

Item: Board of Governors Minutes, April 1986

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Minutes of a Meeting of the  
Executive Committee held on Tuesday,  
April 15, 1986, at 4:00 p.m. in the  
Board and Senate Room

Dalhousie University  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

PRESENT: Mr. James S. Cowan  
Dr. Donna Curry  
Mr. Peter R. Doig  
Mr. Sherman Zwicker

Dr. W. Andrew MacKay  
Mr. W. Struan Robertson  
Chairperson

Also present were Mr. B. Crocker (Legal Advisor to the President), Mr. E. J. Nichols (Investment Manager), Dr. A. Sinclair (Vice-President, Academic and Research), Mr. L. R. Shaw (Vice-President, Finance and Administration), Dr. J. Rutherford (Observer, DFA), and the following members of the Board of Governors, Mrs. J. Fraser, Mr. S. Ellis, Miss J. Jackson, Mrs. A. MacDonald, Miss M. Lamb, and the Secretary, A. J. Tingley.

Regrets were received from Mrs. S. Medjuck.

#### Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of February 18, 1986, which had been previously circulated were approved.

#### Board Matters

##### (a) Board Membership

The President reported the names of three persons who the Officers of the Board will recommend at the May meeting of the Board as nominees to the Governor-in-Council to fill vacancies on the Board that will occur at the end of the current year.

##### (b) Nomination Committee

The President advised that the following slate has been recommended by the Board of Governors.

Mrs. S. Medjuck, Chairperson

~~Miss A. Linklater~~ Mrs. P. Weld

Mr. S. Zwicker

Mr. P. Doig

Mr. J. MacMullin  
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This slate was approved.

#### Academic Matters

##### (a) Diploma in Aquaculture

Dr. Sinclair pointed out that a programme leading to this diploma had been previously approved in principle, and has now been approved by the MPHEC. The Senate has recommended that the programme be implemented, there being no financial implications. Agreement was given.

#### Standing Committees

##### Finance and Budget Committee

Mr. L. R. Shaw reported that there has not been a meeting of this Committee in recent weeks, the difficulty being that the amount of the grant from government is not yet known. The President pointed out that although it has been announced that there will be a 3% increase, it is not yet clear what the allocation for Dalhousie will be.

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**Buildings and Grounds Committee**

Mr. J. Cowan, Chairperson of the Committee, reported that the contract for architects for the Law School project has been agreed to, but is not yet signed. Tenders for the Chemistry construction will close in about three weeks. In regard to a proposed student housing project a public meeting would be held on Saturday, April 19 in order to give near-by residents an opportunity to voice views. Serious opposition is not expected.

**Alumni and Community Relations Committee**

In the absence of Mrs. P. Weld, the President reported for this Committee. Consideration is being given to creation of a volunteer citizens group with a view to obtaining more support from the community at large for the Arts Centre. The Report of the Advisory Committee on Athletics is also being considered by this Committee.

Campaign for  
Dalhousie

The President reported that progress is continuing satisfactorily.

President's  
Report

1. One of the recommendations of the Royal Commission called for earlier commitments from government to the universities with reference to financial support. This would be helpful.
2. The MPHEC had arranged for a study on funding for the Faculty of Medicine by outside consultants. This report has now been completed, and will be considered in the near future.
3. He expects to meet with government concerning special funding for the Law School in the near future.
4. The Archives Building has been refurbished for Mathematics, and opening ceremonies were held on April 1. The provincial funding for the renovations has not yet been received.
5. Federal funding, eg. for research grants, is a matter of great concern.
6. A visit to Dalhousie will be made by the Honourable Frank Oberle, Minister of State for Science and Technology on April 22, 1986.
7. The publicity about honorary degrees, which originated with the Dalhousie Gazette, has been embarrassing. The Senate is reviewing the process.

O.E. Smith  
Trust

A change in arrangements as recommended in the document attached as Appendix A was approved.

Ex gratia  
Payment for  
Retirees

It was agreed that these payments again be made, on the scale given in the document attached as Appendix B. The President reported that he has received many expressions of gratitude from retirees.

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**Staff Relations Committee**

The report of this Committee was submitted by Mr. S. Zwicker, in the absence of the Chairperson. A list of proposed staff changes had been circulated with the minutes, and an addendum was provided to those at the meeting. One name had been deleted subsequent to the preparation of the report. (This deletion is made in the copy on the official file.)

Staff changes were approved.

Other  
Business

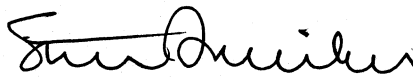
Mr. L. R. Shaw who was attending his last meeting, was thanked by the President and the Chairperson for his service to Dalhousie.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.



Donna M. Curry  
Honorary Secretary



W. Struan Robertson  
Chairperson

April 1, 1986

MEMORANDUM TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

1. GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN AQUACULTURE

Permission of the Board is sought to implement the Graduate Programme in Aquaculture. This programme will support Aquaculture development in the Maritimes, and will meet a need for the training of students for employment in industry. The programme will be of interest to graduates of the B.Sc. Honours Programme, and of particular relevance to Marine Biology Honours graduates. The Graduate Diploma will be an alternative to the M.Sc. in Biology, which has a research-based focus. No additional costs are anticipated in implementing this programme. MPHEC has approved the proposal. The programme proposal was approved for submission to MPHEC at the June 18, 1986 meeting of the Board of Governors, and was approved for implementation by Senate on March 17, 1986.