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Minutes of a Meeting of the  
Executive Committee held on Tuesday,  
October 15, 1985, at 4:00 p.m. in the  
Board and Senate Room

Dalhousie University  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

PRESENT: Dr. Donna Curry  
Dr. W. Andrew MacKay  
(President)  
Mr. George C. Piercey  
Mr. Peter Doig  
Mr. W. Struan Robertson  
(Chairperson)

The following members of the Board also attended: Ms. C. Blewett, Mr. S. Ellis, Mrs. B. Flinn, Ms. J. Jackson, Mr. D.A. Kerr, Mr. J.G. Lawley, Mr. J.W. Lindsay, Mrs. A. MacDonald, and Mr. F.B. Wickwire.

Also present were Messrs. B. C. Crocker (Legal Advisor to the President); L. R. Shaw (Vice-President, Finance and Development); D. Mann (Public Relations); J. Rutherford (President, DFA); R. S. Rodger (Senate); and A. J. Tingley (Secretary).

Board  
Membership

The President reported that the Student Union has nominated Mr. Tom Taylor as a member of the Board to fill an existing vacancy. It was agreed that this would be recommended to the full Board, and that Mr. Taylor be invited to attend the next meeting.

Committee  
Membership

The President reported that some changes have been made in the slate of committees previously recommended, at the request of some members. A revised slate will be circulated with the minutes of this meeting.

Reports of  
Standing  
Committees

**(a) Buildings and Grounds Committee**

In the absence of Mr. J. Cowan, Mr. R. Shaw reported.

Planning for the reconstruction and/or extension of the Law Building is proceeding. The major question is whether to rebuild the fourth floor or to build an addition to the building. The present thinking favours the latter course. Parts of the building are already in use. An insurance claim is being prepared, and a preliminary claim will be submitted soon.

Detailed drawings are being prepared for the addition to the Chemistry Building. It is possible that provision for parking can be made on top of the new construction at minimal cost.

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The Department of Mathematics is now completely housed in the Old Archives Building, although work is not complete.

A proposal for residence construction will be submitted to the Buildings and Grounds Committee in the near future. It is planned that construction will be low rise, in front of Dalplex. To date no strong opposition has been expressed by residents.

**(b) Staff Relations Committee**

In the absence of Mr. A. Shaw, the President reported that the Committee is continuing to study certain outstanding problems, which will be reported upon later.

Special  
Events

A list of special events had been circulated. The President drew particular notice to the activities of National Universities Week.

Computer  
Centre and  
Administrative  
Computing

Mr. R. Shaw reported that computing generally will be discussed to a major extent at the next meeting of the Board. A plan has now been drawn up, the first step being the purchase of an IBM main frame for Administrative Computing, which will be delivered in the near future. Consideration is being given to the purchase of a new main frame for Academic Computing.

Campaign  
for  
Dalhousie

The President reported that progress is continuing. A special approach within the Campaign will be made to all law alumni and some special prospective donors because of the fire. He expressed appreciation to all who are working on the Campaign.

President's  
Report

The President reported as follows:

- (1) Reference was made to the passing of Dr. A. Gordon Riley, the former and founding Chairman of Oceanography, whose scholarly work was of high quality, and also of Dr. Lilyan White, who had died on the day of the meeting. Dr. White was a former senior instructor in Psychology.
- (2) A memorial service in memory of Miss C. Irvine was held in Shirreff Hall recently.
- (3) A conference sponsored by an agency of the federal government, Research Canada 86, was recently held on campus.
- (4) At the annual meeting of the Association of Universities and Colleges in Canada held recently in Charlottetown, he had turned over the Presidency to Dr. Johnson, Principal of McGill University. He will continue to be involved in considerations of the financing of universities, such as the proposals of the MacDonald Commission.

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- (5) A task force under the Deputy Prime Minister has been scrutinizing the support of education generally. It has been possible for some persons from Nova Scotia to make representations to the task force pointing out special concerns of smaller institutions.
- (6) Dean Murray and the President have met with the Regional Advisory Group on Health Education and consultants retained by MPHEC to review the University's concerns about underfunding of medical programmes.
- (7) Reference was made to the Killam Lectures, the theme of which this year is "Morality and Medicine", and to other lectures which have been or will be held in the near future. He suggested that if there were sufficient interest, arrangements would be made to advise Board members directly of all such functions.
- (8) A party was held recently at which thanks was expressed to those who had voluntarily assisted at the time of the fire in the Weldon Building.

In  
Camera


**Report on Staff Changes**

In the absence of Mr. A. Shaw, the President presented a list of staff changes. The Committee had not been able to meet formally, but the President felt that none of the suggested changes were controversial. The appointments and other changes were ratified.

In answer to a question, the President explained that the stipends for part-time people are small for a variety of reasons, including the fact that many provide only minimal amounts of service.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

  
Donna M. Curry  
Honorary Secretary

  
W. Struan Robertson  
Chairperson