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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 23, 1977
Bangor, Maine

APP V : BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: April 27-1977

CLERK: _____

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STATED MEETING

PRESENT: Chairman James Page, Francis Brown, John Donovan, Stanley Evans, Susan Kominsky, Robert Masterton, Sawin Millett, Thomas Monaghan, Cynthia Murray-Beliveau, Carlton Reed, Elizabeth Russell, and Nils Wessell. Staff: Chancellor McCarthy, Stanley Salwak, Einar Olsen, Edd Miller, Arthur Buswell, Kenneth Allen, Howard Neville, William Sullivan, Mary Ann Haas, Richard Eustis, Thomas Strauss, Barnett Shur, Samuel D'Amico, Jeanne Steele. Press and Public.

Chairman Page convened the meeting.

On motion made and seconded, the Minutes of the Public Meeting of February 23, 1977 were APPROVED as circulated.

Report of the Chancellor. Mr. McCarthy reported briefly on the Conference on Health and the American Diet which was held recently at the University of Maine at Augusta under the co-sponsorship of the University of Maine and Tufts University. At the request of the Chancellor, Mr. Sullivan presented an update on pending legislation which affects the University.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

1. Executive Committee. Dr. Evans reported for the Committee.

Board Meeting Format. Dr. Evans presented the Executive Committee recommendation that: The Board consider adoption of an alternate month schedule of Board meetings beginning with the May meeting, the sessions to be either one or two days depending on the agenda and for any matter determined by the Chairman to require action between regularly scheduled meetings, the Chairman would call a special meeting, with the agenda limited to essential items. The recommendation was moved and seconded. After extensive discussion the motion CARRIED, with Ms. Kominsky, Ms. Murray-Beliveau, Mr. Monaghan and Mr. Reed dissenting. The Chairman announced that since the vote was so close, implementation will be taken under advisement.

2. Personnel and Employee Relations Committee. Mr. Brown reported that the Committee had received a report on the current status of collective bargaining activity.

3. Educational Policy Committee. Dr. Donovan reported that material on admissions process and standards submitted for Committee review had been referred back to the staff for collation, summary and circulation at a future meeting. Dr. Donovan noted that the Committee had also reviewed informational reports on

the Maine Public Broadcasting Network and on the Center for Research and Advanced Study at Portland-Gorham, copies of which were distributed to all members of the Board.

4. Student Affairs Committee. Ms. Kominsky reported that the Committee is continuing its review of the different aspects of student affairs. The topic for this meeting was counseling and psychological services. The topic for the April meeting will be Career Counseling and Placement.

5. Physical Plant Committee. Mr. Brown reported for the Committee as Chairman, pro tem. He briefed the Board on the Committee's discussion of a report on pending maintenance projects, which tabulates a backlog of needed maintenance which totals about \$6M. The Committee feels the report indicates some failure to follow a system of priorities and that the University may not be meeting its responsibilities. Present shortage of funds for maintenance and the lack of a maintenance reserve are problems which will be compounded by federal requirements for health and safety modifications which will become mandatory for the University by July, 1977. The Committee has asked the staff to draft a strong maintenance policy for Committee review at the next meeting.

6. Finance Committee. Mr. Masterton reported for the Committee.

Budget Status Report. Mr. Masterton indicated that the Committee had received a report on the current status of the unrestricted E&G budget which is on target and it is anticipated that there will be a modest surplus at year-end.

Gifts, Grants and Awards. On motion of Mr. Masterton, seconded by Ms. Kominsky, it was

VOTED: to accept with gratitude all gifts, grants and awards listed under date of March 23, 1977 a copy of which is appended to the file of these Minutes.

Budget Cycle. Mr. Masterton reported that the Committee had received a timetable for budget development which calls for submission of tuition and fee recommendations to the Board for discussion at the April meeting, with action scheduled in May. He asked that copies be circulated to all Board members. At the next meeting the Committee will also receive a report on FY 77 year-end projections and it is expected that there will be no deficit at year-end despite a shortfall in tuition revenue.

Maintenance Report. Mr. Masterton indicated the Committee had received copies of the maintenance report prepared by the staff for the Physical Plant Committee and it will be on the agenda at the next meeting.

Audit Committee Recommendations. The Finance Committee has received a status report on implementation which will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Out-of-State Tuition Policy. Mr. Masterton reported that recommendations for specific tuition rates for the next biennium will be presented for discussion in April with action scheduled for the May meeting. Meanwhile, the staff requests consideration of a change in out-of-state tuition policy to facilitate budget development and the Finance Committee supports their recommendation to assess non-residents at a rate based on full operational costs. There was extensive discussion of the ramifications of increased tuition fees for out-of-state students. Mr. Brown pointed out that many have Maine ties and Dr. Wessell thought it would be helpful to know more about the non-resident and where these students seek employment etc. after graduation. Mr. Sullivan expected that there would be some flexibility in phasing in the higher fees and that the full impact would not occur in a single year. On motion of Mr. Masterton seconded by Dr. Evans and with Ms. Kominsky dissenting and Dr. Wessell abstaining, it was

VOTED: that effective Fall 1977, out-of-state students at all levels (undergraduate, graduate and professional) will be assessed a tuition cost which is representative of 100% of operational costs.

The formula used for computing average System operational cost per FTE is as follows:

$$\text{Average System Cost per FTE} = \text{E\&G Budget} \div \text{FTE} \left(\frac{\text{Fall} + \text{Spring}}{2} + \frac{\text{Summer}}{2} \right)$$

7. Ad hoc Committee on Academic Planning. Chairman Page commended the committee members who have just completed a year-long review of University operations. Dr. Wessell noted that the committee had had a great many reservations about their assignment and he said their approach was to provide full opportunity for the general public and the University community to review and comment on a preliminary statement. The final report which contains specific recommendations for action along with timetables and suggestions for next steps was formally presented by Dr. Wessell on behalf of the committee, with the suggestion that discussion and action by the Board take place at the April meeting. Both Dr. Russell and Mr. Brown commented on the value of the public forums to promote interaction with the public and the University community on University issues. Mr. Page announced that the report will be on the agenda for the April meeting.

8. Joint Finance and Student Affairs Committee. Mr. Masterton reported for the Committees.

Tuition Waivers. Mr. Masterton presented the Committees' recommendation for action on the staff report on tuition waivers. On motion of Mr. Masterton seconded by Ms. Kominsky, it was

VOTED: that the Board of Trustees

- 1) authorize continuation of the following entitlement waivers for tuition as presently constituted, subject to formal evaluation by each Campus and the System administration every two years:
 - Senior Citizen Tuition Waiver program;
 - High School Students Waiver Program;
 - Foreign Students Tuition Scholarships;
 - Indian Scholarship Program;
 - Trustee Waiver/Scholarships;
 - Student Exchange Programs with other institutions;
 - Faculty Children Tuition Program;
 - War Orphans and Widows;
- 2) authorize discontinuation of entitlement tuition waivers for children of Armed Forces members
- 3) authorize reclassification of Employee Tuition Waivers to Employee Benefit Program.

NEBHE Regional Student Program. Chancellor McCarthy initiated discussion of the staff's report on the NEBHE Program which concludes that support for the Regional Student Program should be continued and recommends that NEBHE be encouraged to

- establish percentage of total space available for regional students
- develop criteria for program entry and withdrawal
- assess a New England Region Tuition Rate
- review NEBHE public relations responsibility

The Chancellor indicated that the intent of the recommendations was to put the Program on a more secure financial basis and provide equity for participants. After discussion and on motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: that the Board accept the report on the NEBHE

Regional Student Program and authorize the Chancellor to forward the recommendations contained therein to the New England Board of Higher Education.

Student Assistance Programs. Mr. Masterton reported that recent changes in the federal law requiring that the State Tuition Equalization Program serve students at both public and private institutions have created pressure to replace STEP with a more general Student Incentive Grant Program and a number of bills have been filed in this legislative session which address comprehensive student assistance plans. To determine what position the University should take, the Chancellor provided background on existing programs and proposals for amendment and initiated discussion of his recommendation that:

The Board of Trustees favor a comprehensive student assistance program as a first priority at the federal level, particularly as it is exemplified through the BEOG program and supplemented by the guaranteed loan program, the work-study program and the national student loan program, in order that a complete package of federal assistance will be available to students.

At the state level, the first priority of the Board of Trustees should be maintenance and full funding of the operation of the public institutional base at a high quality level. As a second state-level priority, the Board supports state involvement in a minimum program of comprehensive student assistance to permit the state to maintain the full flow of federal dollars available to Maine under the SSIG program.

There was extensive discussion of student assistance plans in terms of state priorities for tax resources and appropriate level of funding. On motion made and seconded and with Mr. Millett and Mr. Monaghan abstaining, it was

VOTED: to endorse the Chancellor's recommendation on the University's position on student assistance programs and to authorize the Chancellor to transmit the statement to PECOM.

Chairman Page announced that the next meeting of the Board would be held at the University of Maine at Presque Isle, the details of the schedule to be worked out.

Personnel. Mr. Page called for a motion to adjourn to executive session for discussion of a personnel matter. The motion was made by Dr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Kominsky and it was CARRIED.

After the executive session was completed, the meeting was adjourned.

JoAnne R. Magill
Interim Clerk