

## Meeting # 8

APPROVED

### DALHOUSIE FACULTY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING held on Friday, 22 January 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in the DFA Conference Room, 6280 South Street

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**Present:** T. Mitchell (President, in the chair), S. Adl, C. Dawson, D. Mensink, P. Stevens, D. Tindall, J. Adams, T. Bishop, S. Holmes, T. Jukes, R. Kroeker, G. MacNairn, N. McAllister-Irwin, C. Penney, R. Whyte and, by invitation, B. MacLennan, L. Purves and R. Owen

**Regrets:** S. Budge

T. Mitchell called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

#### 8.1 Adoption of the Agenda

**MOTION 8.1** "That the agenda be adopted as circulated."  
(Holmes/Whyte) **CARRIED**

#### 8.2 Minutes of 3 December 2009

**MOTION 8.2** "That the minutes of 3 December 2009 be approved as circulated." (Dawson/Whyte) **CARRIED**

#### 8.3 Matters Arising

**8.3.1 Re: Item 7.3.1. Recovery of Misappropriated Funds Update and Staffing Update.** T. Mitchell reported the detective has obtained the bank documents of the former employee and will be reviewing them. The DFA has not received any garnisheed wages to date from the former employee. T. Mitchell will make inquiries with R. Larkin. The new staff employee, L. Robertson, has put in many additional hours and has caught up on the backlog of bookkeeping work, with much appreciation from the staff and DFA.

**8.3.2 Re: Item 7.5.1. President's Trip to Lakehead University.** T. Mitchell reported she attended the rally in support of the faculty at Lakehead and that the arbitration on the four-day unpaid leave is on-going.

#### 8.4 Sustainable Transportation Presentation

Rochelle Owen, Director of the Office of Sustainability, gave a 15-20 minute presentation on the draft sustainable transportation options plan for Dalhousie. A PowerPoint presentation and a PDF file of background information were circulated to the Executive in advance. The summary of the material raised questions for clarification.

The definition of “sustainable” is so broad as to include everything except single person vehicle. This was not received as being “sustainable”; there seems to be an attempt at accounting for the diversity of commuting modes. In addition, since gas usage was not taken into account, the data is too crude to assert any impact of multiple person vehicles. The office is seeking partnerships to fund bike programs and “guaranteed ride home” programs. However these are not advertised and are unknown across campus. The number of “50 bikes” is too small to affect Dalhousie transportation issues. It was not clear why the University expects parking revenue to pay for outside maintenance. These expenses, such as sidewalk snow removal, would be endured even if the campus did not have any parking. The mechanism of parking spot allocation was also discussed. It was not clear that the office had in its focus effective mechanisms to shift towards sustainable transportation.

The membership was asked to bring ideas forward to the Office of Sustainability.

At this point, R. Owen and S. Holmes left the meeting.

#### 8.5 Report from Grievance Committee

**MOTION 8.5** “That we move in camera.” (Mensink/MacNairn) **CARRIED**

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

At this point, T. Bishop and T. Juckes left the meeting and S. Holmes returned to the meeting.

#### 8.6 Collaborative Forum

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

At this point, R. Kroeker left the meeting.

**MOTION 8.6** “That we return to normal procedures.” (Dawson /MacNairn) **CARRIED**

### 8.7 Association Membership

R. Whyte suggested that joining the DFA as non-bargaining unit members may be of interest to the Faculty of Medicine clinical faculty. He will obtain more information on the number of faculty who may be implicated and bring this back to the Executive at a later date.

At this point, N. McAllister-Irwin left the meeting.

### 8.8 Committee on Committees

**MOTION 8.8.1** "That P. Huber be put forward as the DFA nominee for appointment by the Board to the University Pension Plan Trust Fund and the Retirees Trust Fund." (Adams on behalf of the Committee on Committees) **CARRIED**

**MOTION 8.8.2** "That the dues specified in DFA By-Law 4.1.4 be waived in the case of P. Huber, while he holds a position as the DFA nominee for appointment by the Board to the University Pension Plan Trust Fund and the Retirees Trust Fund." (Mensink/Stevens) **CARRIED**

### 8.9 WUSC Representative

T. Mitchell reported that P. Wallace retired and K. Kesselring replaced him as the WUSC representative.

### 8.10 Next Meeting of the Executive Committee

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Friday, 12 February 2010 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

At this point R. Whyte left the meeting.

### 8.11 Any Other Business

T. Mitchell reminded the Executive that both the equity issue and the membership renewal issue would be brought back to the agenda.

The meeting adjourned on motion (MacNairn) at 11:00 a.m.