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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board Meeting

June 9, 1969
Presque Isle

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

Dr. Cutler opened the meeting with an announcement concerning a packet for each member of the Board from the Presque Isle Chamber of Commerce and a word of appreciation to Mr. Currier and Mr. Page for the successful dinner meeting with citizens of Aroostook County the previous evening.

1. Approval of Minutes. It was moved, seconded

VOTED: To approve the minutes as distributed for the meetings on April 16, 1969, as listed below; to approve all recommendations and ratify all actions as recorded in said minutes, copies of which are filed herewith.

- a. Educational Policy Committee
- b. Physical Plant Committee
- c. Board of Trustees

2. Report of the Chancellor.

- a. Legislative Matters. The Chancellor described the seriousness of the situation if the appropriation in Part II is reduced still further. In that instance, the University will be forced to find new revenue in addition to placing a limitation on expenditures. Alternatives for reducing expenses include freezing the enrollment for the second year of the biennium; cutting the salary increases which are needed to keep the University competitive since we are low at present; closing or not opening certain facilities. Depending upon what the legislature does, it may even be necessary to default on commitments made for the coming fall since students have been admitted in good faith and faculty employed. It is evident that the University can not function at its present level or improve unless additional funds are appropriated.

Various possible consequences of inadequate funds were listed relative to legal and moral commitments, accreditation, leaving new buildings unopened, cancelling certain programs - all summed up in the statement that "mere survival is a retreat" and fear lest the whole new structure be endangered before it gets a start.

The Board members expressed deep concern, stating that they felt they could not carry out their responsibilities for the University system without Part II appropriations.

It was agreed that a statement be prepared by the Staff and approved by the Board to be sent to each member of the legislature and the Executive Office indicating the crisis that has been discussed.

Following consideration of several possible actions, it was moved, seconded and, regretfully

VOTED: That without adequate budget provisions the enrollment for the second year of the biennium be frozen at a number not in excess of the coming year and lower if funds are lacking.

(Mr. Robertson and Mr. Page voted in opposition to the above.)

- b. Budget Hearings with the Presidents. Dr. McNeil reported for the information of the Board that hearings were progressing. The budgets are based on Part I and the possibility of a \$6.7 million appropriation in Part II. If this should not be forthcoming, then the budgets will have to be revised accordingly. The Staff will later put together the entire budget to be presented at the July meeting of the Board.
- c. The Higher Education Planning Commission will hold its first meeting on June 18 at 2 o'clock in Augusta. It was decided in consultation with the Administrative Council to have campus advisory committees, which may include local citizens, rather than regional committees, to focus on the mission of each campus. In addition, there will be task forces to provide the HEP Commission with more specific information and recommendations relating to various aspects of higher education such as graduate study, vocational education, etc.
- d. The Barn at UM,P. The local committee concerned about this building has requested a meeting with the Physical Plant Committee so one is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on June 18 in Portland at which time the citizens committee will present their interests and requests.

e. Representation on the Board Committees. Dr. McNeil requested postponement of the report on the procedures for selection of representation on committees of students, faculty, alumni and other citizens; a report to be made later in the summer.

3. Authorization for Expenditures after June 30. Mr. Haskell presented a motion which was seconded and

VOTED: Since the 1969-70 appropriation will not be known until after the adjournment of the Regular Session of the 104th Legislature, the Administration is authorized to expend such sums as they may determine, effective July 1, 1969, and continuing until the budget submission at the July meeting of the Board of Trustees.

4. TECO Lodge. TECO Lodge, situated sixty-five miles east of Bangor on Lily Lake in Washington County, was accepted by the Trustees on April 17, 1968, as a gift from the Eastern Company of Cambridge, Massachusetts. It was hoped that the Lodge would be sufficiently rented by University staff and/or for University functions to pay the cost of operation and maintenance. During the year, however, the expenses have exceeded the income by about \$4,000. The donor has concurred with the decision to sell. It was then moved, seconded, and

VOTED: To authorize the sale of the TECO Lodge property as advantageously as possible.

5. Russell Property, FSC. Mr. McGuire presented the fact that the Russell Property in Farmington is now available for purchase. The property is in a block close to other college buildings. The frame residence is adaptable to office space or other uses. Approximately half the purchase price is available from the Bureau of Public Improvements earmarked for Farmington State College and the other half can be obtained from the dormitory construction fund, with the approval of the Bureau of Finance Administration in Augusta. Acting President Olsen considers this purchase his first priority for use of these funds. It was then moved, seconded and

VOTED: To authorize purchase of the property of the late E. E. Russell located at 9 South Street, Farmington, Maine, a corner property of 3/4 of an acre and a frame residence, for a price approximating \$20,000.

6. A Lease to Tau Kappa Epsilon - Orono. Mr. McGuire presented the request for a lease on the real property at 370 College Avenue in order for the fraternity to secure a loan from the Bangor Savings Bank to finance an addition to the chapter house. This property was purchased by the University from Bertrand Brann, et al., in 1953. It was moved, seconded and

VOTED: To grant to Tau Kappa Epsilon Educational Foundation of the University of Maine a 50-year lease for the land in Orono, formerly the Brann property, upon which the chapter house is now located with the usual restriction that the land revert to the University if the property ceases to be used to house students in accordance with University regulations. Should the undergraduate chapter of the fraternity cease to exist or be suspended, this restriction would not preclude the TKE Foundation from renting the house to the University or to another fraternity.

7. Acceptance of Gifts. On the recommendation of Chancellor McNeil, it was moved, seconded and

VOTED: To accept with appreciation all grants, bequests, and other gifts reported by President Libby as listed under date of June 9, 1969, a copy of which is filed herewith.

8. DeWolfe Fund. Mr. Haskell reminded the Board that the University of Maine Foundation had requested the Trustees to return from the Endowment the amount accumulated to the credit of the DeWolfe Fund. Mr. Haskell reported that he and Mr. Carlisle, President of the Foundation, had agreed to let the matter rest until the University has more information concerning the needs this year for scholarship funds.
9. Report of the Nominating Committee. Dr. Wessell presented the following slate of officers in the name of the Committee, consisting of Mr. Anderson, Mr. Robertson, and himself as Chairman.

To serve until the next annual meeting:
For Chairman: Lawrence M. Cutler
For Vice Chairman: Jean Sampson

To serve at the pleasure of the Board:
For Treasurer: Harry W. Gordon
For Clerk: Edith G. Wilson

With Mr. Haskell as Chairman Pro-tem, it was moved, seconded and

VOTED: To accept the slate of officers as presented and to elect the nominees as presented.

10. Confirmation of Board Actions Prior to May 26, 1968. In order to avoid uncertainties, Mr. Wernick presented the following as a motion which was seconded and

VOTED: That the present Board of Trustees confirm and assume all obligations contracted or otherwise undertaken prior to May 26, 1968, and further that we approve and ratify all authorizations or appointments made prior to May 26, 1968 - subject however to such further action on the part of the present Board of Trustees as they may deem appropriate from time to time.

11. President Wieden's Retirement. Dr. Cutler called attention to the fact that Dr. Wieden will be retiring within the next few months and expressed to Dr. Wieden the appreciation of the Board for his leadership through the years in the State and especially at Aroostook State College. It was moved, seconded and

VOTED: To name Clifford O. T. Wieden President Emeritus of Aroostook State College effective upon his retirement.

12. Date and Place of the Next Meeting. Tuesday, July 22, 1969, was selected as the date, with Bangor, Darling Center, and Portland as the three major location proposals. The location will be decided later.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Edith G. Wilson
Clerk, Board of Trustees