

Meeting # 1

APPROVED

DALHOUSIE FACULTY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING held on Tuesday, 23 June 2009 at 10:30 a.m. in the DFA Conference Room, 6280 South Street

Present: T. Mitchell (President, in the chair), S. Adl, C. Dawson, D. Mensink, O. Sy, D. Tindall, S. Budge, S. Gadbois, S. Holmes, T. Juckes, R. Kroeker, G. MacNairn, N. McAllister-Irwin, C. Penney, R. Whyte and, by invitation, B. MacLennan and L. Purves

Regrets: J. Adams and T. Bishop

T. Mitchell thanked Executive members for attending the orientation session.

1.1 Adoption of the Agenda

By consensus, the agenda was adopted as circulated.

1.2 Minutes of 5 May 2009

MOTION 1.2 “That the minutes of 5 May 2009 be approved”
(Holmes/Sy) **CARRIED**

1.3 Matters Arising

Item 17.1 on 5 May 2009: Equity. T. Mitchell noted that Equity will be kept on future Executive agendas. She consulted with A. Stewart on the matter. She noted that she is reading his recently published book entitled “You Must Be a Basketball Player: Rethinking Integration in the University”. B. Best-Fleming, Human Rights & Equity Advisor, will be invited to an upcoming Executive meeting sometime during the summer.

1.4 Nominating Committee

T. Mitchell noted that the Nominating Committee needs one more volunteer to proceed with finding candidates to fill vacancies on several committees.

1.5 Report from the Treasurer

O. Sy reported that the Treasury Board met to discuss two requests for donations, one from the Nova Scotia Gambia Association and the other from WUSC. The DFA have provided donations to the Nova Scotia Gambia Association in the past which assist with health education. WUSC receives annual support from the DFA but this was a special request from WUSC to contribute to a pilot project toward the tuition of two students in Ghana. Normally, ad hoc requests are received and considered by the Executive. B. MacLennan clarified that requests from organizations engaged in education or labour issues were within our mandate to support. Upon hearing further suggestions, T. Mitchell suggested that in future the DFA may want to consider donations to other types of organizations and, possibly, as part of a public relations strategy.

MOTION 1.5.1 “That a donation of \$1000 be made to the Nova Scotia Gambia Association for the purpose of health education” (Sy/Mensink) **CARRIED**

MOTION 1.5.2 "That a donation of \$1100 be made to World University Service of Canada (WUSC) for the purpose of assisting with tuition costs in the Twinning Partnership with the WUSC Local Committee at the University of Development Studies (UDS) in Wa, Ghana." (Sy/Mensink) **CARRIED**

1.6 Report from the Grievance Committee

MOTION 1.6.1 “That we move in camera.” (Dawson/Sy) **CARRIED**

The following was to be reported out of camera:

MOTION 1.6.2 “That S. Adl be appointed as a member of the Grievance Committee” (Mitchell/Dawson) **CARRIED**

MOTION 1.6.3 “That C. Dawson be appointed as a member and Chair of the Grievance Committee” (Mitchell/Mensink) **CARRIED**

There was nothing further to report out of camera on this matter.

1.7 Report from the Association-Board

There was nothing to report out of camera on this matter.

MOTION 1.7 “That we return to normal procedures.” (Mitchell/Whyte)
CARRIED

1.8 Collaborative Forums

T. Mitchell noted that there was one Collaborative Forum meeting which occurred in December 2008 with senior administration representatives and now another is being planned. T. Mitchell and D. Mensink explained that these forums aimed to foster better relations between the DFA and the administration. They serve the purpose of improving the understanding of each other’s perspectives on issues and promoting congeniality.

1.9 Next Executive Committee Meeting

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for 11 August 2009 at 10:30 a.m.

1.10 Any Other Business

1.10.1. Environmental Health and Safety Award. T. Mitchell noted that two DFA Members, P. Wallace and P. Amyotte, were each recipients of an Environmental Health and Safety Award by Dalhousie for 2009.

1.10.2 University Employee Survey. T. Mitchell reported that the report from President Traves’s university employee survey is now with the Board and that K. Sheehan, Vice-President (Human Resources) suggested meeting with the DFA to review the report. The DFA will arrange a meeting time at an early September Executive meeting.

1.10.3 DFA Recruitment Drive- Clinical Medicine. R. Whyte requested that the DFA place on the agenda a recruitment drive for clinical faculty in the Faculty of Medicine, who are excluded from the Bargaining Unit, but could become Association members.

1.10.4 CAUT Librarian’s Conference. G. MacNairn requested that the Executive consider sending two Librarian representatives to the upcoming CAUT Librarian’s Conference. The DFA Treasury Board will address this today at its meeting. The DFA 2009-10 budget does provide an amount of funding for various conferences. This request will be considered when the Treasury Board meets and G. MacNairn will be contacted subsequently.

The meeting adjourned on motion (Mensink) at 11:35 a.m.