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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OPEN MEETING  
April 10, 1970 at Portland

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Date 6/8/70  
By: JoAnne R. Magill, Clerk

PRESENT: Chairman L. M. Cutler, H. L. V. Anderson, H. R. Brown, V. P. Currier, R. H. Cutting, R. M. Haskell, S. T. Hughes, J. H. Page, W. G. Robertson, Mrs. Jean Sampson, N. Y. Wessell; ABSENT: A. H. Benoit, Miss L. M. Cormier, W. T. Logan, Jr. One Vacancy. Staff: Chancellor D. R. McNeil, S. L. Freeman, H. L. Fowle, K. T. H. Brooks, J. M. Fox, E. A. Olsen, L. A. Sennett, J. M. Clark, E. S. Godfrey, L. J. Jewett; R. K. Baker, F. Campbell, D. I. Carter, D. R. Fink, H. W. Gordon, J. E. Johnson, F. S. McGuire, A. C. McGuinness; W. N. Robersen, K. F. Stevens and Clerk, JoAnne Magill.

Also present, public, press and University students.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved, seconded and

VOTED: to approve the minutes of the following meetings,  
as distributed and revised:

February 17, 1970  
Educational Policy Committee  
Honorary Degree Committee  
Physical Plant Committee  
Public Information Committee (as revised)  
Closed Executive Session  
Open Meeting

March 10, 1970  
Public Information Committee

March 24, 1970  
Finance Committee

It was moved, seconded and

VOTED: to ratify interim action of the Executive Committee,  
a summary of which is attached to these minutes.

REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR.

1. Search Committee - WSC. The Chancellor asked Dr. Freeman to report on the status of a search committee to name a successor for President Lincoln A. Sennett who will retire in October. Dr. Freeman reported that the committee has been formed by the election of student, faculty and administrative members and that he expects to meet with this group very soon, at which time a chairman will be selected and general qualifications established. The committee will utilize the Chancellor's Office for the dissemination of information, and the receiving of applications, etc.
2. Search Committee - Portland-Gorham. The Chancellor reported that the search committee has been selected by the faculty and student body from the three units, Portland, Gorham, and the Law School. The eight-member committee has begun the review and screening process, and they hope to have a President for the new complex by early September.

3. Student-faculty representation on Board Committees. The Chancellor presented an interim report on the Staff's attempts to comply with the Board's request for student representation on the various committees. Questions have been raised about an appropriate selection process, the number of representatives advisable, and whether or not the appointments should carry voting privileges.

The possibility of student representation has created a demand for equal opportunity for faculty and alumni representation.

There is an ad hoc mechanism by which students and faculty could be selected. If this group is large enough to be truly representative, the non-Board membership would out-number the Trustees on most committees. There is some question that students and faculty voting on matters which concern them directly, would constitute a conflict of interest.

With these questions in mind, the Chancellor asked the Board for further direction. In the ensuing discussion, Dr. Wessell observed that the most important consideration should be that all elements of the constituency have an opportunity to be heard, and that the opinions of the University community should receive thoughtful and sincere attention, whether this is accomplished through the committee structure or by some other means. The matter of voting privileges should be a secondary concern, and he pointed out that committee membership as a device to broaden student participation in University affairs may be self-defeating. The few students who could be accommodated with committee assignments couldn't possibly represent the range of student views and, under these circumstances, appointments, with or without the vote, could be mere tokenism. The Chancellor agreed that student opinion might have greater impact if it were expressed through their separate peer groups rather than through the composite voice of an alumni-faculty-student delegation.

The Public Information Committee has experimented with student representation on an ad hoc basis, and found this a rewarding experience. Mr. Cutting noted that the lack of voting privileges had not deterred the students from becoming involved in the discussions and that they had made valuable contributions.

After further discussion, there was general agreement that much more study is needed before any structural changes are made, and that the Board will await the report of the HEP Commission's Sub-Committee on Governance.

4. Trustee Scholarship Program. Mr. Fowle elaborated on the proposed schedule for distribution of monies in the Trustee Scholarship Fund. There have been consultations with the Presidents and Student Aid officers on all Campuses and the consensus of this group was that a portion of the Fund should be distributed immediately, and the remainder should be held pending further identification of those students most seriously affected by the increase in tuition. It is recommended that the money be allocated on the basis of student population.

It was moved, seconded and

VOTED: to approve the distribution of one-half of the Trustee Scholarship Fund (\$50,000) in accordance with the following schedule based on student population:

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Population %</u>	<u>Allocation</u>
Aroostook	4.1	\$ 2,050
Farmington	8.3	4,150
Fort Kent	2.5	1,250
Gorham	10.4	5,200
OPAL		
Orono	57.3	28,650
Portland	10.6	5,300
Augusta	2.2	1,100
School of Law	1.0	500
Washington	3.6	1,800
	<u>100.0</u>	<u>\$ 50,000</u>

5. Special Service Project. Dr. Freeman reported on a proposal that a higher educational opportunity project be conducted by the University of Maine, to provide low-income families with information and personal assistance to help them to take advantage of existing higher education services.

One individual would be assigned from Central Administration to (1) contact low-income youth, their parents, and their secondary schools, and (2) coordinate this project with complementary programs in the State. The objective is to increase the availability to low-income students of existing higher education resources. The new ingredient in this proposal is the planned follow-through from contact with the student into the home and family.

Coordination with other programs will include planned joint activities with two projects for which Federal grants are being requested: a youth opportunity program in the Governor's Office; a talent search program in Cooperative Extension. Currently operational programs with which there will be coordination include Upward Bound, the Office of Indian Affairs, ONWARDS at the Orono Campus, and school guidance services.

It was moved, seconded and

VOTED: to approve the special service project in higher education opportunities for low-income students.

6. Emergency Committee on Full Funding for Education. The Chancellor reviewed the function of this committee which is composed of more than one hundred education-related organizations. It was formed in 1969 to carry the case for education funding directly to Congress, and they are supported by contributions from colleges and universities throughout the country.

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

VOTED: to authorize a one-hundred dollar donation to the Committee.

7. Policy on Naming Physical Facilities. On the recommendation of the Chancellor that a policy for naming of physical facilities would be desirable, it was moved, seconded and

VOTED: to adopt the following policy:

Physical facilities of the University of Maine may be named for any individual, living or dead, except an in-service employee or an active member of the Board of Trustees. Names of employees or Board members may be proposed after their services to the University have terminated. Other acceptable names include but are not limited to geographical places, functions, university groups.

Recommendations to the Chancellor and Trustees for names of physical facilities shall be initiated by the Presidents of a Campus in consultation with such committees as he may appoint for this purpose.

8. Policy on Procedures for Board Appearances. On the recommendation of the Chancellor it was moved, seconded and

VOTED: to adopt the following policy:

The Board of Trustees seeks to keep abreast of the broad range of public opinion about University affairs. The Board depends primarily on the administrative staff for appropriate briefings, but it welcomes communications from any interested party. Individuals or groups who desire to address the Board on matters germane to University affairs may do so by following procedures established by the Chancellor.

9. Fringe Benefit Program. At the request of the Chairman, Mr. Fowle summarized the improved fringe benefit program that was approved in the Executive Session, for the benefit of the Press and the students present.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

Physical Plant Committee: Mr. Page reviewed the status of current construction projects, the utilization of planning funds, and reported that the Board had authorized the purchase of the remaining land parcels needed for the Law-advanced Study and Research Building in Portland.

Sale of Veazie Land. On the recommendation of the Physical Plant Committee, it was moved, seconded and

VOTED: to convey, subject to appraisal, 1.95 acres of land in Veazie to the Veazie Sewer District for the purpose of erecting and operating a sewage treatment plant.

Law-Advanced Study-Research Building, Portland. Mr. Page reported that the architect's plans for this building are complete and the Committee recommends approval. The Chancellor commented that the plans for this building had aroused a great deal of controversy in the surrounding neighborhood, due to anticipated traffic hazards. The University has revised its plans to provide for access and exit only on Deering Avenue, and this has restored harmony to a great degree. It was moved, seconded and

VOTED: to approve the final plans of the Law-Advanced Study-Research Building at UMP, as presented.

Presque Isle Easement. Mr. Page reported favorably on granting an easement to the City of Presque Isle. It was moved, seconded and

VOTED: to grant an easement to the City of Presque Isle to enable them to relocate the road leading to the University's Chapman Farm property, for the purposes of building a flood control dam.

Capehart Housing. On the basis of the staff's detailed feasibility study of Capehart housing, the Physical Plant Committee recommends acquisition. Mr. Haskell pointed out that the appraisal of the property indicates a fair value and that the mortgage rate is very favorable. While there will be no increase in rental fees for the first year, some upward revision will be necessary soon after that to insure that these units will be self-supporting. After further discussion, it was moved, seconded and

VOTED: to offer to purchase from the United States Government, 107 so-called Capehart family units located in Bangor, Maine for the total price of \$882,000, terms as stated in the Offer to Purchase dated April 2, 1970, a copy of which is by reference made a part of this resolve.

That the 107 units be operated by the University on a break-even basis without subsidization from other operating funds and that all accounting for pertinent expenses, income, assets and liabilities be separated from other University accounts.

Educational Policy Committee. Mrs. Sampson reported that the Committee has asked the staff to draft a comprehensive policy on non-discrimination which would apply to all activities and procedures of the University system. The statement will be presented to the Committee and to the Board as soon as possible.

Associate degree designations. The Committee recommends acceptance of a proposal to establish a common pattern of associate degree designations for the entire University. It was moved, seconded and

VOTED: to adopt the following degree designations for two-year programs now offered by the University of Maine, effective July 1, 1970:

Associate of Science  
Associate of Arts

Campus designations. Mrs. Sampson reported that the Committee favors the adoption of proposed changes of Campus names. The Chancellor explained that some uniformity seems desirable at this point, to enhance the concept of a single University. During the discussion which followed, divergent opinions were expressed in regard to the proper wording of diplomas for students enrolled prior to the merger. There is evidence that some students would hope to have the original designation embossed on their diplomas, while others are eager to have the change become effective as soon as possible. The feasibility of allowing individual option was discussed and the staff will study the question and bring some recommendations to the Board at the June meeting. Dr. McNeil was sympathetic to the idea of individual choice, but he was concerned that the Board should not establish precedents that might imply an obligation to retain pre-existing structures for the duration of individual college careers. After further discussion, it was moved, seconded and

VOTED: to adopt the following designations for the individual Campuses of the University, effective July 1, 1970:

University of Maine to be named University of Maine at Orono

Aroostook State College to be named University of Maine at Presque Isle

Farmington State College to be named University of Maine at Farmington

Fort Kent State College to be named University of Maine at Fort Kent

Washington State College to be named University of Maine at Machias

Gorham State College, in combination with the University of Maine at Portland and the School of Law, to be named University of Maine at Portland-Gorham

South Campus, UMO, to be named University of Maine at Bangor

University of Maine, Augusta, to be named University of Maine at Augusta.

Before presenting the Committee's recommendations on new program proposals, Mrs. Sampson reported on the first meeting of the Joint Committee of the State Board of Education and the Board of Trustees, which was established to promote cooperation between the State Department of Education and the University of Maine, with particular emphasis on the Vocational Technical Institutes. The Committee decided to initiate this cooperative endeavor by consideration of two-year programs, and the staff has been asked to suggest ways to 1) avoid duplication of two-year programs in the VTI's and at the University; 2) coordinate long range planning for two-year programs; and 3) develop additional areas of cooperation.

New Program Proposals. The moratorium on new programs, which was imposed by the Trustees after the merger to allow time for individual Campus missions to be defined, has now been lifted, and new program proposals have been submitted for the first time in two years. On the recommendation of the Educational Policy Committee, it was moved, seconded and

VOTED: to approve the following two-year programs  
for the University of Maine in Augusta:

Associate of Science (in nursing)  
Associate of Arts (in Art)

Mrs. Sampson reported on a third proposal for UMA in the area of law enforcement which would include both one- and two-year programs, and the Committee recommends approval, contingent upon the availability of federal funds on which the cost estimates were based. The Committee investigated the possibility of undesirable duplication since there are two other new programs pending in this field, one which has been proposed for the University to be given at Bangor, and another scheduled to begin in the fall at Southern Maine Vocational Technical Institute. The State Department of Education and the Law Enforcement Education Agency in Augusta concur that there is sufficient demand in the State for these additional programs.

Mr. Robertson opposed the proposal on the grounds that one- and two - year programs in law enforcement are more appropriate to the VTI's and should not be included in the University curriculum. Mrs. Sampson explained that the Committee had discussed this aspect of the proposals, and they are in agreement that the University's depth in areas such as sociology and psychology can make an important contribution to the training of law enforcement officers. It was moved, seconded and, with Mr. Robertson dissenting,

VOTED: to approve the Associate of Science  
(in Law Enforcement) for the Augusta Campus,  
contingent upon the availability of federal  
funds.

The Committee recommended the approval of five new programs for UMO. In response to a question about financing, Dr. Freeman explained that the Presidents all understand that no additional funds will be available for the initiation of newly approved programs.



It was moved, seconded and

VOTED: to approve the following new programs at UMO:

Bachelor of Science (in Natural Resource Management)  
Bachelor of Science (in Health and Family Life Education)  
Master of Arts (in Comparative Literature)  
Master of Science (in Food Science)  
Doctor of Philosophy (in Forest Resources)

Mrs. Sampson reported that two proposals submitted for South Campus, UMO, had raised a great many questions and the Committee recommends approval subject to the modifications noted in the minutes of the Educational Policy Committee. It was moved, seconded and, with Mr. Robertson in opposition to the law enforcement program,

VOTED: to approve conditionally the following programs for South Campus, UMO:

Associate of Arts (in General Studies)  
Associate of Science (in Law Enforcement)

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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

VOTED: to engage the firm of Arthur Anderson and Company to audit books and accounts of the state-wide University for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1970.

At its meeting on February 17 the Board of Trustees requested that a plan be submitted at their April meeting for the incorporation of the endowment funds of the State Colleges into the University's investment pool, and that the investment pool be put on a "unit" basis to facilitate the distribution of income. Such a plan has been formulated and the Finance Committee recommends approval. It was moved, seconded and

VOTED: to approve the plan for the unitization of endowment funds as submitted.

The Finance Committee recommends acceptance of a bequest to establish the Gushee Scholarship to be awarded annually to the outstanding graduate of Appleton High School, Appleton, Maine. It was moved, seconded and

VOTED: that the Trustees accept \$20,000 under the exact terms and conditions provided for in the Last Will and Testament of R. Cynthia Gushee.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee it was moved, seconded and

VOTED: to establish the Merton C. Corson Memorial fund from \$10,000 bequeathed to the University by the terms of the will of Emily W. Corson. The income from this fund is to be used to assist needy and deserving students

who enroll in associate degree programs in engineering technology at the University of Maine, Orono or Bangor, with preference given to low income, high risk freshmen.

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS.

It was moved, seconded and

VOTED: to accept with gratitude all grants, bequests, and other gifts listed under date of April 10, 1970, a copy of which is filed herewith.

VOTING DEGREES.

It was moved, seconded and

VOTED: to award the degrees in course at the appropriate commencement exercises in May and June, 1970 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.

Dr. Cutler announced the resignation of Dr. Kenneth T. H. Brooks from the Presidency of Gorham State College effective July 1, 1970 and expressed the appreciation of the Board for his many years of devoted service. Dr. Brooks will remain within the University system, and on the recommendation of the Chancellor it was moved, seconded and

VOTED: to confer upon Dr. Kenneth T. H. Brooks the title of University Professor, effective July 1, 1970.

Adjournment.

JoAnne R. Magill  
Clerk, Board of Trustees