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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board Meeting

April 16, 1969

PRESENT: Chairman L. M. Cutler, H. L. V. Anderson, A. H. Benoit, H. R. Brown, V. Currier, R. H. Cutting, R. N. Haskell, J. H. Page, Mrs. Helen Pierce, Mrs. Jean Sampson, S. W. Wernick, and N. Y. Wessell; Absent: Miss Lucia Cormier, W. T. Logan, Jr., W. G. Robertson; Staff: Chancellor McNeil, S. L. Freeman, H. W. Gordon, M. L. Fowle, Jr., K. T. H. Brooks, J. M. Fox, L. J. Jewett, W. C. Libby, E. A. Olsen, L. A. Sennett, C. O. T. Wieden, H. A. Keyo, F. S. McGuire, Clerk Edith Wilson and the Press.

Dr. Cutler opened the meeting by announcing that in the Executive Session held earlier the Board had unanimously elected Winthrop C. Libby to the Presidency of the University of Maine in Orono, Portland and Augusta, and the School of Law effective immediately at a salary of \$30,000 a year. Dr. Cutler expressed the appreciation of the Board for the fine work Mr. Libby has performed as Acting President and their expectation that he will continue the excellent leadership he has so far displayed.

1. Approval of Minutes. It was moved, seconded and

VOTED: To approve the minutes as distributed and corrected for the meetings held on March 14, 1969; and to approve all recommendations and ratify all actions taken as recorded in said minutes, copies of which are filed herewith.

2. Committee Reports.

a. Educational Policy Committee - Mrs. Sampson.

1) Reorganization of Student Services - UM,O.

The Committee had before it the recommendation from Acting President Libby which was based on a student-faculty-administration committee study of the student services on the Orono campus and recommends acceptance of Mr. Libby's recommendation. It was moved, seconded and

VOTED: To approve with enthusiasm for the procedures employed the recommendation from President Libby to reorganize the structural pattern of Student Services on the Orono campus as presented, effective July 1, 1969.

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2) A Department of Anthropology - UM,O.

On the recommendation of the committee, it was moved, seconded and

VOTED: To authorize the establishment of a Department of Anthropology at the University of Maine, Orono effective July 1, 1969.

3) Constitution for a College Assembly at Gorham State College.

The committee discussed the proposal for a new organization at Gorham State College which had been prepared by a committee of faculty, administrators and students toward democratic procedures for policy making at the college level. On the recommendation of the committee, it was moved, seconded and

VOTED: To approve the Constitution for the new College Assembly of Gorham State College of the University of Maine as presented and that those responsible for this evidence of vital concern with democratic government of the Institution be commended.

b. Physical Plant Committee. Mr. Page reported.

- 1) The Portland Building. The architect presented to the committee the preliminary plans for the new building in Portland. On the recommendation of the committee it was moved, seconded and

VOTED: To approve the preliminary plans as presented by the architect for the Advance Study/Research and Law School Building.

2) Several Items for Information.

- a) Transfer of State College Property. The transfer of State College property to the University of Maine will be accomplished in the near future, with the possible exception of a few parcels of land, the deeds of which maybe unclear.

- b) Current Construction. The report on all current projects was reviewed and no problems are evident, in fact progress is better than during the last several months.

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- c) The Old Gymnasium at UM, P. Dr. McNeil reminded the Board that they took action in March to proceed to demolish the building unless some person or organization desired to move the building, and under those circumstances a cost of demolishing would be contributed to its removal. Since that decision there has been an expression of concern from the neighborhood and the student body as well as in the legislature. The Physical Plant Committee, after discussing it, felt that the decision of the Board should be adhered to but that the Chancellor should meet with the interested persons to explain the reasons for the vote to demolish the building which are mostly financial but also relate to the nature of the historic site itself. After this series of meetings if they wish to have a hearing, the Physical Plant Committee is willing to offer them this opportunity.
- d) Federal Grants. Mr. McGuire reported that the University had received word of a federal grant of \$208,245 for the Physical Education Building in Orono and a grant of \$548,000 for the new building in Augusta.
- 3). Capital Construction Request. The University endorsed the full \$39 million dollar request at the meeting of the Appropriations Committee; however, after consulting the Executive Committee, Dr. McNeil informed the leaders of the legislature that if in this session of the legislature they approved \$7.5 million for the list of priority items, that the remaining amount could be presented to a special session of the legislature in January and that the Trustees would request that such a session be held. There was concern on the part of some legislators that certain projects were not on this priority list. The basic issue is relative to the decision of the Board to develop a master plan which should be available in outline form at least, to present to the legislature in January as a basis for the request then for additional construction. This delay will provide a more rational basis for the request. In view of this it is crucial that the Board take a firm stand in resisting any efforts now to break this priority list. If it is broken the State is back to the old problems that promoted the merger of the State Colleges and the former University. After further discussion, it was moved, seconded and

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VOTED: That the Trustees approve the policy and the actions of the Chancellor with respect to the presentation of the capital construction budget request and that this be communicated to the legislative leadership.

- 4) Orono Sewerage. Mr. Haskell reported that the Board of the former University had an agreement with the Town of Orono for them to build a sewerage treatment facility of sufficient capacity to service the University and that the University would pay its proportional share in the annual cost of the debt service estimated in the realm of 48 to 50 percent which might be as high as \$35,000 a year. When the counsel of the Town of Orono took the agreement to the counsel of the Company that furnished the bonds, they agreed that the existing Statutes were not sufficiently explicit to give to the present Board of Trustees authority to enter into a 30-year agreement, consequently a bill has been presented to the legislature as an emergency item, giving to the Trustees the authority to execute such contracts with municipalities. It was moved, seconded and

VOTED: To approve the action of the Administration in introducing the bill requesting legislative permission for the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine to authorize contracts with the State of Maine, or any department or agency thereof, or any city, town or other public instrumentality, on such terms and conditions as they shall approve for the furnishing to said University of water and sewer services for periods not to exceed 50 years.

c. Finance Committee - Mr. Haskell.

- 1) Auditors. On the recommendation of Mr. Haskell and the committee it was moved, seconded and

VOTED: To re-employ the auditing firm of Lybrand, Ross Bros. and Montgomery as auditors for the fiscal year 1969.

- 2) Summer Session Budget. On Mr. Haskell's recommendation it was moved, seconded and

VOTED: To accept the summer session budgets for Orono and Portland as presented.

3. Degrees. It was moved, seconded and

VOTED: To award the degrees in course at the appropriate commencement exercises in June 1969 to those students fully recommended by the appropriate faculties and Presidents of the respective institutions and/or divisions of the University of Maine whose names will appear in the appropriate commencement programs, copies of which will be filed herewith.

4. Personnel. On the recommendation by Presidents Brooks, Fox, Libby and Wieden, it was moved, seconded and

VOTED: To approve the personnel recommendations for the University of Maine in Orono, Portland and Augusta and for Aroostook, Fort Kent and Gorham State Colleges listed under date of April 16, 1969, copies of which are filed herewith.

5. Report of the Chancellor.

a. Educational Television Studios. On Dr. McNeill's support of President Libby's recommendation, it was moved, seconded and

VOTED: That the Educational Television Studios in Orono be named the Constance Warren Studios of the Maine Educational Television Network. Dr. Warren, former President of Sarah Lawrence College, was an active member of the committee that brought about the establishment of Maine Educational Television Network and contributed greatly to the establishment of the network. Dr. Warren returns to her family home in North Waterford, Maine, for summers and maintains an active interest in higher education in Maine.

b. Legislative Matters.

- 1) Operating Budget. Dr. McNeil stressed the crucial situation with the possible cut in the Part II budget request with over \$3. million needed to make up the amount already cut in the Part I budget. This not only hampers new programs and expansion, but currently handicaps the recruiting of faculty and the commitment to students already admitted. Although the climate in the legislature is friendly and responsive, it is still necessary to repeat that the basic needs are so great and that the possibility of cutting the Part II request makes a very serious situation for the University.

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2) LD. 1440. Dr. McNeil explained that this bill was written in the committee on state government and would make it mandatory for the University to purchase all material through the State Purchasing Department which would seriously handicap the University. The earlier bill which was referred to the committee did not include this provision. Members of the Board have been in touch with appropriate members of the legislature and have received promises that the bill will be recommitted to committee for further study and consultation.

3) LD. 519. The intent of this bill is to remove the item regarding the tuition differential between the State Colleges and the former University in the Statute which merged the institutions. Mr. Haskell in supporting this bill, on the basis that as a matter of principle it should be the business of the Trustees to set tuition, discovered considerable resistance on the part of the legislative leaders. Consequently, he proposed not pressing for passage of the bill as other concerns are of more importance. The Board agreed.

c. Presidential Search Activities. Dr. McNeil reported that the Search Committee at Farmington consisting of faculty, students and administration, each group of representatives having been elected by their constituent groups, is organized and ready to function. Dr. McNeil will sift the many applications and forward to the Committee the most promising, after which mutually agreed upon candidates will be interviewed. The Committee for Aroostook State College has now been established by a similar process and is meeting here in Bangor on Friday for its first sessions

d. The Master Plan. Dr. McNeil reported progress on three types of committees:

- 1) A blue ribbon committee consisting of citizens representing the State as widely as possible.
- 2) Regional committees to be composed of citizens also, but with a charge to think in terms of the needs of the area primarily.
- 3) Task forces to be composed of staff, administration, faculty and students. The first of these, the Portland-Gorham Task Force is in the process of establishment. Letters have been sent to the two faculty councils and the two student senates requesting

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four representatives from each organization. Dr. McNeil has appointed Dean Sweigart of UM,P and Dean York of Gorham and Walter Fridinger of Continuing Education Division.

Dr. McNeil hopes to appoint the blue ribbon committee within the next two weeks but is still hoping additional names will be forwarded to him. The general function of the blue ribbon committee will be consideration of such policy matters as the cost to students, the focus of the University, the relationship to other institutions of higher education including private colleges. The regional committee will assure the consideration of the needs of all areas of the State. The target date will be December 1, for an outline at least. Hopefully, considerable data can be assembled without too much research. We are committed to providing a more reasonable construction program based on some master planning at the special session of the legislature in January, if one is held.

6. Matters from the Chairman of the Board.

- a. Representation on Other Boards. Dr. Cutler reported that he had asked various people to serve for the Board but had not reported for Board confirmation. It was therefore, moved, seconded and

VOTED: To confirm the appointment of Gordon Robertson to the Pulp & Paper Foundation and Robert Haskell and Curtis Hutchins to the Board of Directors of the Kennebec River Pulp & Paper Company, Inc.

- b. Representation at Commencements. Dr. Cutler thought the Board might like to divide the responsibility for Board attendance at spring commencements. It was therefore agreed that the following would be the official representatives but that all members of the Board are invited to all commencements.
- 1) Aroostook State College, June 8, Dr. Wessell and as many others as possible.
 - 2) Fort Kent State College, June 1, Dr. Brown, Mr. Carrier and Mr. Page.
 - 3) Farmington State College, June 1, Mrs. Sampson and Mrs. Pierce.
 - 4) Gorham State College, June 1, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Benoit, Miss Cormier and Mr. Wernick.

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- 5) Washington State College, June 8, Mr. Haskell
 - 6) UM,O, June 6, Dr. Cutler, Mr. Cutting, Mr. Robertson and Dr. Wessell.
 - 7) UM,P, June 7, Mr. Benoit, Miss Cormier and Mr. Wernick.
7. Date of Next Meeting. It was agreed that the next meeting would be on June 8-9 in Presque Isle. This would coincide with attendance at the Commencement at Aroostook State College.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Edith G. Wilson
Clerk, Board of Trustees

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