CARLETON COLLEGE

68th Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Ottawa Association for the Advancement of Learning

Special Joint Meeting of
The Board of Governors and
The Ottawa Association for the Advancement of Learning

TIME:
Thursday, January 17, 1952, at 12:30 p.m.

PLACE:
Faculty Room, Carleton College.

PRESENT:
Dr. H. S. Southam, Mr. V. S. Castledine, Mr. J. E. Coyne, Dr. McGregor Easson, Col. C. M. Edwards, Mr. C. C. Gibson, Mr. H. R. T. Gill, Dr. W. C. Macartney, Mr. J. McCulley, Mr. W. D. McKewen, Dr. M. M. MacOdrum, Mr. A. E. MacRae, Mr. Norman Wilson. Also present: Mr. E. K. Davidson, Dr. Florence Dunlop, Mr. H. Groh, Mr. W. B. Herbert, Mr. A. L. Neal, Col. J. B. McFarlane, Dr. E. P. Sheffield and Mr. F. J. Turner.

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ACT:
The Chairman drew to the attention of the meeting the minutes of the previous (67th) meeting of the Board by which he and the President had been authorized to prepare and to present to the Ontario Legislature a private bill to secure a charter for the College. He reported that it had seemed proper to them in view of the importance of the legislation to have this draft bill considered in detail by the Executive Committee and that this special joint meeting of the Board and Association was called to consider and ratify or change the draft bill as recommended by the Executive Committee. He then called on the President to give a brief resume of the circumstances leading up to the decision to present such a draft bill.

The President started his resume with the incorporation through the Companies Act of Ontario of the Ottawa Association for the Advancement of Learning in 1945. Under these letters patent, Carleton College was the operating unit of the incorporated body. There is no doubt that the letters patent are an adequate legal instrument for the purposes of the College. However, the National Conference of Canadian Universities has always insisted that each member institution have specific degree granting powers.

A draft bill to secure a charter was prepared and presented to the Ontario Legislature at its 1948 session. Apparently because of some political embarrassment, the then Government asked the College to withdraw the private bill and this request was acceded to.
Dr. MacOdrum then turned to a recent discussion with Dr. Gilmour, President of the National Conference of Canadian Universities, about Carleton's application for membership in the Conference. Dr. Gilmour stated that the Conference was standing firm on its insistence of specific degree granting powers.

A series of interviews in Toronto with members of the Provincial Government encouraged Dr. MacOdrum to believe that a new private bill would be favourably received. Accordingly Mr. Gibson had pressed forward with the work of drafting the bill and the Executive Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Coyne had held several meetings at which the draft bill was considered clause by clause. A copy of the final draft of the bill was sent to each member of the Board and Association with the notice of meeting and this draft was now presented to the Board and Association as a recommendation from the Executive Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Coyne and seconded by Mr. McKewen that the draft as presented should be approved. In the discussion on the motion, Mr. Gibson reported that the bill had been presented to the Solicitor of the Private Bills Committee who had made a number of suggestions about the wording of the Act only one of which was of any importance and this one clarified the meaning of the clause 15, by the addition of "the by-laws of the Board shall not require the confirmation of the Ottawa Association for the Advancement of Learning".

With the permission of the seconder, Mr. Coyne amended his motion to "that this Board approve the draft bill with the revisions suggested by the Solicitor of the Private Bills Committee and that the Secretary be authorized to proceed with the submission of this Bill to the Ontario Legislature and that the Secretary and President be authorized to agree to, on behalf of the College, such minor changes, but not changes of substance, as may be requested by the Private Bills Committee of the Ontario Legislature, and that the new name be considered a matter of substance".

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

C. C. Gibson, Secretary.

H. S. Southam, Chairman.