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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

AGENDA

Tuesday, December 15, 1987 4:00 p.m.
Senate and Board Room
(All Board members are invited to attend)

1. Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of October 20, 1987 (previously circulated)
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Board Matters
 - (a) Board Membership
4. Academic Matters
 - (a) Implementation of Bachelor of Arts (Major) in Women's Studies (attached)
5. Reports of Standing Committees
 - (a) Finance and Budget Committee
 - (b) Staff Relations Committee - Report on Staff Changes (enclosed)
6. Report on NovaNet - (Dr. W. F. Birdsall, University Librarian)
7. Amendments to University Statute (attached)
8. President's Report
9. Other Business

Enclosed:

University Affairs - December 1987

Memorandum to the Board of Governors

The Board of Governors' approval is sought for the implementation of the following proposal.

Bachelor of Arts (Major) in Women's Studies

The proposed programme will organize existing offerings from eleven departments in the Faculty of Arts and Science into a framework for the study of the roles, contributions, and condition of women throughout all fields of enquiry. The programme will be offered with the cooperation of Mount Saint Vincent University and students will be required to take one-half credit class offered as part of that institution's Women's Studies programme. A Coordinator will be appointed to oversee the programme and to establish links with other local institutions offering or developing Women's Studies programmes.

The full cost of the programme is estimated to be \$3,850 annually. This includes an honorarium for the Coordinator and funding for curriculum and administrative expenses. As all courses are now in existence, there is no requirement for additional library, human or physical resources.

The proposal was approved by the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission at its meeting on November 2, 1987, on condition that (1) the University submit to the Commission a report on the transferability of credits for the programme, and (2) that a review of the programme be carried out and a report be submitted to the Commission following three years of operation.

December 1, 1987

December 3, 1987 - Revision

STATUTE REVISIONS

MOTION:

It is hereby resolved that the President be authorized to take whatever steps are necessary or advisable to have Chapter 24 of the Acts of Nova Scotia, 1863, as amended, and other Acts of the Province relating to the University revised by the Legislative Assembly of Nova Scotia to incorporate the following changes thereto. The President is also authorized to agree to amendments to the following changes as might be suggested to him by the Legislative Counsel or by the University Secretary and Legal Counsel provided such amendments are reported subsequently to the Board and do not affect in a substantive manner the nature of the following changes. It is understood and agreed that amendments to Chapter, Section or sub-section references in the following may be made at any time by the President provided they are consistent with the Acts of Nova Scotia.

1. Section 1 of Chapter 24 of the Acts of Nova Scotia of 1863 as amended is hereby amended by changing the period at the end of sub-section (l) thereof to a semi-colon and by adding the following sub-section (h) immediately following thereto:

(h) Four persons of the full-time academic staff nominated from time to time by the University Senate, and the Chair of the University Senate, and approved and appointed by the Board, provided participation in discussions of the Board on matters of collective bargaining shall be limited to those persons holding positions specifically excluded from the bargaining unit by the Collective Agreement and those holding comparable positions.

2. Section 2, sub-section 4 of Chapter 24 of the Acts of Nova Scotia of 1863 as amended by the Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1935, Chapter 104 is hereby repealed and sub-section 5 of the said Section 2 is hereby re-numbered to be sub-section 4.
3. Section 10, sub-section 1 of Chapter 24 of the Acts of Nova Scotia of 1863 as amended by the Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1967, Chapter 133, is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The internal regulation of Dalhousie College and University is committed to the University Senate, subject to the approval of the Board. The Membership of Senate shall be determined in accordance with the Constitutional Provisions Governing the Operations of Senate, as amended from time to time. Any change to the composition of Senate as defined in Section I(i) of the Constitutional Provisions Governing the Operations of Senate is subject to the approval of the Board.



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January 7, 1988

Members
Board of Governors
Dalhousie University
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Dear Colleagues:

Enclosed please find a copy of the minutes of the Executive Committee of the Board meeting of December 15, 1987. These minutes will be on the agenda for approval at the next Executive Committee meeting on February 16, 1988.

The next meeting of the Board of Governors will be held on January 19, 1988 in the Senate and Board Room in the Arts and Administration Building. The agenda for this meeting is enclosed with this mailing.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Christian (Mrs.)
Secretary
Board of Governors

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Minutes of the Meeting of the
Executive Committee of the Board
of Governors held on Tuesday,
December 15, 1987 at 4:00 p.m.
in the Board and Senate Room

Dalhousie University
Halifax, Nova Scotia

PRESENT: Mr. W. Struan Robertson Chairperson	Mrs. Shirlee Medjuck
Dr. Howard C. Clark President	Mr. George C. Piercey Vice-Chairperson
Mr. George Cooper	Mr. Allan C. Shaw Honorary Treasurer
Mr. James Cowan	Mrs. Peggy Weld Vice Chairperson
Dr. Donna Curry Honorary Secretary	Mr. Sherman Zwicker

Also present were Mr. Barrie Black, Mrs. Jean Harrington, Mrs. Vivian Layton, Dr. Albro MacKeen, Judge Ian Palmeter, Mrs. Ruth Pulsifer, Mr. George Thompson: Mr. Bryan G. Mason (Vice-President, Finance & Administration); Dr. A. M. Sinclair (Vice-President, Academic & Research); Mr. John Mabley (Assistant Vice-President, Development); Dr. Robert S. Rodger and Dr. William E. Jones (Observers for Senate); Professor David Lewis (Observer for Faculty Association); Mr. Brian Crocker (University Secretary and Legal Counsel); Mr. Mike Roughneen (Director of Personnel Services); Mr. Mike Wright (Director of Financial Services), Dr. W. F. Birdsall (University Librarian), and Mrs. Elizabeth A. Christian (Secretary).

Regrets were received from Mr. Norman Newman.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board held on October 20, 1987, which had been previously circulated, were approved.

Agenda

Item 4 was deleted from the agenda. Dr. Sinclair asked that an item regarding the university's policy on writers-in-residence be added to the agenda. This will be dealt with below. With these changes the agenda for the meeting was approved.

Board Membership

Dr. Clark reported that the terms of three Board members appointed by Governor in Council will end on June 30, 1988. There is also one vacancy on the Board to be filled. The Nominating Committee will meet in January to begin consideration of candidates for Board membership.

Artist-in- Residence

Policy Regarding Writers-in-Residence

In response to a query raised at the November Board meeting, Dr. Sinclair informed members that under a Canada Council programme which had been in effect until 1976-77 the University had five artists-in-residence in the Department of Theatre, three in the Department of Music, and one in the Department of English in 1976. Since the Canada Council programme was phased out the University has had no organized programme for this type of appointment other than on an ad hoc basis whenever funds were available. The possibility that Canada Council may again be providing funds for artist-in-residence positions will be investigated further.

Reports of
Standing
Committees

Finance and Budget Committee

Mr. Piercey reviewed a report of this committee which had been circulated at the meeting. (A copy of this report is attached to the minutes as Appendix A.) With regard to the 1987-88 operating budget, he noted that although some progress had been made in reducing the deficit of \$500,000 anticipated last June, it now appears unlikely the budget will be balanced by year end and that there will be a deficit of \$385,000 in this year's budget.

Mr. Piercey noted that while it would be some time before the degree of grant support from government would be known, a balanced budget is being planned for 1988-89. He commented on the principal features and implications of next year's budget and noted that in order to achieve a balanced budget all units in the university will be asked to reduce base expenditures by 3.6% in 1988-89.

Dr. Clark commented on the effects that the non replacement of 24 staff positions will have on programmes offered by the university, and said the Nova Scotian university presidents would be discussing their concerns about reduced government funding at a meeting with the Minister of Education scheduled later this week.

Staff Relations Committee

A report on staff changes had been circulated with the agenda and an Addendum (copy enclosed for members not present) was circulated at the meeting. Mr. Shaw drew attention to a few items of interest. Two minor corrections were noted which have been made on the official copy on record. Staff changes were then approved.

Novanet

Dr. William F. Birdsall, University Librarian, gave a report on the progress being made in the implementation of Novanet. Novanet is a cooperative project of the five metro universities. Its objective is to improve access for students, faculty and the general public to the library resources of the participating institutions through the creation of an online catalogue of the holdings of these universities. This integrated system will replace present obsolete automated systems and provide additional new features such as the online catalogue. The planning and implementation of Novanet has been underway since 1982. A GEAC library automated system is presently being installed. GEAC is the major Canadian vendor of automated library systems and has systems operating in major institutions in Canada, the United States, Great Britain, the Continent and Australia. The administration of Novanet is being handled through a Novanet Coordinating Committee which is part of the structure of Interuniversity Services Inc. The benefits of Novanet include greater access to metro university library resources, a reduction in duplication of library materials, and the avoidance of significant automation costs by each of the participating institutions. External funding is being sought from the provincial government and a major foundation. The target date for full implementation of the system is October 1988.

Novanet
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In answer to a question, Dr. Birdsall responded that despite Novanet the University Library system would be facing a serious space problem within five years, and that a study was now being undertaken to determine ways to improve the situation.

University Statute

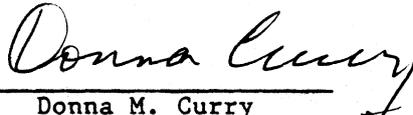
This matter had been deferred from the November Board meeting due to concern expressed over the inclusion of a particular phrase regarding confidential matters in the proposed revision to the university statute enabling four faculty members and the Chair of Senate to be appointed to the Board. A revised document deleting the phrase in question had been circulated with the agenda for this meeting. Dr. Clark reviewed the reasons for the proposed changes to the statute and answered questions raised by members. He reminded members that the wording of the motion was based on the non-official statute consolidation and that a copy of the draft Bill with revised statute references was available. It was suggested that the wording of the sentence describing the manner in which faculty members were nominated should be clarified, and an amendment proposed by Dr. Rodger was accepted. Dr. Clark informed those present that the Board would be given another opportunity to review the final revisions to the statute before legislation is passed. Those present then approved the amended changes to the university statute as set out in the motion attached to these minutes as Appendix B.

President's Report

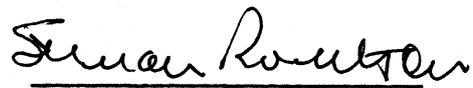
This report was distributed at the meeting and a copy is attached to the minutes as Appendix C. Dr. Clark elaborated on the items contained in his report. In the ensuing discussion concerns were raised about the possibility of a large number of community colleges being established in the province and the effect these might have on the government's financial support for universities. There was a general concensus that the government should be made fully aware of the university's concerns when it responded to the discussion paper on community colleges in January. Dr. Clark advised that a copy of the university's response would be distributed to Board members.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.



Donna M. Curry
Honorary Secretary



W. Struan Robertson
Chairperson