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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEESFebruary 27, 1976
Portland, MaineExecutive Committee

PRESENT: Chairman James H. Page, John C. Donovan, Robert R. Masterton and Francis A. Brown. Staff: Patrick E. McCarthy, Stanley L. Freeman, Jr., JoAnne R. Magill, Robert S. Oberg, Richard A. Eustis, Richard J. Spath, Howard R. Neville, N. Edd Miller and Grattan P. Murphy.

Mr. Page called the meeting to order.

Academic Planning. Chancellor McCarthy reported on the first meeting of the ad hoc Academic Planning Committee February 17, 1976.

Union Dues. No decision has been made by the court on the petition by the Maine State Employees Association et al. for a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction in the University's rescission of employee payroll deductions for union dues, the Chancellor reported.

Legislative Documents. Dr. Freeman reported on LD 1954, An Act Revising Lobbyist Disclosure Procedures; LD 2015, An Act Increasing State, Maine Maritime Academy and University of Maine Employees Pay; LD 2064, An Act to Permit Municipalities to Levy and Collect Service Charges for Certain Municipal Services from Tax Exempt Institutions and Organizations; LD 2155, An Act Regarding the Rights of Students at the University of Maine in the University Bargaining Process; LD 2211, An Act to Revise and Reform the Maine Personal Income Tax Law; LD 2224 and LD 2225, An Act Making Additional Appropriations for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1977 and An Act to Review and Reallocate Appropriations from the General Fund for the Expenditure of State Government for the Fiscal Years ending June 30, 1976 and June 30, 1977.

There was agreement that the following statement on LD 2155, which would allow students to participate in collective bargaining as part of the University bargaining team, was acceptable to the Committee and that the statement should be forwarded to the full Board of Trustees with a request for individual opinions:

The University has supported and will continue to support the concept of student participation in institutional decision-making.

The involvement of students as consumers with input to preliminary plans for bargaining is desirable and should be implemented as a matter of institutional policy. The University does not support a legislative requirement for student participation in the actual bargaining process.

Statewide Services and Chancellor's Office. Chancellor McCarthy outlined the differences between University-Wide Services and the Chancellor's Office. A copy of the report is appended to the file of these minutes.

University Passenger Vehicles. Mr. Eustis reported that the operating cost of University owned passenger cars averages less than 13 cents a mile. There was agreement that a report would be made to the Finance Committee at its meeting in March.

Signatory Authority. On motion of Mr. Masterton which was seconded, the Committee VOTED unanimously:

to designate contracting officers:

The Treasurer of the University is hereby designated the "Contracting Officer" for the University and is designated as signatory for all documents which commit the University of Maine. In the absence of the "Contracting Officer", the Director of Accounting, the Director of Personnel, and the Director of Physical Facilities are authorized to sign documents within their respective areas of responsibility on behalf of the University of Maine.

Furthermore, each Campus Student Aid Officer, or in his absence, the Chief Campus Business Officer, shall be authorized to sign College Work Study Agreements on behalf of the University as long as the agreement form as approved by University Legal Counsel is used.

On motion of Mr. Masterton, which was seconded, the Committee VOTED unanimously:

to amend policy on residence status:

change designee who has final authority to determine residence status from Vice Chancellor for Business and Financial Affairs to Treasurer.

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Spring Semester Enrollments. Chancellor McCarthy reported that enrollment figures for the second semester 1975/76 would be available before the next meeting of the Board.

Budget Cuts. Chancellor McCarthy reported that the Campuses and Chancellor's Office/University-Wide Services were preparing plans for the second year of the biennium reflecting cuts within the system if appropriations fail to restore the 10% cut in the University budget.

Management Team. Since the resignation of Herbert L. Fowle, Jr. as Vice Chancellor for Business and Financial Affairs, a management team including Chairman Richard A. Eustis, Kenneth T. Winters and Robert S. Oberg has carried out the administrative responsibilities of that office. A report of the team's progress is appended to the file of these minutes.

Discussion of Auditor's Report. Mr. Oberg reported that there was nothing extraordinary in the auditor's report. He stated that a potential cause for concern is the University's involvement with outside agencies which at some time wish to become a part of the University. There was general agreement that a report on grants and contracts be made to the Finance Committee.

Personnel. Mr. Masterton reported that he had had a request from Herbert L. Fowle, Jr., who resigned as Vice Chancellor for Business and Financial Affairs, for termination compensation for two months of accrued vacation leave and four months severance pay. There was agreement that since the Board does not have a policy on severance pay, the Finance Committee should consider the request at its March Meeting. At a later date, the Finance Committee will consider a general policy on severance pay for University Employees.

Adjournment.

Margaret R. Dexter
Clerk, Board of Trustees