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Minutes of the Meeting of the
Board of Governors held on
Tuesday, January 20, 1987 at
4:00 p.m. in the Board and Senate Room

Dalhousie University
Halifax, Nova Scotia

PRESENT: Mr. W. Struan Robertson	Mrs. Annemarie Macdonald
Chairperson	Ms. Bernadette Macdonald
Dr. Howard C. Clark	Dr. Albro MacKeen
President	Mr. Jamie MacMullin
Mr. Barrie Black	Mrs. Shirley Medjuck
Mr. James Cowan	Chief Judge Ian Palmeter
Dr. Donna Curry	Ms. Jolene Pattison
Mrs. Betty Flinn	Mr. George C. Piercey
Mrs. Jean Harrington	Dr. Henry Roper
Mr. Donald Kerr	Mr. Allan C. Shaw
Ms. Mary Lamb	Mr. Jonathan Tarlton
Mr. Gordon Lawley	Mr. Tom Taylor
Mr. John Lindsay	Ms. Maxine Tynes

Also present were Mr. Bryan G. Mason (Vice-President, Finance & Administration); Dr. A. M. Sinclair (Vice-President, Academic & Research); Mr. John W. Graham (Assistant Vice-President (University Services)); Dr. W. E. Jones (Chairperson of Senate); Dr. Robert S. Rodger (Observer for Senate); Dr. Marcia Ozier (Observer for Faculty Association); Mr. Brian Crocker (Legal Advisor to the President); Mr. Mike Wright (Director of Financial Services); Mr. Val Traversy (Coordinator of Policy); Mr. Peter Jones (Director of Computing & Information Services); and Mrs. Elizabeth A. Christian (Secretary).

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed Ms. Bernadette Macdonald to her first meeting as a representative of the Alumni Association.

Minutes

Dr. Rodger asked that the minutes of the Board meeting held on November 18, 1986, which had been previously circulated, be corrected to accurately reflect his reason for raising the question about staff matters being treated in camera. The minutes were then approved.

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on December 16, 1986 were also approved.

Agenda

Dr. Clark noted that the document "Management Report - Administrative Productivity Project" circulated by Mr. Mason prior to the meeting was for the information of Board members at this stage and might be placed on the agenda for the next meeting if members so wished. (A copy of this report is attached as Appendix A.)

Board
Matters

(a) Board Membership

President Clark reported that the Nominating Committee will meet the following day to begin consideration of nominations for membership on the Board and on Board committees. The Committee will report back to the Board.

Board
Matters

(b) Representative on Senate Financial Planning Committee

Dr. Clark advised members that the Officers had recommended the appointment of Mr. George Piercey as Board representative on the Senate Financial Planning Committee. The Board confirmed this appointment.

(c) Appointment of Secretary to the Board

Dr. Clark reported that Dr. Arnold Tingley, former Secretary to the Board, had completed his full-time employment at the University in December but would be continuing with some responsibilities until the end of June. He recommended that Mrs. Elizabeth Christian be appointed Secretary to the Board as Dr. Tingley's successor. This recommendation was approved.

Members present recorded their appreciation of Dr. Tingley's service to the Board for the past five years and unanimously agreed a letter be written to him conveying this appreciation.

Academic
Matters

**School of Library Service
Master of Library Service**

Information about this item had been circulated with the agenda. Vice-President Sinclair explained that the proposal to change the names of the School and Master's degree in Library Service resulted from a change in technology in the libraries which were now more computer oriented. The following motions were presented and approved.

THAT the proposal of Senate for a change in title of the School of Library Service to the School of Library and Information Studies be approved.

THAT the proposal of Senate for a change in the name of the degree of Master of Library Service to Master of Library and Information Studies be approved.

Committee
Reports

Finance and Budget Committee

Mr. Piercey advised that the Finance and Budget Committee was now considering the 1987-88 budget and that a budget book has been prepared. He pointed out that the task of achieving a balanced budget will be difficult and will require substantial cuts. The degree of government funding to the university was not yet known. The Board will be kept informed of progress.

In answer to a question concerning the grant for the Medical School the President stated that discussions had already begun with government officials about funding for the current and subsequent years and that he hoped agreement would be reached later this month. Dr. Rodger expressed concern that there was adequate representation from the Medical School involved in these discussions and Dr. Clark gave assurances that such was the case.

Committee
Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee

Mr. Cowan reported that planning for the Law School was continuing with a targetted budget of \$7.5 million. He invited interested members to view a model of the planned addition which is on display in the Law House on Henry Street.

Work on the extension to the Chemistry Building is continuing, with excavation about 80% complete, structure below ground about 75% and above ground about 10% complete, and backfilling about 50% complete. Costs for the extension are on budget at present.

Construction of the women's residence commenced on January 7 and is proceeding on schedule with about one-half of the excavation done and concrete being poured. The project is scheduled for completion the end of August this year and is presently on budget.

Campaign

President Clark reported the Campaign is progressing very well with \$19.2 million of its \$25 million goal committed from the private sector as of two days ago. He drew attention to the gratifying contribution from the campus community which was over the target set.

Academic
Mainframe
Computer

Information about this item had been previously circulated. Mr. Mason reminded members that at its December meeting Officers of the Board had been given authority to consider and decide on the purchase of an academic mainframe computer. After careful consideration of several proposals, the Officers had approved the purchase of a Digital Equipment VAX 8800 at a total cost of \$1.77 million. The new facility will be phased in in three stages over a two-year period beginning this spring, with the first phase costing \$1.4 million. Mr. Mason indicated funding for this project would come from Campaign monies.

Advisory
Council
on
Athletics

Dr. Clark advised members that in a report submitted last year to his predecessor a committee reviewing athletics in the University had recommended the establishment of an Advisory Council on Athletics. He reported the Council had now been established and that Mr. Wickwire had agreed to serve as chairperson. (A copy of the terms of reference and membership of the Council is attached as Appendix B.)

President's
Council

Dr. Donna Curry reported that the President's Council had met in December and agreed that it should continue to function for as long as it is of value to the President. Meetings will be held at the President's pleasure. She advised Council would be meeting again next week.

Ex Gratia
Payments to
Retirees

A document on this item had been previously circulated. At the request of Mr. Bryan Mason the Board approved the following motion.

THAT the Board of Governors approve that all persons in receipt of a Dalhousie University pension who received an ex-gratia payment authorized by the Board in 1986 receive an ex-gratia payment for the same amount in January 1987.

President's
Report

This report was circulated to those present and a copy is attached hereto as Appendix C.

In reviewing this report the President mentioned that he believed that the provincial government had recently reaffirmed that its contribution to Dalhousie in terms of capital funds over the 1986-91 period will be \$10 million and not \$12 million. Dr. Clark also commented on the MPHEC Financial Plan which had been released today and which recommended to government an increase of 6.5% in funding for the universities this year. There has been no indication yet of government's response to this recommendation.

Mr. MacMullin, President of the Student Union, paid tribute to Mr. John Graham, who will be retiring this year, and thanked him for his great contribution to students during his long service at the University. He also expressed pleasure with the scholarship programme mentioned in the President's Report and for the opportunity students will have to meet with the consultant who will be assessing recruitment and admission procedures at Dalhousie.

Staff
Changes

A report on staff changes had been circulated, and an Addendum was circulated to those present at the meeting. Mr. Shaw drew attention to some items of special interest. One correction was noted which has been made on the copies in the official files.

Dalhousie
Staff
Association

The Chairman noted the presence of members of the Dalhousie Staff Association and welcomed them to the meeting.

Mr. Allan Shaw reported that negotiations with the Staff Association were now in conciliation, that the issues are more complex than in the past, and that progress continues to be made.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.



Donna M. Curry
Honorary Secretary



W. Struan Robertson
Chairperson