the campaign for Dalhousie. It is hoped that announcements from Government will be made in October.
- (8) Discussions have been carried on with the University of King's College. These have resulted in an exchange of letters between the two Presidents, and it is believed that the questions under discussion will be resolved soon.
- (9) Discussions have been carried on with officers of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College with respect to possible cooperation. Adjunct appointments have been made in Dalhousie's Department of Biology of faculty members from the N.S.A.C. It is possible that the degrees will be awarded by Dalhousie.
- (10) An investigation has been carried out by certain people from Alberta to determine the computer needs of the universities of the metropolitan area.
- (11) He pointed out that a number of documents, such as University Affairs, are circulated to members. It is believed these may be of interest. If not, requests should be made to discontinue the circulation.
- (12) A convocation designed for new students was held on September 6. An interesting talk was given by Dr. J. Fingard of the History Department. Lunch had been served, through the courtesy of the Alumni Association and Beaver Foods, on the mall in front of the Arts Centre.

In connection with the difficulties of housing, a question was raised concerning the use of the Fenwick Apartments. It was agreed that some changes would be considered.

Report -
Staff
Relations
Committee

This was presented by Mr. A. Gigeroff with one amendment. (This amendment has been made on the copy in the official file.)

The report was approved.

The President asked for authority to make an appointment of a chairman of the Department of Education, after further discussions are held with Dean Betts. This was approved on the understanding the President would report further to the Board.

In Camera
Matters


Mr. Cameron reported that negotiations with the D.F.A., and the D.S.A. are continuing. Negotiations with the C.U.P.E. union are at the conciliation stage. Discussions will begin with the security staff in the near future. Authority was granted to the bargaining teams to complete agreements. It was emphasized that this authority is compatible with past practice.

Mr. Brian Crocker reported concerning negotiations with the D.F.A. The 47th session had been held earlier in the day. Little progress has been made in the last few months. He is hopeful that a settlement may be possible in the near future.

The President pointed out that a major difficulty with the D.F.A. is that, because of the financial difficulties faced by Dalhousie, it is not possible to offer salary increases in line with settlements already made by other institutions in the province.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.


Zilpha Linkletter,
Honorary Secretary


A. Gordon Archibald,
Chairman

PROGRAMME PROPOSALS

- A. The approval of the Board of Governors is sought for the implementation of the following programme:

Bachelor of Science with Honours in Microbiology

The proposed programme represents a reorganization of existing classes - most of which are offered within the framework of the Combined Honours programme in Biology and Microbiology - and is not anticipated to result in additional costs for the University. Submission of the proposal to the MPHEC was approved by Senate on July 9, 1984 and by the Board of Governors on July 27, 1984. The University has recently been informed by the MPHEC that its approval for the Honours B.Sc. in Microbiology is not required because the programme represents a subset of an existing programme.

- B. The approval of the Board of Governors is sought to forward the following proposal to the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission:

Bachelor of Arts with Major or Honours in International Development Studies

The proposed programme, which would be offered in cooperation with Saint Mary's University, would be a comprehensive multidisciplinary programme for undergraduates interested in international development. It would build upon existing offerings in Anthropology, Economics, History, Political Science, Sociology/Social Anthropology, and Spanish at the two universities: three new classes would be required. Although these would be offered by existing staff, they would require some rearrangement of the teaching and administrative duties of the faculty members who coordinate the programme at Dalhousie. In addition, approximately \$500 per year will be required for printing, supplies and miscellaneous expenses.