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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes

Board Meeting

January 20, 1965

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

President Cutler called the meeting to order:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. It was moved, duly seconded and

VOTED to approve the minutes as distributed for the meetings held on November 18, 1964 and listed below; to approve all recommendations and ratify all action taken as recorded in said minutes, copies of which are filed herewith.

- a. Educational Policy and Research Committee
- b. Finance Committee
- c. Maintenance and Control Committee
- d. The Board of Trustees

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Educational Policy and Research Committee. Chairman Benoit presented the recommendation from the Committee as a motion which was duly seconded and

- VOTED to approve the 2-Yr. Program in Business Administration at the University of Maine in Portland, effective September 1965.

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Mr. Benoit also announced that the School of Business Administration is:

- a. Offering a program in Orono in Fall of 1965 (similar to the one begun in Portland last fall) leading to the degree of Master of Business Administration.
- b. Offering experimentally a Management Development Program in Orono, April 19-23, 1965 as a service to business in the State.

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PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS. On the recommendation of President Elliott and Dr. Peck it was moved, duly seconded and

VOTED to approve all recommendations concerning personnel as listed under date of January 20, 1965, a copy of which is filed herewith.

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

VOTED to accept with appreciation all grants, bequests and other gifts as listed under date of January 20, 1965, a copy of which is filed herewith.

- REPORT OF REGISTRAR AND DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES. In response to questions Mr. Crosby said that there were close to two hundred transfers and readmissions expected to enter in February, and that there was always some transferring between the University of Maine campuses in Portland and in Orono with students going in both directions for various reasons.
- REPORT OF THE TREASURER. Mr. Gordon mentioned that the Treasurer's Annual Report had been mailed out in December. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Annual Report for the year 1963-64.

*attached*

#### REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

- 1. Centennial Convocation. Dr. Peck was asked to report on plans. The Bangor Daily News is planning a special supplement for the morning of February 25th. The Portland Sunday Telegram plans a special supplement for April 4. Since it does not seem possible to have a closed circuit TV connection with the campus in Portland for the 25th of February, other plans are being discussed. Mr. Keyo reported that efforts are being made to prepare a one-half hour tape of the Convocation to be telecast over ETV and commercial stations at 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 25th.
- 2. Governor Reed's Budget Message. Dr. Elliott reported that Governor Reed recommended essentially all of the operating funds required, but only \$2.4 millions of the capital improvements budget. He also reported that although Governor Reed failed to include the \$6 million self-liquidating bond issue in his message he does support this and a special bill is being introduced.

3. Forestry Building. Dr. Elliott read from a letter received from Mr. C. O. Totman, President of the Forest Products Council, requesting that "extensive use of forest products be employed in the design and construction of this most necessary building," the requested Forestry Building. Dr. Elliott referred to the project description of the building on page 1 of the Capital Improvements in the six-year program (1965-71). "Tentative plans call for the liberal use of wood in the construction of this building provided costs prove comparable to those of steel, concrete and brick." On motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED to insert the words "construction, maintenance and operating" between the words "provided" and "costs" in the description just quoted, and to approve the other minor changes in the six-year capital construction program as already included in the distributed revised edition of November 20, 1964.

4. Augusta Branch. Governor Reed recommended \$30,000 for the establishment of a center in Augusta. This would provide courses for not over 100 freshmen the first year with another hundred admitted as freshmen the second year. The first year no laboratory science will be possible since the facilities at the new Coney High School will not be ready in time to make this feasible. The money to be appropriated will go primarily for the Library and the Science Laboratory. There will be a full-time resident director and probably several full-time instructors. The appropriation plus the usual tuition will constitute the budget. Dr. Cutler and President Elliott who attended a dinner in Augusta commented upon the enthusiasm for this project on the part of the citizens of the city.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED to approve the establishment of the Augusta commuter branch contingent upon the appropriation of \$30,000.

5. The Portland Exposition Building and Grounds. An inquiry has been made about the possibility of the University purchasing this property as an addition to the Portland campus. It is only about three blocks from the present campus and includes athletic fields in addition to the building. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED to authorize President Elliott to study the proposition informally.

6. Crowding in Dormitories. The publicity concerning the possibility of three students to a room next fall has aroused considerable discussion. President Elliott indicated that although it would be necessary to crowd from one to two hundred students, that we are already experimenting with a plan for adding to study facilities by the use of dining rooms. This year from 100 to 175 have been using Stodder dining room in the evenings from Sunday through Thursday and are enthusiastic about it. This will be expanded to other dining facilities next year. The plan is to encourage upper-classmen to triple up so that the crowding is done by congenial students. The plan should be considered a temporary expedient, however, and only emphasizes the urgency of the need for the construction of dormitories.
7. Naming of Academic Buildings. In line with the recent custom the President announced he would appoint a committee of faculty, alumni, and friends of the University to recommend names for the two buildings now being constructed, one in Orono and one in Portland.
8. Request for a Crash Program. Dr. Elliott reported that Senator Roger V. Snow, Jr., Chairman of the Education Committee of the 102nd Legislature, requested the University Staff and Trustees to propose ways in which the University could undertake a crash program to admit more students than the 645 estimated increase for the Fall of 1965. Senator Snow is concerned in light of the increased number of seniors expecting to graduate from high school next June that many of those desiring higher education will not find facilities available. He is asking the University, therefore, to suggest possible ways in which more students can be admitted immediately without waiting for building construction.

The Trustees expressed sympathy with the problem and the desire to assist in meeting the needs of youth in the State realizing that if we do not exert every effort to provide as much opportunity as possible, both youth and the State will be the losers. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED to applaud the concern of Senator Snow and the Education Committee and to authorize President Elliott to notify Senator Snow of the present plans for expansion and then to prepare possible responses of the University to the request with estimated costs and report to the Board in a month.

9. Current Construction. In Mr. McGuire's absence Dr. Elliott reported that all construction projects were proceeding in good order except for a few minor difficulties caused by the weather.

**NEXT MEETING.** The next regular meeting of the Board will be April 21, 1965. There may be, however, a special meeting held in conjunction with the Centennial on February 25th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Edith G. Wilson  
Clerk of the Board