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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date 4/8/71
By: JoAnne R. Magill, Clerk

Executive Committee
January 6, 1971 at Bangor, Maine

PRESENT: Chairmen L. M. Cutler, H. R. Brown, J. H. Page, Mrs. Jean Sampson. Staff: D. R. McNeil, S. L. Freeman, H. L. Fowle, and Clerk, J. R. Magill. Present for part of the meeting: F. S. McGuire, D. I. Carter, Barnett Shur, George Shur and Robert Keane.

Dr. Cutler convened the meeting.

Personnel - UMO. The Committee considered a recommendation for an appointment to fill the Maine Bankers Association Professorship in the College of Business Administration. Questions were raised about the proposed salary level for this particular appointment, and about current procedures for funding named professorships in general. In 1961 the Board approved, in principle, the concept of named professorships and endowed chairs; but no financial plan was adopted at that time and professorships established since that date have been funded by various means. The Maine Bankers Association has been contributing an annual supplementary stipend of \$5,000 and it was understood that this supplement would be continued. It was suggested that the entire subject of endowed chairs and professorships should be reviewed to achieve some uniformity of procedures for the University system, and Chairman Cutler referred the matter to the Educational Policy Committee for study.

After further discussion, it was moved, seconded and

VOTED: to approve the appointment of Neil B. Murphy to the position of Maine Bankers Association Professor of Finance effective September 1, 1971, at a salary of \$19,500 for the academic year, plus a supplementary stipend of \$5,000 to be contributed annually by the Maine Bankers Association.

Personnel - Chancellor's Office. On the recommendation of the Chancellor, it was moved, seconded and

VOTED: to appoint Edward Y. Blewett, President Emeritus of Westbrook College, as Consultant to the Chancellor for Health Science Education on a half-time basis for an initial period of one year, at a salary of \$10,500.

Mr. Blewett's salary will be paid from grant monies contributed by State medical groups to support the coordination of health science education in Maine.

Honorary Degrees.

There was a brief informal discussion about the advisability of considering recommendations to confer honorary degrees on in-service University personnel. While there is no restriction prescribed in the guidelines, in practice, the Board has not awarded honorary degrees to persons actively employed in the system. There was general agreement that there might be occasions when it would be appropriate to consider an exception to the general practice.

Proposed legislation. Mr. Fowle reviewed the current status of legislation the University proposes to present to the 105th Legislature:

1. Community Colleges - York and Androscoggin Counties. Governor Curtis has now incorporated this item into the University's Part II budget document and has recommended funding at \$225,000 for the 1971-73 biennium.
2. Tufts Medical Program - the Governor has included this item in the University's Part II budget as well; it is identified as physician training and Governor Curtis has recommended funding at \$150,000 for the biennium.
3. Capital construction budget - Governor Curtis has recommended funding of the University's capital construction program at a level of \$19.1 million, a reduction of some 8 million from the University's request of 27+ million.
4. The staff is arranging for sponsorship of
 - a. ETV equipment - \$940,000
 - b. Law School/Research Center - Technical wording
 - c. Indian Education Program
 - d. Police powers
5. Eminent domain. This item is no longer on the University's list of proposed legislation. The Attorney General is preparing a bill to cover all agencies of the State, including the University of Maine.
6. Three new items were presented to the Committee for approval.
 - a. Classified employees pay plan. Governor Curtis will ask the Legislature for a 15% increase for State employees over and above Part I increases. The staff recommends that the University sponsor legislation to provide equalization of University and State wage scales.

- b. Classroom equipment - UM Farmington. The construction budget for the classroom building completed on the Farmington Campus last summer was inadequate to provide all of the necessary equipment, and subsequent efforts to complete this project have been unsuccessful. A request to the Executive Council for funding from surplus has been tabled and an attempt to amend the 1971 budget request was not allowed by Budget Director Berry. President Olsen has diverted \$25,000 from current operating funds for the most critical needs. The staff recommends a request for an additional \$47,500 to complete this project.
- c. Housing Bill. The staff recommended submission of a bill to raise funds to construct, acquire or improve housing, including dormitories, dining halls, and student and faculty apartment-type housing. 10 million was recommended as an initial program to meet the University's immediate needs for additional facilities.

After discussion it was moved, seconded and

VOTED: to authorize the staff to prepare legislation for submission to the 105th Legislature for

1. Classified employees pay plan
2. Classroom equipment - UM Farmington - \$47,500
3. Self liquidating housing - 10 million

The staff was directed to review the current practices of the University's admissions offices with respect to the language used to notify prospective students of final acceptance, and to be certain that the University would not be liable under the law to admit students beyond its capacity to accommodate them, in the event that legislative appropriations should prove inadequate to increase enrollment.

Adjournment

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Clerk, Board of Trustees