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Minutes of a Meeting of the  
Board of Governors held on Tuesday,  
January 21, 1986, at 3:00 p.m. in the  
Board and Senate Room

Dalhousie University  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

PRESENT: Ms. C. Blewett	Miss Z. Linkletter
Mr. W. G. Campbell	Mrs. A. MacDonald
Mrs. M. Cooper	Dr. W. A. MacKay
Dr. D. M. Curry	Mrs. S. Medjuck
Honorary Secretary	Dr. C. Murray
Mr. P. Doig	Mr. G. C. Piercey
Mr. S. Ellis	Vice-Chairperson
Mr. B. Fleming	Mr. W. S. Robertson
Mrs. B. Flinn	Chairperson
Mrs. J. Fraser	Dr. H. Roper
Ms. J. Jackson	Mr. A. C. Shaw
Miss M. Lamb	Honorary Treasurer
Mr. J. G. Lawley	Mr. T. Taylor
	Mr. S. Zwicker

Also present were Messrs. M. Wright (Director, Financial Services), A. M. Sinclair (Vice-President, Academic and Research), B. Crocker (Legal Advisor to the President), J. Graham (Assistant Vice-President, University Services), R. Shaw (Vice-President, Finance and Administration), W. E. Jones (Senate Representative), J. McNulty (Senate Representative), J. Rutherford (DFA Representative), and A. J. Tingley (Secretary). Also present was Ms. M. MacDonald (Director, Public Relations).

Regrets were received from Mr. G.T.H. Cooper, Mr. D. J. Hennigar, Mr. E. N. McKelvey, and Mr. F. B. Wickwire.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of November 19, 1985, which had been circulated previously, were approved.

President's  
Introductory  
Remarks

The President reminded those present of the joint meeting with Senate which would take place following adjournment of the Board meeting.

Academic  
Matters

A document was circulated to those at the meeting. A copy is attached as Appendix A, concerning two recommendations of Senate.

**(a) M.Sc. in Computer Science**

It was agreed that this programme should be implemented in 1986-87.

**(b) Extension of the Programme in Human Communication Disorders**

The recommendation of the Senate was qualified by the provision that additional costs incurred should be covered by additional funding. With this understanding it was agreed to recommend to the MPHEC that the programme in Human Communication Disorders be extended to 3-years.

Reports of  
Standing  
Committees

**(a) Finance and Budget Committee**

Mr. Piercey reported that it is hoped that expenditures and receipts will be in balance for 1985-86. He described current difficulties in budgeting. He reported that because of increases in enrolment, adjustments have been made in base of the Faculty of Arts and Science and of Health Professions of \$300,000 and \$50,000 respectively.

**(b) Buildings and Grounds Committee**

Mr. W. Campbell reported for this Committee.

Working drawings for the Chemistry extension have been completed. Cost estimates are being prepared. It is now recommended that parking not be provided on the podium.

Preliminary plans for a new residence on the South Street site are still being prepared.

Buildings have been assessed with respect to fire safety. When renovations take place, fire protection will be upgraded. Some buildings, including the Arts and Administration Building and the Dunn Building, are not currently scheduled for renovations, and it would be very expensive to bring these buildings up to the current standards at this time. A list of priorities has been drawn up. Timing for completion will depend on funding. A detailed recommendation will be forthcoming in due course.

Options for alternative power arrangements are being considered, as a result of the difficulties caused when the fire in the Weldon Building caused a campus wide loss of power.

Consideration is being given to the appointment of architects with respect to the extension of the Law Building.

On invitation by Mr. Campbell, Mr. J. Graham reported on the progress in renovating Peter Green Hall.

An additional exit route has been provided in the basement of the Killam Library.

Mr. Campbell asked that authority be granted the Buildings and Grounds Committee to call for tenders for the Chemistry construction. This was granted.

**(b) Nominating Committee**

Mrs. S. Medjuck reported that the Committee nominated Mr. F. B. Wickwire as an additional member of the Audit Committee. There being no further nominations, Mr. Wickwire was declared elected.

**(c) Staff Relations Committee**

A proposal for administrative study leave, a copy of which is attached as Appendix B, was considered. Mr. Shaw outlined this. In response to expressed concerns, he advised that the numbers involved in such leave would be small. The proposal was approved.

University  
Budget  
Advisory  
Committee

A document had been circulated to all members of the Board by Mr. R. Shaw. The Committee had recommended changes in the budget base as reported by Mr. Piercey. This was felt to be in order, though agreement on this point is not unanimous across the campus. The Committee has considered a scenario which would result from a 3% cut in funding. It is expected there will be a budget for 1986-87 in April.

Campaign  
for Dalhousie

In the absence of Mr. D. Sobey, the President reported that the National Campaign has now reached approximately \$21.5 million. With respect to the Annual Fund for 1985, he reported that there was the largest number of contributors to date, nearly 4000, whose donations, the final total of which was not yet available, had exceeded the goal of \$365,000, the largest such amount raised to date.

Estate -  
Dr. Lachlan  
MacPherson

The following resolution was approved:

The Board of Governors of Dalhousie College and University hereby consent to and approve a variation in the Last Will and Testament of the late Dr. Lachlan MacPherson to allow for the distribution of the unallocated five percent (5%) of the residue of the estate to all of the residuary heirs on the same basis and in the same proportions as the ninety-five (95%) of the residue is allocated.

Investments in  
Corporations  
Operating in  
South Africa

The following motion was presented by Mr. S. Ellis and duly seconded.

In light of the continuing system of Apartheid by the Government of the Republic of South Africa, which we find morally reprehensible and has been declared a crime against humanity by the United Nations,

and in response to the call from the leaders of the people of South Africa; Nelson Mandela (African National Congress), Allan Boesak (President World Alliance of Reformed Churches), and Bishop Desmond Tutu (Nobel Peace Prize Laureate)

and a call from our own Minister of External Affairs, the Right Hon. Joe Clark,

and upon the urging of the Dalhousie Student Union, the Dalhousie Faculty Association and the Senate of Dalhousie,

I move that the Board of Governors of Dalhousie University initiate steps to completely divest from corporations with economic interests in the Republic of South Africa.

During the discussion, Ms. J. Jackson stated that a petition supporting this motion had been signed by 1545 students. She presented this to the Chairperson of the Board.

It was agreed that this motion be amended by including the following words:

"and that an interim report on these steps be presented for approval at the next meeting of the Board."

The amended motion was passed without dissent.

It was agreed that a committee be established to deal with this matter which would be constituted as follows:

Four members appointed by the Board  
Two members appointed by Senate  
Two members appointed by the Students' Union

Due to the lateness of the hour, the remainder of the agenda, except for the "In Camera" items, was postponed to the next meeting of the Board.

In Camera

**Report of the Staff Relations Committee**

Staff changes were presented by Mr. A. Shaw, and were approved.

Nominations  
for Board  
Members

It was agreed that three names, presented by the Board, would be recommended to the Governor in Council for appointment to the Board.

Reports of  
Starving  
Students

Mr. C. Murray raised this matter, reports of which had appeared in the media. Ms. C. Blewett indicated that there are problems which are being investigated by the Student Union. It was agreed that the Chairperson of the Board and the President should be kept informed.

Presidential  
Search  
Committee

Mr. W. Jones reported that the Committee hopes to make a recommendation in February. He indicated that a special meeting of the Board may be requested for February 10.

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Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.



Donna M. Curry  
Honorary Secretary



W. Struan Robertson  
Chairperson

Memorandum to the Board of Governors  
on Academic Programmes

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1. Implementation of the M.A./M.Sc. in Computing Science

The Dalhousie Senate has recommended the implementation of the M.A./M.Sc. in Computing Science at its meeting held on January 13, 1986. In coming to this recommendation, Senate through its Committees considered the financial implications of the proposal, especially with respect to computing equipment, faculty and scholarship assistance for students. These were matters left outstanding when the matter was recommended earlier by the Board of Governors to the MPHEC. Since that time they have been resolved and the programme is therefore presented to the Board of Governors for implementation. The programme has received the approval of the MPHEC.

2. A Proposal for an Extended Programme in Human Communication Disorders

The Senate of Dalhousie at its meeting on January 13, 1986 recommended for consideration of the Board a proposal to extend to three years the Graduate programme in Human Communication Disorders from its present two years. The existing curriculum in the two year programme does not adequately reflect the clinical and research developments which have taken place in Speech Language Pathology and Audiology in recent years. The proposed programme change will involve a greater emphasis on basic sciences and independent research, and greater emphasis on pre-clinical preparation. The programme will involve cost implications, and these have already been identified to the MPHEC. Senate's approval of the programme is conditional upon the subsequent identification of suitable external funding for the additional direct costs.

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The following Proposal has been considered by the Staff Relations Committee and is recommended to the Board of Governors for its approval. (The attached document outlines leave provisions for Faculty and Senior Instructors, for information).

**PROPOSAL RE ADMINISTRATIVE STUDY LEAVE**

1. As the operations of the University expand and become more complex, it is suggested that the University may wish to selectively encourage middle and senior level managers to seek further post secondary education study or project experience (hereinafter referred to as study leave).

It would be understood that such study or project work would complement directly their responsibilities at Dalhousie University.

2. To be eligible for such study leave, the applicant must:
  - a) have completed a minimum of three years continuous service if it is an initial application;
  - b) six years of continuous service since the completion of the last period of study leave if it is a second or subsequent period of leave.
3. Application must be made in writing to the Vice-President responsible for the unit in which the applicant is employed. The application must specify the course of study or project which will be undertaken and the period of leave which is being requested. Where appropriate, the agreement of the Dean or the Administrative Director must accompany the application.
4. When study leave is granted, it shall be for a period of up to twelve consecutive months in total.

For initial requests (3 year service qualification) leave, when granted, will be with 50% of regular salary with pension and insured benefits being maintained on a nominal salary basis. In approving such leaves it is understood that the applicant will return to the University for a period equal to the period of the leave or to reimburse the University for the full amount of salary received from the University during such leave.

The salary support provided may be increased to 75% at a rate of 8.33% per annum for each year that the applicant is willing to commit to remaining in the employ of the University following completion of the period of leave, and the subsequent service requirement which is a condition of the leave.

Second and subsequent leaves, when granted, will be with 75% of regular salary.

5. Financial assistance may also include assistance to offset part or all of the cost relating to tuition fees, travel and relocation.



### SABBATICAL OR SPECIAL LEAVE PROVISIONS

1. Sabbatical leave is granted to Faculty on the condition that such leave will benefit the Faculty member and the University and provided the Faculty member has completed the required years of service. Special leave may be granted to Professional Counsellors, Professional Librarians, Faculty members holding research appointments and part-time members employed on a twelve month basis. Special leave must directly complement a member's work at Dalhousie and, when granted, is on the same conditions as those applying to members on sabbatical leave.
2. The duration of sabbatical or special leave and the associated salary support depends on years of service. After four years of service, or three years for those with tenure, leave may be granted for a period of six months with 75% of regular salary. After six years of service, leave may be granted for a period of one year with 75% of regular salary or for a period of six months with regular salary. In lieu of half or full year leaves, Professional Counsellors may be granted leave for periods of three months during the summer (i.e., two such periods of three months may substitute for a continuous period of six months).
3. The Board provides a fund of \$64,000 for each of the fiscal years 1985/86 through 1987/88 to provide grants to supplement salary and research grants paid to Members of the Dalhousie Faculty Association granted sabbatical or special leave.
4. A subsequent service requirement to the University is not required of those granted sabbatical or special leave.

### EDUCATIONAL LEAVE PROVISIONS

1. Educational leave may be granted to Senior Instructors to pursue studies that complement their work at Dalhousie and which will also benefit their Department. Senior Instructors must have completed six years of service at Dalhousie to be eligible for an initial educational leave and a further seven years of service to be eligible for subsequent leave.
2. Educational leave is granted for a full academic or calendar year with 75% of regular salary, or for a half year with regular salary.
3. An Instructor member who is granted educational leave must agree to return to duties at Dalhousie for a period equal to the period of leave or to reimburse the University in the amount of the financial assistance received from the University during leave.

October 8, 1985

January 10, 1986

DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

CENTENNIAL DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR WOMEN AT DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

1. One award may be made each year.
2. The award will have a value of \$13,000 for a twelve-month period of full-time on-campus study for the 1986/87 academic year. In future years the value of the award will be increased to remain equal to the Killam Predoctoral Scholarships.
3. The awards will be renewable, if satisfactory progress is achieved, up to a total of 48 months of full-time on-campus study, including the initial award.
4. Successful candidates for an initial award and for a renewal will be identified by the Faculty of Graduate Studies Scholarship Committee and the general rules for Dalhousie Graduate awards will be applied to the Centennial Scholarship.
5. Preference will be given to candidates in disciplines in which women are under-represented.
6. Scholarships will be awarded to Canadians and landed immigrants only and preference will be given to candidates from the Atlantic Provinces.
7. Subject to the agreement of the Trustees of the Killam Estate, should the funding be from that estate, the Scholarship will be known as the Eliza Ritchie Centennial Scholarship.

**NOTE:** Eliza Ritchie was the daughter of J.W. Ritchie, Halifax, a Judge in Equity. She was the first woman to receive a Dalhousie degree (B.L. 1887), the first woman graduate of Dalhousie to receive a Ph.D. (Cornell 1889), the first Warden of a Dalhousie Women's Residence (1912-13), the first woman to serve as a member of the Board of Governors (1915-1925) and was the first woman to receive an Honorary Degree from Dalhousie (LL.D. 1927).