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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 23, 1975
Bangor, Maine

Date: June 25, 1975
By: Margaret R. Dexter, Clerk

Public Meeting

PRESENT: Chairman Jean Sampson, James H. Page, Winthrop C. Libby, Kenneth H. Ramage, John C. Donovan, Susan R. Kominsky, Cynthia A. Murray-Beliveau, Lawrence M. Cutler, Francis A. Brown, Robert R. Masterton, Stanley J. Evans, H. Sawin Millett, Jr. and Carlton D. Reed, Jr. Staff: Stanley L. Freeman, Jr., Herbert L. Fowle, Jr., Mary Ann Haas, Paul C. Dunham, Scott E. Sterling, Sally V. Holm, Arthur S. Buswell, Lloyd J. Jewett, N. Edd Miller, Howard R. Neville, Einar A. Olsen, Stanley F. Salwak and Richard J. Spath. Press and Public.

Ms. Sampson Called the meeting to order.

Chancellor's Report.

Acting Chancellor Freeman reported that he had authorized the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham to change the name of the School of Education to the College of Education. He announced that the Joint Committee Board of Trustees/State Board of Education would meet in Augusta May 7 to discuss the function and responsibility of the Joint Committee and to review progress by the Joint Screening Committee.

He reminded Trustees of the Open Forum scheduled for 7:00 p.m. in Rockland and announced that State Senator Samuel H. Collins would serve as moderator.

Dr. Freeman informed the Trustees that the University can now identify unduplicated applications. He called their attention to the Legislative affairs notebook which was supplied to all Trustees.

Legislative Matters. Dr. Freeman said that the Legislative Leadership was studying the budget for the University and that the Medical School bill was still in Committee. He reported on hearings on the bill to create a Maine Post Secondary Education Commission and a bill to extend Collective Bargaining rights to University employees. He announced that a bill was scheduled for future hearing which would require legislative approval of a University building built with non-state monies which might later require state funds for completion.

Committee Reports.

Student Affairs.

Student Aid Report. Dr. Evans reported that the Student Affairs

Committee had reviewed student aid for the University. He expressed Committee concern about continuation of the Federal funding level for student aid.

UMA Pub Proposal. Dr. Evans moved that the Board approve the establishment of a Pub on the UMA campus subject to approval by the Chancellor and legal counsel.

The motion was seconded. Voting for the proposal were Mr. Page, Mr. Libby, Mr. Ramage, Dr. Donovan, Ms. Kominsky, Ms. Murray-Beliveau, Dr. Cutler, Mr. Brown, Mr. Masterton, Dr. Evans and Mr. Millett. Mr. Reed was opposed because Augusta is a commuter campus and students would have to drive after leaving the pub. The motion carried. A copy of the proposal is appended to the file of these minutes.

Medical Education Planning Committee. Dr. Evans reported for the ad hoc Committee that a long meeting would be scheduled at the next board meeting to discuss the Institute of Health Sciences Education and the Medical School.

Educational Policy Committee.

Bachelor of University Studies, UMO. On motion of Dr. Donovan which was seconded, the Board VOTED to approve the proposal for a Bachelor of University Studies at UMO Continuing Education Division and Summer School. A copy of the program description is appended to the file of these minutes.

School of Engineering Technology, UMO. Dr. Donovan moved that the Board approve a proposal from the University of Maine at Orono to establish a School of Engineering Technology. The motion was seconded and VOTED. A copy of the program description is appended to the file of these minutes.

Tenure. Dr. Donovan reported that the Committee is continuing its discussion of tenure.

Library Service Program. Dr. Neville stated that the Graduate Program Review Committee would report June 15 on the decision to terminate the Library Service Program at UMO.

AGB Report. Ms. Murray-Beliveau reported on the Spring Conference of the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges in Washington D. C. April 20 to 22. Conference topics included tenure, leadership, long-range planning, the steady state and a congressional report.

Physical Plant Committee.

New Buildings. Mr. Brown announced the official openings of the Science Building at the University of Maine at Machias and the Student Services and Study Center building at the University of Maine at Farmington.

Duffy Property, UMF. Mr. Brown moved Board approval of the purchase of the Duffy Property which cuts into the campus at the University of Maine at Farmington. The motion was seconded. Several Trustees questioned the source of funding and timing of the purchase. Voting for the measure were: Ms. Sampson, Mr. Page, Dr. Cutler, Mr. Libby, Mr. Ramage, Mr. Brown and Mr. Masterton.

Opposed were: Mr. Reed, Ms. Kominsky, Dr. Donovan, Dr. Evans, Ms. Murray-Beliveau and Mr. Millett. The motion carried.

A copy of the proposal and methods of funding are appended to the file of these minutes.

Procedure for Architect Selection. Mr. Brown moved that the Board approve the procedures for architect selection as recommended and amended by the Physical Plant Committee. The motion was seconded and VOTED. A copy of the proposal is appended to the file of these minutes.

Lease of Building 53, BCC. On motion of Mr. Brown which was seconded, the Board VOTED to approve the Lease of Building #53 on the Bangor Community College campus to the Eastern Task Force on Aging for a five (5) year period with option for annual extensions, subject to staff review and approval of the actual lease agreement.

A copy of the proposal is appended to the file of these minutes.

Search Committee. Mr. Page reported that the search is on schedule, and asked that Trustees plan to meet the final candidates in May and June.

Finance Committee.

Auditors' Recommendations. Mr. Page reported that the Finance Committee met with representatives of the outside auditors, Arthur Andersen & Company, and discussed their recommendations on accounting procedures, internal controls and other matters. A copy of the report is appended to the file of these minutes.

Endowment Management. The Finance Committee will meet with representatives of Putnam Capital Management, Inc. at the next board meeting, Mr. Page announced.

Gifts, Grants and Awards. On motion of Mr. Page which was seconded, the Board VOTED to accept with gratitude all gifts, grants and awards filed under the dates of April 22 and 23, 1975. All gifts, grants and awards meet the Trustee guidelines and respect the wishes of the donor. A copy of the complete listing is appended to the file of these minutes.

Budget Status. Mr. Fowle presented the nine month status report on the unrestricted Educational and General Budget for 1974/75, a copy of which is appended to the file of these minutes.

Speech and Hearing Clinic, UMO. On motion of Mr. Page which was seconded, the Board VOTED to adopt the following resolution:

In recognition of a recent bequest from Albert Conley, class of 1911, and of his long term interest in audiology and speech and hearing problems of people in the State of Maine, it is recommended that the name Albert Conley Speech and Hearing Clinic be attached to that program in the Department of Speech at the University of Maine at Orono.

Retirement Benefit Policy. Mr. Page moved that the Board of Trustees permit retiring staff members who were enrolled in the John Hancock Retirement Plan to receive the proceeds from their John Hancock annuities in cash at retirement as an additional option to those already permitted under the plan.

The motion was seconded and VOTED. A copy of the policy is appended to the file of these minutes.

Incentive Plan for Early Retirement. Mr. Page moved that the Board accept the following recommendation:

It is recommended that the Incentive Plan for Early Voluntary Retirement be approved effective July 1, 1975 using the criteria listed below:

1. The plan is voluntary.
2. The early retirement age is 62.

3. The retiring employee must have 10 years of continuous service prior to age 62.
4. The plan is for faculty and professional and administrative staff.
5. The retired employee can never be re-employed again in any capacity by the University.
6. The cost for each retiree will be monitored by and be the responsibility of the campus.

The motion was seconded and VOTED. A copy of the plan is appended to the file of these minutes.

Tuition. Dr. Freeman presented two papers. One represented the positions for and against a tuition increase. The second offered three tuition alternatives, including no increase in tuition, an inflationary increase and a \$100 a year tuition increase. The Trustees discussed exclusion of present and potential students by increasing tuition, differentiated tuition by level and differentiated tuition by median family income.

Mr. Page moved, and it was seconded and VOTED to reaffirm the vote of the Board on tuition in February which stated that at this time the Trustees were opposed to a tuition increase. Voting for the motion were: Mr. Page, Mr. Libby, Mr. Ramage, Ms. Kominsky, Mr. Brown, Mr. Reed, Ms. Murray-Beliveau and Dr. Evans. Opposed were: Dr. Cutler, Mr. Masterton, Mr. Millett and Dr. Donovan.

Dr. Freeman stated that the Finance Committee and the Student Affairs Committee would jointly study the recommendations of the Task Force on Long-Range Tuition Policy.

Luncheon recess.

Margaret R. Dexter
Clerk, Board of Trustees