

Item: Board of Governors Minutes, March 1986

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Minutes of a Meeting of the
Board of Governors held on Tuesday,
March 25, 1986, at 4:00 p.m. in the
Board and Senate Room

Dalhousie University
Halifax, Nova Scotia

PRESENT: Mr. W. G. Campbell	Dr. W. A. MacKay
Mr. L. Comeau	Mrs. S. Medjuck
Mr. J. S. Cowan	Dr. C. Murray
Dr. D. M. Curry	Mr. G. C. Piercey
Honorary Secretary	Vice-Chairperson
Mr. P. Doig	Mr. W. S. Robertson
Mr. S. Ellis	Chairperson
Mr. B. Flemming	Dr. H. Roper
Mrs. J. Fraser	Mr. A. C. Shaw
Ms. J. Jackson	Honorary Treasurer
Mr. D. A. Kerr	Mr. D. Sobey
Ms. M. Lamb	Mr. T. Taylor
Mr. J. G. Lawley	Ms. M. N. Tynes
Mr. J. W. Lindsay	Mrs. P. Weld
Miss Z. Linkletter	Vice-Chairperson
Mrs. A. MacDonald	Mr. F. B. Wickwire
	Mr. S. Zwicker

Also present were Messrs. L. R. Shaw (Vice-President, Finance and Administration), A. M. Sinclair (Vice-President, Academic and Research), B. Crocker (Legal Advisor to the President), J. Mabley (Assistant Vice-President, Development), D. Mann (Public Relations), W. E. Jones (Senate Representative), J. Rutherford (DFA Representative), A. J. Tingley (Secretary) and Ms. J. Ritchie (Senate Representative).

Regrets were received from Mr. G.T.H. Cooper and Mrs. M. Cooper.

Dr. Howard C. Clark, President Designate, was present and was introduced by the Chairperson.

Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of January 21, 1986, and February 10, 1986, which had been circulated, were approved.

Introduction of New Members

The Chairperson welcomed Ms. Maxine N. Tynes and Mr. L. Comeau, who were attending their first Board meeting. Mr. E. MacNeil and Dr. P. Schwenger, also new members, were not present.

President's Introductory Remarks

The President referred to documents which had been circulated, and proposed some additional agenda items. These are reported upon below.

Board Matters

(a) Board Membership

Additional members to fill existing vacancies are being considered by Government. The President invited suggestions with respect to vacancies that will occur at the end of the current year.

Academic
Matters

(a) **Constitution of the Confederation of Halifax University
Programmes in Education**

The proposed constitution had been circulated, and was outlined by Vice-President Sinclair. Mr. S. Zwicker reported that the Committee on Relations with Other Institutions recommended approval. This was granted.

(b) **Cooperative Graduate Programme in Education**

Information on this programme had been circulated, and was outlined by Vice-President Sinclair. Mr. Zwicker advised that the Committee on Relations with Other Institutions supported the programme. Approval was granted.

(c) **Ph.D. Programme in French - Implementation**

This programme had previously been approved with the proviso that appropriate funding arrangements be made. Vice-President Sinclair explained that it has been agreed to provide the necessary funding from the Development Fund. The programme was approved for implementation in September 1986.

Reports of
Standing
Committees

(a) **Finance and Budget Committee**

Mr. George Piercey reported that for the year ending March 31, 1986, it appears that expenditures and income are approximately in balance. The budget for 1986-87 is being worked upon, but cannot be made final until the amount of provincial funding is known. He expressed appreciation to Ms. Catherine Blewett and Miss Z. Linkletter whose terms on the Committee will terminate in the near future.

(b) **Buildings and Grounds Committee**

Mr. J. Cowan, Chairperson of the Committee, recommended that authority be granted to the Committee to engage architects for the restoration of, and addition to, the Weldon Building. Agreement was granted to this recommendation.

With respect to the proposed student housing, Mr. R. Shaw advised that planning is going forward. In the near future there will be a meeting to which residents of the area will be invited.

(c) **Student Relations and Residence Committee**

Mrs. S. Medjuck submitted a proposed schedule for residence and related charges for the 1986-87 year. A copy is attached hereto as Appendix A. This schedule was approved.

Report of the
Ad Hoc
Committee on
South African
Investments

Mr. D. Kerr reported on the activities of this Committee, pointing out a number of difficulties. The Committee recommended that holdings in the following companies, which have interests in South Africa, be sold.

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Canadian Pacific Limited
Exxon
Citicorp

This recommendation was approved. The Committee will continue its work and submit a final report at a later date.

Recommendation
re Naming of
Buildings

The President reported that a Sub-Committee of the President's Council has been considering this matter, with the objective of updating the report of a Board Committee which had functioned in 1966. This Sub-Committee has recommended that the former Archives Building, now occupied by the Department of Mathematics, Statistics and Computing Science, be named in honor of the late William Henry Chase, a prominent Nova Scotia industrialist and long-time member of the Dalhousie Board of Governors, whose gift to the Province had made the building possible. It was also recommended that a room in the Burbidge Building be named after Dr. Jessie I. MacKnight, who served as a member of the Maritime College of Pharmacy for many years. These recommendations were approved.

It was agreed that this Sub-Committee should be formally constituted. Suggestions as to suitable names for buildings or rooms will be welcomed. The Committee consists of:

Mr. S. Zwicker, Board
Miss Z. Linkletter, Board
Dr. P. Pross, Senate
Dr. K. Dunn, Senate

Report on
Fire Safety

A review of the current situation had been circulated with the agenda. Mr. John Graham pointed out that although all buildings met the standards that existed when they were constructed, many would not meet present standards. The necessary upgrading will be expensive, and is planned to take place over a period of time. Some concern was expressed as to the priority which should be given to this project.

Resolution re
the Endowment
Debenture

Information on this debenture had been circulated to members, and further background was given to those at the meeting. On motion of President W. A. MacKay, seconded by Mr. Brian Flemming, resolutions, copies of which are attached hereto as Appendices B and C, were approved, and the signing officers were authorized to execute the necessary documents.

Resolution re
Lease of
Computer and
Office Equipment

A resolution, a copy of which is attached hereto as Appendix D, was approved.

Campaign for
Dalhousie

Mr. Donald Sobey gave details of the latest results. The Campaign is proceeding well. He expressed appreciation of the work done by the Development Office as well as the volunteer canvassers.

University
Response to the
Report of the
Royal
Commission on
Post-Secondary
Education

A draft of a Senate document had been circulated. Amendments have been made, and Vice-President Sinclair described those of particular significance. It was made clear that the Senate response will not necessarily be the University response. Copies of the final Senate document will be distributed to members of the Board, and should the Board agree with this, it will constitute the institutional response.

The President described meetings that the presidents have held with the Government. Further meetings will be held, and proposals will be submitted to the Government by the presidents.

Tour of
Facilities of
the Faculty of
Health
Professions

It was agreed that the Faculty of Health Professions should arrange a tour in conjunction with one of the fall Board meetings. It was pointed that the tour held earlier in the day under arrangements made by the Faculty of Arts and Science had been very interesting, but relatively few had attended. Some suggestions were made that a different time might be more satisfactory, e.g. 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. followed by a buffet.

President's
Report

Due to the lateness of the hour, the President deferred his report. It will be circulated in writing.

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Report on
Staff
Changes

Mr. A. Shaw reported for the Committee on Staff Relations. Lists of staff changes were circulated to those at the meeting. Mr. Shaw drew attention to certain items of particular interest. The changes were approved.

Notice of
Motion

Mr. T. Taylor advised that at the next Board meeting he will submit a motion concerning recommended changes in the Income Tax Act.

Work of
Ritchie &
Associates

Mr. R. Shaw referred to this work, which is causing concern among members of staff, and which will continue to be controversial. An effort is being made to deliver the necessary services more efficiently. It is believed that no layoffs of regular staff will be necessary, though staff reductions through attrition as people resign or retire should be expected.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.



Donna M. Curry
Honorary Secretary



W. Struan Robertson
Chairperson