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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes

Board Meeting

September 18, 1963  
Orono, Maine

PRESENT: Trustees: Vice President L. M. Cutler, Mrs. Rena C. Bowles, C. E. Crossland, R. H. Cutting, R. N. Haskell, H. H. Hauck, W. G. Robertson; Administration: President L. H. Elliott, Vice President H. A. Peck, Controller P. H. Vose, Treasurer H. W. Gordon, Registrar and Director Student Services G. H. Crosby, Director of Public Information and Services H. A. Keyo, Clerk Edith Wilson and members of the press.

New Trustees. Governor Reed had appointed Robert N. Haskell to complete the term of office left vacant by L. O. Barrows' retirement in June, and Hubert H. Hauck to the vacancy created by the resignation of President S. W. Collins on July 15, 1963. Vice President Cutler welcomes these new members in the name of the Board.

Approval of Minutes. On motion made and duly seconded, it was

VOTED to approve the minutes of the meetings of:

1. The Board of Trustees, June 8, 1963, and ✓
2. The Executive Committee, June 27, 1963. ✓

Election of Officers. With the Clerk presiding temporarily, on motion made and duly seconded it was .

VOTED unanimously to elect Dr. Lawrence M. Cutler as President of the Board.

President Cutler, after expressing appreciation for the confidence placed in him, opened the nominations for Vice President. W. Gordon Robertson was nominated, and accepted with some hesitation based upon the fact that although he would be glad to assist in any way possible, he would not be in a position to serve as President within the foreseeable future. With this reservation in mind, it was moved, duly seconded, and

VOTED to close nominations and request the Clerk to cast one ballot in favor of Mr. Robertson. President Cutler announced Mr. Robertson elected.

Committee Appointments. President Cutler was given the authority to modify the previously accepted list of committee appointments in light of the changed Board personnel, subject to confirmation at the next meeting of the Board.

\* Recognition of Recent Board Members. On motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to adopt the following resolutions in appreciation of the distinguished services of former trustees Lewis O. Barrows and Samuel W. Collins, and to send to each a certificate so worded:

IN RECOGNITION of efforts in the cause of higher education for MAINE and of devoted and loyal service as a Trustee of the University of Maine from December 8, 1960 to June 8, 1963, this certificate of appreciation is presented to LEWIS ORIN BARROWS who is hereby recognized as one of that distinguished company of men and women who have similarly served.

IN RECOGNITION of efforts in the cause of higher education for MAINE and of devoted and loyal service as a Trustee of the University of Maine from August 4, 1948 to July 15, 1963 this certificate of appreciation is presented to SAMUEL WILSON COLLINS who is hereby recognized as one of that distinguished company of men and women who have similarly served.

Committee Reports:

1. Finance Committee. Mr. Robertson, for the Chairman, reported that:

- a. In view of the current developments regarding those fraternities in financial difficulties the committee has no recommendation to make at the present time.
- b. The balance of \$2 million remaining in the \$10 million bond issue authorized by the 99th Legislature and approved in referendum for self liquidating construction will be needed soon. On the recommendation of the Committee coming as a motion which was duly seconded, it was

VOTED to authorize the Treasurer to request the Treasurer of the State of Maine to obtain bids and issue Housing Bonds in the amount of \$2,000,000.00.

2. Maintenance and Control Committee. Chairman Crossland reported on two items.

- a. Capital Construction. Since the referendum on the bond issue approved by the 101st Legislature will be held on November 5, 1963, Mr. Crossland made the motion which was duly seconded and

VOTED to authorize the Maintenance and Control Committee to employ architects to prepare plans for new buildings and the remodelling of present buildings as provided for in the bond bill subject to the effective date of a favorable vote on the November 5, 1963 referendum; and further recommend that the President of the Board of Trustees be authorized to sign contracts for same.

- b. Stillwater Land. After displaying the map of land under discussion, a narrow triangular strip along the old Veazie R.R. right of way in Stillwater, Mr. Crossland made the motion which was duly seconded, and

VOTED to authorize the President of the Board to sign legal papers releasing small parcels of land in Stillwater totalling less than one acre as shown on a plot on file in the office of the Business Manager.

Report of Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Peck discussed the following matters:

- \*1. The most active summer in the University's history.
  - a. The Summer Session covering 12 weeks in all enrolled some 3,200 individuals (2,600 in 1962). There is evidence that more regular students are interested in acceleration.
  - b. Some of the special activities during the summer were:
    - A Speech and Hearing Clinic
    - The Carnegie Quartet in residence
    - A two-week Band Institute for High School pupils
    - Several Art exhibits
    - One theater production
    - Training of a Peace Corps unit headed for St. Lucia and Jamaica
    - Forty-one High School juniors, 7 of whom requested and secured admission as Freshmen this fall
    - Several Institutes, mostly aimed at improving skills in special fields of Secondary and Elementary teaching
    - The accommodation of approximately 900 who came to view the eclipse
- \*2. The academic year is starting with all authorized teaching positions filled except one in Sociology which became vacant during the summer. There are about the usual number of new faculty and staff (68 full-time faculty, other than military). Twenty-four have Ph.D's and 31 others are well along in their doctoral programs. Several new members in Technology and at UMP have Ph.D's.
- \* 3. New or expanded activities
  - a. The enrollment in the Graduate School is up about 50, to 224.
  - b. The Ph.D. program in Chemical Engineering has first enrollees.

- c. The 1st course (Math) is being offered in Portland in the new program toward the degree of Master of Science in Engineering.
- d. Voluntary registration in ROTC totals 219 Freshmen out of 647 to date and 299 Sophomores out of 700. There are 99 Juniors and 66 Seniors enrolled in the advance program which has always been voluntary.
- e. The two new specialties in the Two-year Agriculture program have been well received; about twice as many Freshmen have enrolled as in recent years.
- f. The Distinguished Maine Student Program has 43 enthusiastic enrollees. They are registered for a special honors course instead of English 1.
- g. There are students in high schools near the Portland and Orono campuses enrolled in specific University courses, but continuing their other work at their high schools.

Report of Registrar and Director of Student Services. Mr. Crosby discussed:

- \* 1. Registration figures - a copy of this report is attached.
- \* 2. NDEA loan funds. The cut in these funds to the University amounted to more than \$70,000 making a total reduction in the program of nearly \$80,000. The full extent of the effect of this cut will not be known until the beginning of the spring semester. A copy of the report is attached.
- \* 3. A letter from Professor Nolde, Chairman of the Committee established by the Trustees to study the fraternity system at the University of Maine, in which Professor Nolde outlined the several steps in the study decided upon by the committee and requested that they be allowed to report on the men's fraternities before directing their attention specifically to the sororities. On motion made and duly seconded it was

VOTED to approve of this procedure.

- \* Report of Controller. Mr. Vose reported that the auditors have completed the ground work and that a rough draft should be available soon.

Report of President Elliott. Dr. Elliott discussed the following matters:

- \* 1. The interest of an alumnus in the Speech and Hearing Clinic and the possibility of developing here a facility for the purpose of training therapists and teachers.

2. The relative values of a 12-week Summer Session and a full summer term under the trimester plan. He felt that further experience with the 12-week program here was justified while continuing to evaluate the experience of others with the trimester.
3. A letter received from Dr. Hill regretting his absence and extending an invitation to all to stop by at Trenton State College to see him.
4. The General Alumni Association's recent recommendation that the Distinguished Professorship in Music to which they have voted to contribute annually be named for Adelbert W. Sprague. Upon this recommendation it was moved, duly seconded and

VOTED that the professorship be identified as The Adelbert W. Sprague Professorship of Music (supported by the General Alumni Association).

5. The Association of Governing Boards. Apparently this association is moving their headquarters to Washington, D. C. and also planning to admit Governing Boards of private as well as public institutions. Considering the experience so far with the organization and the changes about to be made, President Elliott doubted the value of continued membership at this time. On motion made and duly seconded, it was

VOTED to discontinue membership in the Association of Governing Boards.

6. A recent letter from the Chairman of Region I of the Engineers' Council for Professional Development explained the change in their procedures in accrediting institutions, the effect of which is to continue the present accreditation of all departments in the College of Technology until 1965 when the next regular review will be made of the College as a whole.
7. As last year, the faculty were all invited to a breakfast as a beginning of what might be called Faculty Day. The new faculty had an orientation session with Dr. Peck; College faculty meetings were held later and followed by department meetings. This is the one time in the year that the entire faculties of the University of Maine in Portland and the Law School have the chance to participate in faculty meetings in Orono.
8. A brief report on his trip to South America for the Ford Foundation, expressing appreciation to the Board for the opportunity to accept the assignment. He studied four universities in Venezuela and four in Colombia spending most of his time on one university in each country.

Personnel and Title Changes. President Elliott and Vice President Peck presented lists of personnel changes and title changes. It was moved, duly seconded and

VOTED to approve all recommendations as listed. A copy of these recommendations dated September 18, 1963 is attached. *see Personnel*

Acceptance of Gifts. On the recommendation of President Elliott it was moved, duly seconded, and

VOTED to accept all grants, bequests and other gifts as listed and dated September 18, 1963, a copy of which is attached. *see gift*

President Cutler expressed the appreciation of all members of the Board, to Mrs. Rena Bowles for her two terms of service, since the current term ends before the next meeting of the Board.

There being no further business before the Board, it was voted to adjourn until November 20, 1963 when the Board will convene at the University of Maine in Portland.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith G. Wilson  
Clerk of the Board