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APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Date: June 22, 1976  
By: Margaret R. Dexter, Clerk

SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 25, 1976  
Bangor, Maine

Finance Committee

PRESENT: Chairman Robert R. Masterton, Francis A. Brown, Artemus E. Weatherbee, Grattan P. Murphy and James H. Page. Staff: Patrick E. McCarthy, JoAnne R. Magill, Richard A. Eustis, B. Russell Smith, Robert S. Oberg, Kenneth T. Winters, Harry W. Gordon, Ford Campbell, N. Edd Miller, Walter P. Fridinger, Stanley F. Salwak and Barnett I. Shur. Guest: Becky Fisher.

Chairman Masterton convened the meeting.

Acceptance of Minutes. The minutes of March 23, 1976 and March 24, 1976 were approved as circulated.

Gifts and Funds. The Committee agreed to recommend that the Board of Trustees accept with gratitude all gifts and funds filed under the dates of May 25 and 26, 1976.

Signatory Authorization. The Committee agreed to recommend:

That the Board of Trustees amend the policy on signatory authorization to rescind the authorization which permitted the Director of Accounting, the Director of Personnel, and the Director of Physical Facilities to sign documents committing the University and in its place authorize the Vice Chancellor for Administration to sign documents, in the absence of the Treasurer, which commit the University of Maine.

Use of 1975/76 Endowment Fund Income. The Committee agreed to recommend:

That the Board of Trustees amend its resolution on the use of endowment fund income voted March 24, 1976 by deleting the clause "that any additional income be reinvested within the portfolio" and substituting the following:

"that the portfolio managers be authorized to vary the ratio between income-producing and growth securities to produce income not substantially more than, but not limited to, the goal of \$375,000 for the year 1976-77."

That the Board of Trustees approve as policy the distribution of all income produced by the Investment Pool, exclusive of capital gains."

UMO Arena Cash Flow. Mr. Oberg reported that the Orono Campus does not anticipate a cash flow problem for the Alford Sports Arena. It was agreed that, should an unanticipated cash flow problem arise, only discretionary funds will be used for temporary relief of the problem.

Canadian-American Center Tuition Waiver, UMO. On motion of Mr. Murphy which was seconded, the Committee VOTED to recommend:

That item (3), Financial Arrangements, of the Canada Year Program pertaining to Undergraduate Student Programs for the Junior year, approved by the Board of Trustees on November 21, 1967, be amended to read "The students will pay their normal tuition and fees to the home institution, and room and board to the host institution; however, tuition may be waived for a maximum of three Orono students per semester. A record is to be kept of the number of students going in each direction, and any imbalance in tuition payments at the end of the fiscal year would be compensated for by appropriate payment."

Audit Federal Student Aid - UMPI. Mr. Oberg reviewed the audit report and told the Committee that the campus had implemented auditors' recommendations when appropriate. On motion of Mr. Masterton which was seconded, the Committee VOTED to accept the report as submitted.

Smaha Property, Portland. Mr. Brown, Acting Chairman of the Physical Plant Committee, reported that the Physical Plant Committee had unanimously recommended Board approval of the acquisition of the Smaha property in Portland. Mr. Masterton moved acceptance of the resolution. The motion was seconded. The Committee VOTED to recommend:

That the Board of Trustees authorize the acquisition of the Smaha Property located at 115 Bedford Street, Portland, Maine for a purchase price of \$55,000 comprised on a down payment of \$10,000 and nine (9) annual payments of \$5,000 each. Funds for this purchase are to come from the proceeds from the of the Godfrey Property, income from rental of space to the Cumberland County Cooperative Extension Service and the Campus Indirect Cost Recovery Fund.

Tax-Sheltered Annuities. On motion of Mr. Murphy which was seconded, the Committee VOTED to recommend:

That effective May 26, 1976, the University of Maine tax-sheltered annuity program be broadened to take advantage of the maximum amount allowable under the new Internal Revenue Service regulations which became effective January 1, 1976.

Current Budget Status Report. The Committee reviewed the Unrestricted Funds Status Report for April 1976. Mr. Oberg reported a favorable balance.

Law Firm.

On motion of Mr. Weatherbee which was seconded, the Committee VOTED to recommend:

That the law firm of Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer and Nelson be retained as legal counsel for fiscal year 1976/77. Terms will be as follows:

1. An annual retainer fee of \$30,000
2. For Court, Commission and Board Cases, and for labor relations services - \$50.00 an hour
3. Reimbursement for normal University-related travel expenses on the basis of actual expenses incurred and/or at the rate of \$.12 a mile for use of own automobile.

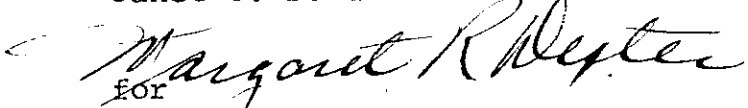
Employee Health Insurance. Mr. Winters reviewed a recommendation from consultants and staff to retain the current health insurance carrier at the current level.

Mr. Page moved the recommendation. The motion was seconded.

Mr. Masterton requested that documentation be provided before any Committee action was taken. There was agreement that data be provided prior to a recommendation to the Board.

Adjournment.

Janet C. Beaulieu

  
for  
Margaret R. Dexter  
Clerk, Board of Trustees