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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes

Board Meeting

November 20, 1963  
Portland, Maine

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

Upon calling the meeting to order President Cutler welcomed to the Board Mrs. Pierce as a representative of the General Alumni Association replacing Mrs. Rena Bowles.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. On motion duly made and seconded it was

VOTED to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held on September 18, 1963; to approve the minutes and to ratify all action of the Finance Committee as reported in the minutes of that Committee Meeting on October 19, 1963, a copy of which is attached.

*Mr. C. Com. 2/20/9*

\* COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS. A list of appointments by President Cutler to the Trustee Committee was distributed and accepted. A copy is attached herewith.

\* RECOGNITION OF RECENT BOARD MEMBERS. On motion duly made and seconded it was VOTED to unanimously adopt the following resolutions in appreciation of the distinguished services of former trustees Dr. Warren G. Hill and Mrs. Rena C. Bowles and to send to each a certificate bearing this resolution and signed by all present:

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 September 1, 1956 to October 1, 1963, this certificate of appreciation is presented to WARREN GARDINER HILL who is hereby recognized as one of that distinguished company of men and women who have similarly served.

\*Mrs. L. A. (Helen W.) Pierce has been nominated by the Governor and is awaiting approval by the Executive Council, in session today.

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 October 17, 1957 to November 2, 1963, this certificate of appreciation is presented to RENA CAMPBELL BOWLES who is hereby recognized as one of that distinguished company of men and women who have similarly served.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Educational Policy and Research. Chairman Benoit reported on a meeting held November 19, 1963 presenting the following information and recommendations:

a. The Continuing Education Division activity was compared to the spring of 1962-63:

|            | Fall<br>1963 | Spring<br>1963 |
|------------|--------------|----------------|
| Courses:   | 170          | 127            |
| Faculty:   | 129          | 111            |
| Enrolled:  | 4,096        | 3,045          |
| Locations: | 34           | 22             |

b. The enrollment in the 2-year Agriculture Program has increased, seemingly in response to the two new curriculums.

c. The Committee reviewed the plan for Ph.D. programs at the University. The number of graduate students has increased from 177 last fall to 240 this fall, or 40%.

d. The Committee recommends the approval of course changes as outlined on material dated November 19, 1963, a copy of which is attached herewith. This recommendation includes the proposal for a year's Guidance Institute, planned for 1964-65 if approved by the United States Office of Education.

On motion duly made and seconded it was

VOTED to accept the report of the Committee and approve the recommendation on course changes and the Guidance Institute.

2. The Finance Committee. Chairman Robertson reported that two meetings had been held, October 19 and November 19, and that both were of a routine nature with no policy recommendations. The report was accepted.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT. Dr. Elliott discussed the following matters:

- 1. When the referendum vote is announced by the Governor and Council two new academic buildings will be started. The one in Portland will provide better space for the library; the 4-year program in Business Administration; the possible granting of Bachelor's degrees in some of the majors in the humanities and the social sciences; in cooperation with Continuing Education Division, the granting of certain Master's degrees. The building as approved by the Bureau of Public Improvement does not include the wing for the School of Law, although the University had hoped to include it.
- 2. In planning both of the academic buildings thought will be given to the use of expert consultation where advisable, flexibility in construction for future change of function and to the possibility of future additions to the structures themselves. All effort will be expended toward completion of these buildings (and of the new dormitory being built on the self-liquidating bond issue) by September 1965 when the University enrollment is expected to more than tax all of the facilities.
- 3. The growing importance of graduate study at the University and the role of the Federal Government in research being conducted at the colleges and universities across the country today. On motion duly made and seconded it was

VOTED to incorporate a copy of the following statement by Dr. Elliott in the minutes of this meeting and to convey the concern of the Board to the Congressional delegation.

#### Research and the Federal Government

Lloyd H. Elliott

Involvement of the Federal Government in research development and direct educational programs since World War II has been one of the phenomenal developments of the post-war period. It seems now time to re-assess the achievements of this involvement and to consider strengths and weaknesses of the present procedures. The heavy concentration of Federal research money in a relatively few institutions is not in the best long-range interests of the Nation. It tends to make a few strong universities even stronger while at the same time multiplying the problems of the other institutions.

Higher education is so important to the national welfare that additional centers of educational strength must be developed as a national policy and not left to the accident of local or state circumstance. Nearly 80% of all the research funds awarded through grants and contracts by the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in recent years have been given to about twenty major institutions. When research supported by the Department of Agriculture, the Departments of Commerce, Interior, Defense and Health, Education and Welfare are added to these other departments, about 60% of the total Federal effort is concentrated in twenty-five institutions and, of all funds expended by the Federal Government in the area of research, 90% is concentrated in 100 of the nation's 2,000 colleges and universities.

Federal research funds are spent primarily for two objectives: (1) The purchase of certain scientific services; (2) The development of more adequately trained man-power. The latter cannot be achieved without the establishment of at least one center of scientific and engineering excellence in each state. This argues strongly for the allocation of a certain percentage, perhaps as much as one-half of the total Federal expenditure in this area on a state or geographical basis. This is the way by which each state achieved a measure of eminence in agriculture and engineering as a result of the Morrill Act of 1863 and its principle is still defensible as a national policy in regard to present Federal funds. I hope the matter will receive the closest scrutiny by the Congress. In this review it should be remembered that the nation's leadership in science and technology has been brought about by the leadership of its institutions of higher learning.

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS. On motion duly made and seconded it was

VOTED to approve all recommendations concerning personnel as listed under date of November 20, 1963, a copy of which is herewith attached.

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS. On the recommendation of Dr. Elliott it was duly moved, seconded and

VOTED to accept with appreciation all grants, bequests and other gifts as listed under date of November 20, 1963, a copy of which is attached herewith.

There was informal discussion of several topics but no further business was raised, and hence the meeting was adjourned.

Edith G. Wilson  
Clerk of the Board