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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

University of Maine at Fort Kent  
September 13, 1982

Executive Committee

PRESENT: Vice Chairman Francis Brown, Stanley Evans, Joseph Hakanson, Harrison Richardson, Elizabeth Russell and Richard Morin. Other Trustees: Severin Beliveau, Alan Elkins, Maurice Keene, Richard Marshall. Faculty Representatives: Professors Douglas Allen, Carol-Ann Hall, Rodney Cole, Ralph Jans, Harry Kerr, Sharon Zimmer-Boucher. Student Representatives: Kathy St. Louis, Henry Marcy, Kathleen Hunt, Joan White for Charles Noonan, Cynthia Anderson, and Clifford Hannon for Joycelyn LaPerriere. Staff: Chancellor McCarthy, Robert Binswanger, William Sullivan, Hilton Power, Frederic Reynolds, Robert Woodbury. Press and public.

In the absence of the Chairman, Vice Chairman Francis Brown convened the meeting which is regularly scheduled to brief faculty and student representatives on the Board's agenda. Since some representatives were attending their first briefing and several were serving pro tem, Mr. Brown asked all present to introduce themselves before proceeding with the agenda.

Ms. White reported that USM students are pleased with the recent Trustees' action to acquire the International Harvester Building adjacent to the Portland Campus which will be utilized, in part, for student activities. Mr. Brown said that the development of this facility will enable the Campus to respond to some long-standing needs for additional space.

There was discussion of the NEBHE student exchange program in connection with the report on Student Financial Aid Entitlement Waivers. Mr. Marcy noted that the financial impact of waivers for NEBHE students in the University is quite high and asked if figures were available which would reflect the benefit to Maine students participating in the program. Mr. Sullivan, Vice Chancellor for Administration, said the value of benefits to this group had not been computed for the report, which includes only costs to the University for NEBHE students enrolled here. He added, however, that compared to the number of NEBHE students in the University, only half as many Maine students participate in NEBHE programs elsewhere. Professor Hall inquired about the reasons for different levels of participation and Chancellor McCarthy responded that the University offers more attractive programs for NEBHE students than other states do. He said the University shouldn't discourage student exchange but he noted that the subsidy for NEBHE participants is blind, i.e. granted without regard to need. The Chancellor pointed out that the decision concerning the University's continued participation in the NEBHE program rests with State government; the University determines only which programs will be offered. He reiterated that the exchange program is a good concept and that the focus should be on making the NEBHE program better.

Professor Hall inquired about the status of the study on the relocation of the Chancellor's Office, and about the rationale for designation of Augusta as the

relocation site. Mr. Brown explained that the System office has always been located in Bangor although the former Chancellor also maintained an office in Portland, which was discontinued when Chancellor McCarthy took office. He reported that the relocation of the Office to one city or another has been an issue which has arisen periodically since the creation of the University System in 1968. He said there has been no movement by the Board or the staff for a change of site. The law which established the System contains a reference which permits but does not mandate an office in Augusta. Mr. Brown indicated that the Board would always have to consider the financial impact of such a move.

Mr. Richardson took note of the report on student entitlement waivers, which was prepared at his request. He said the preparation of the report had generated some concern that the Board intends to curtail the program, but he indicated that he was simply seeking information about the waiver program, its costs and beneficiaries. He indicated he would recommend that the report be placed on file for future reference, and that he would like the Trustees to consider possibilities for a more system-oriented scholarship grant program based on need and academic excellence. Professor Jans asked if there had been questions about the Indian scholarships since the land claims settlement, and Mr. Richardson said he thought this program should at least be reviewed. Mr. Brown spoke briefly to the Indian scholarship question. He noted that more than 100 Indian students are involved in the University's waiver program. He said that the success ratio for this group is impressive and the program is helping the Indians develop their own leaders. He added that the Indian leadership doesn't regard the scholarship program as a permanent subsidy and they recognize that they will have to pick up these costs in the years to come.

There was further discussion of several topics not related to the agenda:

- Mr. Eustis and Mr. Brown responded to a question from Ms. Hunt concerning the process for determining priorities for capital projects;
- Mr. Hannon reported consensus among the student representatives that the election of these representatives should be consistent from one Campus to another. Mr. Brown said the Student Affairs Committee would be asked to review the present policy;
- Ms. White expressed concern for a format for quality broadcasting by the USM Campus FM radio station as it is upgraded and its range expanded into the City of Portland. Chancellor McCarthy said it may be desirable to have the Trustee Subcommittee on Public Broadcasting look at conditions which govern broadcasting at the Campus level.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

JoAnne R. Magill  
Clerk