

10-24-1983

Board of Trustees Executive Committee October 24, 1983

University Of Maine System

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/bot-corp-records>

 Part of the [Educational Administration and Supervision Commons](#)

Repository Citation

University Of Maine System. (date).Board of Trustees [Meeting minutes]. Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department, University of Maine, Orono, Maine.

This Minutes is brought to you for free and open access by DigitalCommons@UMaine. It has been accepted for inclusion in Corporate Records by an authorized administrator of DigitalCommons@UMaine. For more information, please contact um.library.technical.services@maine.edu.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

University of Maine at Farmington
October 24, 1983

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRESENT: Chairman Thomas Monaghan, Joseph Hakanson, Harrison Richardson. Other Trustees: Robert Dunfey, Peter Johnston, Geneva Kirk, Richard Marshall. Faculty Representatives: Rodney Cole, Harry Kerr, Sharon Zimmer-Boucher, Ralph Jans, Douglas Allen, Carol-Ann Hall, Robert Russell. Student Representatives: James Bowers, Christina Fornili, Edmund Lindemanis, Rodney Labbe, Kathleen Hunt, Paul Tyson, Elizabeth Ratcliffe (UMFK alternate). Staff: Chancellor McCarthy, Harlan Philippi, William Sullivan, Mary Ann Haas, Samuel D'Amico, Richard Eustis, Russell Smith, Robert Woodbury, Paul Silverman, Frederic Reynolds, Richard Spath, Byron Skinner.

The Chairman convened the meeting which is regularly scheduled for discussion of the Board's agenda with faculty and student representatives.

There was discussion of guidelines which had been proposed to facilitate implementation of the Board's policy on citizen input. Mr. Monaghan reported that development of the guidelines had been prompted by the number of faculty at the last meeting who had expected to speak on various issues concerning the Orono Campus. He said Trustees have pointed out that the citizen input mechanism was designed to provide access to the Board for citizens outside the University. Professor Kerr expressed regret that opportunity for faculty comments would be eliminated. Professor Allen suggested that the last meeting may have been an exceptional one and requested that action to limit input be deferred until there has been more experience with the process. In further discussion, faculty representatives spoke to the limited utility they perceived the other vehicles for Board access to have for addressing concerns of individual faculty members. President Woodbury expressed doubt that the citizen input mechanism was the best way to present faculty concerns to the Board. After further discussion, Mr. Monaghan said he would invite Professor Allen to convey the faculty representative's views to the Trustees at the Board meeting.

Professor Zimmer-Boucher inquired about the nature of action anticipated as a result of the Educational Policy Committee's post-tenure review, which will be on the agenda for the December meeting. Mr. Richardson, Chairman of the Educational Policy Committee, reported that the University's Chief Academic Officers are reviewing a number of issues but no specific proposal has been developed as yet and the December meeting is simply a target date for a report on their review.

Professor Kerr took note of an item on student evaluation of faculty, which had been withdrawn from the agenda for this meeting. He expressed appreciation for the willingness of the proposers to reconsider the item in response to some objections raised in a recent meeting of the Faculty Liaison

Council. Presentation of this item has been postponed pending reconsideration by the Administrative Council and the Chief Academic Officers, and it will be submitted at a later date.

Student representative Rodney Labbe raised questions about proposed revisions to UMO parking regulations, on behalf of the Orono Student Senate. He reported that Senators are concerned that students were not adequately represented on the Campus committee which formulated the revisions, and the Senate contends that some of the provisions discriminate against students since parking privileges are more restrictive for students than for faculty and staff. Further, the Senate believes the proposed increase in parking fines will not deter abuse of the regulations. President Silverman reported that while some parking space has been lost due to construction of the Performing Arts Center, there is ample parking if people would use the space available, and he noted that peripheral parking areas are rarely full. He said the concerns raised by Mr. Labbe were addressed by the Campus committee and its sub-committee, which was composed primarily of students. The Committees concluded that the proposed regulations are reasonable and the President suggested that the Senate may have taken a position without adequate knowledge of the facts. Mr. Labbe indicated that the students were particularly opposed to the increase in fines and probably would accept the revisions if the fines were left at the present levels. He noted that violators are not necessarily students, and said he had been informed that overdue and unpaid fines amounted to nearly \$20,000. In response to questions, President Silverman said he had no information about overdue fines but he would look into that.

Student representative Kathleen Hunt asked about possibilities for more student involvement through the Board's committee structure. Mr. Monaghan explained that in recent years the Board has consciously limited its committee meetings in favor of full discussion of its agenda by all Trustees in plenary session. When Board committees have items assigned for detailed study, faculty and student representatives are notified of meetings in advance and are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Student representative Paul Tyson reported that the University of Maine Organization of Student Governments (UMOSG) has reversed its position of non-compliance with State law which provides that UMOSG will submit nominations to the Governor for his appointment of a student Trustee. Mr. Tyson said each student government has developed guidelines for selection of a campus nominee and UMOSG will submit seven names to the Governor. UMOSG will seek to amend the legislation, which mandates appointment of a student Trustee, at a future legislative session.

There was extensive discussion of the Lewiston Campus proposal. Mr. Richardson said the Trustee Subcommittee studying the proposal concluded that the need for a greater educational presence in that area has been demonstrated. To facilitate Board discussion of the proposal, he said the committee will recommend that the Trustees focus on three questions:

Does the Board of Trustees favor creation of an

independent free-standing campus of the University of Maine at Lewiston?

Does the Board of Trustees favor creation of a project designed to provide an increased educational presence in the Lewiston area?

Shall the Chancellor and staff, together with Presidents of USM, UMA and UMF, be directed to develop a specific project and present it to the Board of Trustees for consideration?

In response to questions from Mr. Labbe and Ms. Fornili, Mr. Richardson acknowledged that one alternative would be to do nothing further in Lewiston, but he thought the Trustees would not endorse that option. It was acknowledged that a commitment now to a greater University presence there might well develop into a full-fledged Lewiston Campus eventually. In further discussion, faculty and student representatives expressed their objections to that prospect, on the grounds that the cost of maintaining another campus would adversely affect the funding for the existing system. They recommended that the option of no further expansion be seriously considered. Mr. Monaghan pointed out that Lewiston is the second largest city in the State and its substantial minority population has been subjected to a great deal of prejudice. He said he thought the demonstrated need for educational services was focused on the minority population and that it would be appropriate for the University to respond to that need.

Professor Allen said there was not enough time in the agenda meetings for full discussion of the representatives' concerns, and that he thought these meetings should provide an opportunity to raise issues the Board may need to consider on its agenda in future meetings. After discussion, it was agreed that agenda meetings for faculty and student representatives will be extended to an hour and a half and representatives may submit discussion items to the Clerk in advance of the meeting.

Adjournment.

JoAnne R. Magill
Clerk