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**Board of Governors
Dalhousie University
Tuesday, March 16, 1999, 4:00 p.m.
University Hall, Macdonald Building**

Present were:

Mr. Allan Shaw Chair	Ms. Patricia Harris
Ms. Nancy Anderson	Dr. Daurene Lewis
Mr. Level Chan	Dr. John O'Brien
Mr. Ted Chiasson	Mr. Andrew Philopoulos
Mr. Murray Coolican	Ms. Patricia Roscoe
Ms. Karen Cramm	Prof. Philip Saunders
Mr. Fred Fountain	Dr. Colin Stuttard
	Mr. Bruce Towler

Regrets were received from: Sir Graham Day (Chancellor), Dr. Tom Traves (President), Ms. Diane Bell, Mr. Gerald Clarke, Mr. James Cowan, Mr. Robert Dexter, Mr. George MacDonald, Ms. Ann Petley-Jones, Mr. John Risley, Dr. Alasdair Sinclair, Mr. Peter Stuart, and Dr. Daniel Tam.

Also present were: Mr. Bryan Mason (Vice-President, Finance & Administration), Mr. Eric McKee (Vice-President, Student Services), Dr. Samuel Scully (Vice-President, Academic & Research); Mr. Mike Roughneen (Assistant Vice-President, Personnel Services); Mr. Brian Crocker (University Secretary & Legal Counsel); Dr. Jacob Slonim (Dean, Computer Science); Mr. John Sherwood (Acting Executive Director, University Computing & Information Services); Ms. Shawna Burgess (Acting Director, Annual Giving), Mr. William Marshall (Director, Administrative Computing), Ms. Charlotte Sutherland (Director, Gift Planning); Ms. Susan Brousseau (President's Advisor on Women's Issues and Sexual Harassment Officer); Mr. Peter Murchland (External Communications, Public Relations); Virginia Lee (Project Manager - Banner Implementation); and Ms. Sharlene Drake (Secretary).

1. Approval of Agenda

The Chair requested the following amendments to the proposed agenda: the addition of the Combined Honours' BA program in Early Modern Studies, and approval of appointments to the Halifax Student Housing Society. The Agenda was approved as amended.

2. Approval of Minutes of January 19, 1999

The minutes were approved as presented.

3. Report of the Chair

Mr. Shaw thanked Mr. Ted Chiasson, Mr. Level Chan, and Mr. Andrew Philopoulos for their contributions to the Board. During their terms on the Board, Ted served on the Audit and Operations Committees; Level served on the Development, Student Relations & Residence, and Governors Awards Committees; and Andrew served on the Operations, Nominating, and Student Relations & Residence Committees. He also welcomed DSU President-Elect Kelly MacKenzie, and the elected representatives Mr. David Lovas and Mr. Shawn Tracey to the meeting and congratulated them on the election.

The Chair then noted that Michelle Gallant, Director of Public Relations, had resigned her position effective April 2 to take a new position as Vice-President of Marketing for Knowledge House. During her two and one-half years at Dalhousie, Michelle has provided outstanding leadership in the department and has contributed significantly to Dalhousie's strategic development. On behalf of the Board of Governors, the Chair wished her much success in her new position.

Mr. Shaw advised Board Members that Mary Morrissey, Dean of Henson College, had decided not to stand for another term of office. Her current term concludes on April 1, 1999. (An Acting Dean will be appointed during the *In Camera* session later in this meeting.) The Chair noted that the University owes Mary many thanks for her tremendous accomplishments over the past five years, during which time the University required Henson to become a full cost-recovery operation, and reduced their operating grant from the University by almost \$1 million. This required a substantial shift in orientation and operational practice within Henson. Dean Morrissey provided strong leadership during this difficult process and has positioned Henson to move forward under its new mandate. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Shaw wished her well in the next stage in her career.

Mr. Shaw reported that this was the last meeting for Ismet Ugursal as President of the DFA, and thanked him for his contributions to the Board. He noted that Dr. Carolyn Savoy is the incoming President and her appointment will take effect April 20, 1999.

Two reports were provided to Board Members for their information: *A Celebration of Teaching and Student Assistance in the New Millennium*.

Finally, Mr. Shaw reported that the University had requested, but does not have in-hand, the report which was quoted in a recent newspaper article titled *Economists Target 'Inefficient' Universities*. Dr. Scully added that Dalhousie's performance was anticipated by one of the authors who predicted that universities which are isolated and therefore attempt to offer a broader range of programs for fewer students (an accurate reflection of Dalhousie which has an obligation to the Province to offer a broader range of programs than would be the norm for a university of this size) would suffer inefficiencies.

On another issue, Dr. Scully then reported that Dalhousie provides leadership in the Province through the development of NU-TECH which handles intellectual property and the transfer of intellectual knowledge to the marketplace. NU-TECH recently received word from NSERC Intellectual Property Management Program of the receipt of an award of \$600,000 over three years. Of twenty-six awards made to Canadian universities, this award was the third highest; only UBC and Toronto received higher awards.

4. Sexual Harassment Policy Revisions

Dr. Scully highlighted the proposed revisions to the policy and noted the extensive consultation process which had taken place. Dr. Stuttard moved and Mr. Chiasson seconded a motion THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposed revisions to the Sexual Harassment Policy as approved by the Senate on February 8, 1999. The motion carried.

5(A) Master of Electronic Commerce Program

Sam Scully introduced the program and Mr. Chiasson then moved and Dr. Stuttard seconded a motion THAT, based on the recommendations of the Senate, the Master of Electronic Commerce program be approved, based on the following conditions:

- the program be exempt from ERBA, with tuition revenue being distributed as agreed by the participating Faculties, subject to a 5% administrative fee taken from gross revenue;
- before the program starts, the sum of \$1,500 be transferred to the library for retrospective acquisitions, together with a base budget transfer of \$1,500 for ongoing collections costs, to be shared as may be agreed by the participating Deans;
- an industrial liaison officer be appointed to support the program after the first year;
- a student representative be added to the Executive Committee governing the program; and
- the program be reviewed in three years.

The motion carried.

5(B) Combined Honours' BA Program in Early Modern Studies

Dr. Scully provided background information on the program. Ms. Harris then moved and Mr. Chan seconded a motion THAT, based on the recommendation of the Senate, the combined Honours' BA degree program in Early Modern Studies be approved provided that Dalhousie and King's College agree to amend the 2nd Bulletin of Interpretation to the financial transfer agreement to add the words "and Early Modern Studies program" immediately following each occurrence of the words "Contemporary Studies program".

The motion carried.

6. Proposed Amendment to the Staff Pension Plan

Mr. Mason reported that he had, on a previous date, advised the Board of Governors that the Pension Advisory Committee had recommended that the current pension surplus use agreement be extended for a period to May 31, 1999 and this amendment represents the formal external regulatory requirement. This amendment has now been approved by all the employee groups. Ms. Anderson then moved and Ms. Cramm seconded a motion THAT the motion be approved as attached to these minutes. The motion carried.

7. Halifax Student Housing Society

Mr. McKee reported that Peter Green Hall, which houses married students as well as the day care centre, is owned by the University and is leased and operated by the Halifax Student Housing Society. A condition of the lease agreement is that the Board appoints three members to the Board of Directors. Due to departures from the University, two vacancies had arisen. Ms. Roscoe then moved and Ms. Anderson seconded a motion THAT Ms. Barbara Mealiea and Mr. Terry Gallivan be appointed to replace Mr. Stan Dalrymple and Mr. David Ness as representatives of the Dalhousie University Board of Governors on the Board of Directors of the Halifax Student Housing Society. The motion carried.

8. Schedule of meetings for 1999/2000

An amended schedule was distributed with the notable change being the date of the January meeting being rescheduled from January 18 to January 25, 2000.

9. Grad Class Challenge

Mr. Shaw reported that for those Board Members who were unfamiliar with this program, it was approved by the Board in October 1994. For every student dollar raised, the Board agreed to match it, to a maximum of \$35,000, and designate the matching money to the student's faculty or department or other Annual Fund priorities. Ms. Burgess then explained the history of the Grad Class Challenge, how it works, and how the funds are used. Mr. Aaron Brown, Chair of the 1999 Grad Class Challenge, reported on the importance of the Challenge to the students, how it identifies and reduces the gaps in various programs and thereby improves the student experience at Dalhousie. By continuing to support the Grad Class Challenge and allowing students to have a voice in where these funds are allocated shows support for the needs of students and helps to create a culture of giving in students before they leave the University. Ms. Burgess also reviewed donation patterns and areas of support by students and Board and Associate Members. She then asked Board Members to reaffirm the commitment to the Challenge and invited advice on how to carry on and better this worthwhile program.

10. Y2K Preparedness

Mr. Sherwood provided information regarding the steps that are being undertaken across the University to ensure Y2K preparedness. Mr. Sherwood also provided information on help that is being provided to all departments, reports which are available, the status of all major systems at Dalhousie, the communications plan, and the contingencies which are in place.

11. GINI

Dr. Slonim introduced the Global Information Networking Institute, which is intended to support multi-disciplinary, collaborative, shared, industry-related and wealth-creating research at Dalhousie. He also reported on the philosophy behind the Institute, projects which will be undertaken, the composition of the advisory boards, the types of research which will be undertaken, and the impact of the Institute within the region, the country, and internationally.

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An in Camera Session followed.

Murray Coolican
Honorary Secretary

Allan Shaw
Chair

For the information of Board Members, during the *In Camera* session, Dr. Daniel Woolf was appointed Acting Dean of Henson College until such time as a review is complete and the requirements for the position be determined, that period being May 1, 1999 to December 31, 1999.

Mr. Mike Roughneen reported that a tentative agreement had been reached with the International Union of Operating Engineers earlier today, the details of which will be released following ratification by the membership.

Attachment: Amendment P52-03.99 to the Pension Plan Text