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Summary information

Repository:	Dalhousie University Archives
Title:	Board of Governors of Dalhousie University fonds
Reference code:	UA-1
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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Board of Governors of Dalhousie University is responsible for the overall conduct, management, administration and control of the property, revenue and business of the university. The board represents the interests of the institution in directing its affairs within the statutes relating to Dalhousie University. The board maintains a stewardship role, delegating the day-to-day management of the university to the president and the senior administration. The board also respects the responsibility of the University Senate to adopt policies on academic matters subject to board approval.

In 1818 Lord Dalhousie formed a Board of Trustees to oversee the building and establishment of the college. These trustees—local religious leaders and representatives from the Nova Scotia government—formed the basis of the seven-member Board of Governors incorporated in 1821. Since then the administrative structure of the board has undergone many changes. It was dissolved in 1840 and reformed to facilitate the growth of the new college. In 1863 an “Act for the Regulation and Support of Dalhousie College” replaced all earlier statutes regarding the board. The 1935 Dalhousie Act changed the way board members were appointed, attempted to create a closer working relationship between the University Senate and the Board of Governors, and formed an Executive Committee with the power to act between meetings.

The Board of Governors currently has a membership of twenty-six people, including ex-officio members, alumni, faculty and student representatives, who form internal committees dedicated to specific areas of university affairs ranging from staff relations to pension investments.

Past chairs include Lord Dalhousie (1818-1820); James Kempt (1820-1826); M. Wallace (1826-1836); Sir Colin Campbell (1836-1840); Lord Falkland (1840-1848); Sir William Young (1848-1885); Sir Adams G. Archibald (1885-1893); John Doull (1893-1900); John F. Stairs (1900-1905); Thomas Ritchie (1905-1908); George S. Campbell (1908-1929); G. Fred Pearson (1929-1932); Hector McInnes

(1932-1938); James McGregor Stewart (1938-1942); Lieutenant-Colonel K.C. Laurie (1942-1957); Brigadier H.V.D. Laing (1957-1959); Donald McInnes (1959-1968); A.G. Archibald (1981-1986); W. Struan Robertson (1986-1991); George C. Piercy (1991-1993); Allan C. Shaw (1993-2000); James S. Cowan (2000-2008); Jim Spatz (2008-2014); and Larry Stordy (2014-).

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The Maritime School of Social Work was incorporated in April 1941 as an independent school in response to a long recognized need for professionally educated social workers in the region. In the early years classes were taught by a cadre of volunteers drawn from various related professions under the supervision of the school's first director, Samuel Henry Prince. Professor of Sociology at Dalhousie and the University of King's College, Prince created the school's official emblem—a lighthouse emanating rays of light—a symbol of what he called “the epitome of the two-fold character of all social service: prevention and rescue.”

In 1944 Phyllis Burns became the school's first full-time employee; she was appointed as Assistant Director and Registrar and was responsible for teaching classes in child and family welfare. In 1949 Lawrence T. Hancock was appointed as the first regular Director of the School, a position he held until 1973. It was during his tenure that the school amalgamated with Dalhousie University in 1969 and received accreditation in both Canada and the United States.

Initially falling under the auspices of the Faculty of Administration, the Maritime School of Social Work is currently one of eight schools and a college grouped within the university's Faculty of Health Professions. The political, social, cultural and economic conditions of the region continue to give direction to the school's teaching; specifically, its degree and certificate programs were designed to meet the needs of the region's Mi'kmaq population. It has maintained an affirmative action admissions program since the mid-1970s and makes special efforts to accommodate the diversity of its student population. In the early 1980s the school added a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree program, while the Masters program (MSW) was reorganized into a one-year course of study for BSW graduates. With the advent of the BSW program, an off-site program was developed to reach students in Sydney, Saint John and Charlottetown. Since 2001 the school has offered distance delivery to students across Canada via the Internet. It also provides a continuing education program for practising professions, including workshops and certificate courses in the practice of social work.

Custodial history

Fonds donated to the Archives by the Board of Governors' Office in several accessions since the 1970s.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of materials created and collected by Dalhousie University's Board of Governors and its various committees. Documents reflect all aspects of the Board's sphere of responsibility and include correspondence with members and outside individuals and agencies; meeting minutes and agendas;

reports created or reviewed by the Board; annual reports; financial documents which include ledgers, budgets, statements, and other materials; officer lists; orientation packages for members; and various other materials related to the overall management of the university and its assets.

Notes

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Restrictions on access

In camera session documents closed.

Finding aids

Finding aid available onsite.

Related material

Dalhousie University Calendars contain the names and positions of all Dalhousie board members. See the Calendar of 1907-1908 for a list of all board members prior to 1908 beginning on page 157.

Accruals

Further accruals are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)
- College administrators--Canada (subject)
- Dalhousie University--History (subject)
- Dalhousie University--Presidents and Vice-Chancellors (subject)
- Minutes and proceedings (subject)
- Reports, publications, studies, and documentation (subject)
- Universities and colleges--Administration--Canada (subject)
- Halifax (N.S.) (place)

Bibliography

Dalhousie University Calendars. 1865/1866 - 2006/2007. Harvey, D.C. An Introduction to the History of Dalhousie University. 1938. Senior Administration. (n.d.). Dalhousie University. 13 June 2006 <http://senioradministration.dal.ca/sr_admin_1100.html>; Waite, Peter B. The Lives of Dalhousie University. 2 vols. Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 1994, 1998.

Collection holdings

File: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 1 - Correspondence between Charles Robson and [George] Thomson regarding mortgage arrears

Title: Correspondence between Charles Robson and [George] Thomson regarding mortgage arrears

Reference code: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 1

Date: 1872 (date of creation)

Physical description: 2 pages

File: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 2 - Indenture reassigning mortgage from J. Thomson to C.B. Hume

Title: Indenture reassigning mortgage from J. Thomson to C.B. Hume

Reference code: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 2

Date: 1872 (date of creation)

Physical description: 4 pages

File: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 3 - Indenture reassigning mortgage from Joseph Bell to Alexander McLeod

Title: Indenture reassigning mortgage from Joseph Bell to Alexander McLeod

Reference code: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 3

Date: 1881 (date of creation)

Physical description: 4 pages

File: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 4 - Letter from Adam Burns to George Tomson, Treasurer of Dalhousie College, regarding \$500 donation to endowment fund

Title: Letter from Adam Burns to George Tomson, Treasurer of Dalhousie College, regarding \$500 donation to endowment fund

Reference code: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 4

Date: 1882 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 page

File: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 5 - Resolution, signed mortgage deed, mortgage agreements, labour and material and performance bonds for construction of Life Sciences Building

Title: Resolution, signed mortgage deed, mortgage agreements, labour and material and performance bonds for construction of Life Sciences Building

Reference code: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 5

Date: 1969-1972 (date of creation)

Physical description: 0.5 cm of textual records

File: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 6 - Correspondence and lease between Governors of Dalhousie College and University and the Bank of Montreal regarding space in Student Union Building

Title: Correspondence and lease between Governors of Dalhousie College and University and the Bank of Montreal regarding space in Student Union Building

Reference code: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 6

Physical description: 0.25 cm of textual records

File: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 7 - Lease agreement between Thomas Martin and Governors of Dalhousie College

Title: Lease agreement between Thomas Martin and Governors of Dalhousie College

Reference code: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 7

Date: 1887 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 page

File: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 8 - Deed of sale granting property from Helen H. MacGregor to Donald A. Campbell

Title: Deed of sale granting property from Helen H. MacGregor to Donald A. Campbell

Reference code: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 8

Date: 1888 (date of creation)

Physical description: 0.25 cm of textual records

File: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 9 - Deed of sale transferring property from John A. Sinclair to Alexander McLeod

Title: Deed of sale transferring property from John A. Sinclair to Alexander McLeod

Reference code: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 9

Date: 1872 (date of creation)

Physical description: 3 pages

File: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 10 - Lease agreement between the Governors of Dalhousie College and Charles and Frederik Kaizer

Title: Lease agreement between the Governors of Dalhousie College and Charles and Frederik Kaizer

Reference code: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 10

Date: 1887 (date of creation)

Physical description: 3 pages

File: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 11 - Memorandums of collateral security desposits to Bank of Nova Scotia bythe Governors of Dalhousie College

Title: Memorandums of collateral security desposits to Bank of Nova Scotia bythe Governors of Dalhousie College

Reference code: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 11

Date: 1887 (date of creation)

Physical description: 4 pages

File: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 12 - Lease agreement between Thomas P. Connolly and the Governors of Dalhousie College

Title: Lease agreement between Thomas P. Connolly and the Governors of Dalhousie College

Reference code: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 12

Date: 1886 (date of creation)

Physical description: 3 pages

File: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 13 - Agreement and receipts of renewal premiums for the guarantee of Hector McInnes, Treasurer of the Board of Governors of Dalhousie College

Title: Agreement and receipts of renewal premiums for the guarantee of Hector McInnes, Treasurer of the Board of Governors of Dalhousie College

Reference code: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 13

Date: 1898-1906 (date of creation)

Physical description: 4 pages

File: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 14 - Lease agreement between City of Halifax and Governors of Dalhousie College

Title: Lease agreement between City of Halifax and Governors of Dalhousie College

Reference code: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 14

Date: 1886 (date of creation)

Physical description: 2 pages

File: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 15 - Survey map and deed of sale transferring property from Samuel Story to Alexander Mcleod, and later deed and sketch regarding transfer of small strip of neighbouring property from Alexander McLeod to Peter Ross

Title: Survey map and deed of sale transferring property from Samuel Story to Alexander Mcleod, and later deed and sketch regarding transfer of small strip of neighbouring property from Alexander McLeod to Peter Ross

Reference code: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 15

Date: 1847; 1866 (date of creation)

Physical description: 6 pages

File: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 16 - Bond guaranteeing loan from John B. Elliot and John Fuller to William Murdock

Title: Bond guaranteeing loan from John B. Elliot and John Fuller to William Murdock

Reference code: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 16

Date: 1860 (date of creation)

Physical description: 4 pages

File: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 17 - Loan agreement between Eastern Trust Company and Dalhousie University

Title: Loan agreement between Eastern Trust Company and Dalhousie University

Reference code: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 17

Date: 1935 (date of creation)

Physical description: 2 pages

File: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 18 - Lease agreement between executors of Alexander Mcleod's will and James E. Wilson

Title: Lease agreement between executors of Alexander Mcleod's will and James E. Wilson

Reference code: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 18

Date: 1883 (date of creation)

Physical description: 6 pages

File: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 19 - Lease agreement between executors of Alexander McLeod and George C. Kelly

Title: Lease agreement between executors of Alexander McLeod and George C. Kelly

Reference code: UA-1, Box 63, Folder 19

Date: 1884 (date of creation)

Physical description: 4 pages

File: Invoices and receipts for Dalhousie College

Title: Invoices and receipts for Dalhousie College

Date: 1883- (date of creation)

File: UA-1, Box 64, Folder 6 - Schedules of investments and securities

Title: Schedules of investments and securities

Reference code: UA-1, Box 64, Folder 6

Date: 1885-1911 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records
