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**Board of Governors Meeting
Dalhousie University
October 14, 2003**

Participating were:

Mr. James Cowan Chair	Dr. Sunny Marche
Mr. Wesley Campbell	Mr. Robert Radchuck
Mr. Gerald Clarke	Ms. Suzanne Rosson
Hon. Lorne Clarke	Dr. Michael Shepherd
Mr. Ezra Edeilstein	Dr. Alasdair Sinclair
Dr. Mohamed El-Hawary	Dr. Jim Spatz
Ms. Johanne Galarneau	Ms. Nancy Tower
Ms. Jillian Houlihan	Mr. Bruce Towler
Dr. Lucy Ellen Canary	Dr. Tom Traves President
Dr. Daurene Lewis	

Dr. Richard Goldbloom
Chancellor

Regrets from: Ms. Elizabeth Beale, Mr. Murray Coolican, Mr. Jay Forbes, Ms. Lynn Irving, Mr. Colin Latham, Ms. Cathy MacNutt, Mr. Don Mills, Mr. John Risley, and Mr. Peter Stuart.

Also participating were: Dr. Carl Breckenridge (Vice-President Research), Dr. Dale Godsoe (Vice-President External), Mr. Bryan Mason (Vice-President Finance and Administration), Mr. Eric McKee (Vice-President Student Services), Dr. Sam Scully (Vice-President Academic and Provost); Ms. Karen Crombie (Acting University Legal Counsel); Mr. Brian Christie (Executive Director, Institutional Affairs); Ms. Gillian Wood (Director, Government Relations); Ms. Catherine Young (Manager, Internal Communications); and Ms. Sharlene Drake (Secretary).

- 1. Approval of Proposed Agenda**
The agenda was approved as presented.
- 2. Approval of minutes for the June 17, 2003 Board meeting**
The minutes were approved as distributed.

3. Report of the Chair

Mr. Cowan reported on the following:

- He welcomed Dr. Sunny Marche to the Board and noted that Dr. Marche is a representative of the Senate.
- He noted that this was the last meeting for Ms. Johanne Galarneau and thanked her for her many contributions not only to the Board but to the wider community.
- Mr. Cowan thanked Mr. Brian Christie for his service to Dalhousie as Executive Director of the Office of Institutional Affairs since 1984 and wished him well in his new position in Regina.
- Mr. Cowan then noted that three of the Members of the Board had recently received honours:
 - ① Lucy Ellen Canary has been awarded the APENS Gold Medal, an award of distinction to outstanding Nova Scotia Engineers to recognize exceptional achievements in their field as well as outstanding service to the community and professional service.
 - ② John Risley will be honoured by the Boy Scouts of Canada as this year's recipient of the National Salute Award which recognizes Canada's top business and community leaders who exemplify Scouting's principles of character and leadership in their lives.
 - ③ Nancy Tower recently received the designation of Fellow of the Chartered Accountants which is awarded to those who have rendered meritorious service to the profession or whose career achievement or achievements in the community have brought honor to the profession.

4. Report of the President

President Traves reported on the following:

- ① the effect of Hurricane Juan on campus and noted that classes had been cancelled for one week. Subsequently, Senate adopted a motion to extend classes until Dec. 5 (from Dec. 1) and compress the exam schedule.
- ② 450 students from Fenwick Towers' were evacuated and were moved to hotels. Since then, 80 per cent of the students have moved back into Fenwick leaving about 50 students still in hotels. Many people on campus - Security, Student Services, Housing and Conference Services, Facilities Management - helped clean up the campus and assist students. He also noted that the University is now evaluating its reaction to the storm.
- ③ Fall Convocations takes place on Oct. 18. Former diplomat Reid Morden and former Dalhousie President Andrew MacKay will receive honorary degrees.
- ④ the surrounding neighbourhoods have been pressured by the increasing numbers of students; therefore, a meeting with area residents is planned. The President stated that disciplinary action could be considered in future against students who exhibit disruptive behaviour. He asked Board Members to tell concerned neighbours that we are aware of the problems and are dealing with them.

- ⑤ research income is now up to \$77 million dollars, while contract income remains flat. In all, however, it has been a successful year for researchers.
- ⑥ the Management Without Borders campaign will be officially conclude on October 15, 2003, when a ceremony will be held to announce that the new building will be called the Kenneth C. Rowe Management Building in honour of the I.M.P Aerospace President.
- ⑦ The Faculty of Management is going through accreditation; if successful, it will be the first school of business in the region to achieve this.
- ⑧ Finally, the President saluted Brian Christie for his work and then welcomed Gillian Wood, the new Director of Government Relations, to the University.

5. Report from the Dalhousie Student Union

Johanne Galarneau reported that:

- this year's Shinerama generated a record \$58,000 during Frosh Week.
- directed Board members to the DSU's new Web site: <http://www/dsu.ca>
- the DSU is lobbying government about crushing student debt levels.
- there are many complaints about noise in the neighbourhood this year. Complaints are coming from Law, Medicine and graduate students.
- Traffic and pedestrian crossings are a problem even where signs are posted.

In her last address to the Board, Galarneau noted that during her six years at Dalhousie, her tuition has increased markedly. She urged the Board to address the issues of tuition and services to student.

6. Reports of the Standing Committees

Academic Affairs Committee

Dr. Sinclair reported that the Committee has been having discussions regarding the implications of costs, space, and staff requirements for all new programs being considered for approval.

7. Enrolment update

Vice-President Eric McKee noted that enrolments are up substantially this year. While numbers are on target in most areas, enrolment is lower than expected in Computer Science and Engineering and there appears to be some slippage in numbers of students from Metro and Nova Scotia. He also was please to report that there is a 21 per cent increase in international students. With a few exceptions, McKee noted that we are on target according to the enrolment management plan.

8. Update on construction projects

Mr. MacKee reported on progress on the new residence currently being constructed behind the Student Union Building. This building is expected to be ready for occupancy by September 2004. Mr. Mason reported that an additional floor had been added to the N Building on the Sexton Campus; design and development is being finalized for the Management Building; the addition to the parkade adjacent to the Central Services Building is behind schedule due to problems with City regulations; the Department of Costume Studies has been relocated from Carlton House to City Centre Atlantic as will Henson College; the current Henson College facility will be demolished in early 2004; over the summer in excess of \$800,000 was spent to construct, refurbish, and refurbish classroom spaces; external restoration work continues on the Forest Building; repairs were completed on the roof of the Student Union Building roof; the renovations to the fourth floor of the Computer Science Building are underway; a one hundred year lease has been signed with the Provincial Government for Gerard Hall. Mr. Mason then reported that, to date, the insured losses resulting from Hurricane Juan are \$1.8 million.

The meeting then moved to an *In Camera* session where the President updated Board Members on the Strategic Focus Plan; Dr. Scully reported on plans to recruit and retain faculty members; and the Annual Report from the President and Vice-Presidents was presented. Additionally, Dr. Marian Binkley was reappointed as Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences for the period July 01, 2004 to June 30, 2009; Dr. Harold Cook was appointed Acting Dean of the Faculty of Medicine until a search is completed; the appointment of Dr. William Moss was extended for a six-month period until the review of his position is completed; Dr. Andrew Cochrane term of Acting Dean of the Faculty of Henson College until the search is completed on December 31, 2003.

Don Mills
Honorary Secretary

James Cowan
Chair

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