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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 25, 1978
Bangor, Maine

DATE: 3/22/78

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CLERK: _____

PRESENT: Chairman James H. Page, Francis Brown, Bernard Carpenter, Patricia DiMatteo, John Donovan, Stanley Evans, Susan Kominsky, Thomas Monaghan, Ellen Platz, Elizabeth Russell and Artemus Weatherbee. Trustees absent: Robert Masterton, Sawin Millett and Nils Wessell. Staff: Robert Binswanger, Sumner Bernstein, William Sullivan and Barnett Shur.

Chairman Page convened the Executive Session which was called for discussion of personnel matters.

Indemnification of Trustees and Officers. Mr. Bernstein reviewed the development of an amendment to the By-Laws to provide for indemnification of University Trustees and officials. After discussion of the preliminary draft at the November meeting, Mr. Bernstein prepared a revised draft which had been circulated to the Trustees prior to the meeting. After discussion, there was consensus that the revised draft should be forwarded to the regular meeting for action.

Honorary Degrees. The Trustees reviewed the slate of honorary degree nominations. Dr. Binswanger reported that one nomination had been withdrawn and one other candidate did not meet the selection criteria. After discussion, the remainder of the list was forwarded for action in the public meeting.

Sobel Case. Counsel Barnett Shur briefed the Trustees on actions taking place in the Sobel case. Mr. Shur explained that twenty motions had been filed but only two are significant and they are as follows:

1. Protective Order - this delays the necessity of answering the interrogations filed by Mrs. Sobel. Mr. Shur warned, however, that this motion could be lifted by the Court at any time and urged the Trustees to complete their replies as soon as possible.
2. Motion to Dismiss. Court has concluded that the complaint filed by Dr. Sobel is such that the Court cannot determine where the plaintiff is seeking relief. Dr. Sobel has until April 4 to amend her statement. If she does file an amended complaint, several of the motions already filed could be dismissed. Mr. Shur felt that if the Court found she had a case, the list of defendants most likely would be reduced to a limit of University administrative officials.

Sandra F. Johnson
for
JoAnne Magill
Clerk, Board of Trustees