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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE  
December 6, 1971  
Portland, Maine

PRESENT: Chairman S. T. Hughes, Miss L. M. Cormier, K. H. Ramage and Clerk J. R. Magill. Staff: W. N. Robersen.

Chairman Hughes convened the meeting.

The Chairman initiated discussion of the future role of the Public Information Committee, emphasizing a need for a clearer definition of its responsibilities and goals. The Committee addressed itself to an examination of the various functions for which it is responsible and there was consensus that the alumni, development and general public-information aspects were needed and that these should be retained. It was understood that some rewording of the language of the Committee's function as it appears in the By-Laws of the Board might be desirable and Chairman Hughes will present this matter informally to the ad hoc committee constituted to revise the By-Laws. Additionally, the Committee indicated a willingness to accept a greater share of the workload of the Board's standing committees. Assignment of responsibility for items concerning the Maine Public Broadcast Network was particularly attractive to the Committee.

There was agreement that the Committee should try to stimulate development and alumni activity at the Campus level, and to encourage Campus public relations personnel to cooperate on system-wide projects to accomplish Board objectives.

There was extensive discussion of the present format used for meetings of the Board of Trustees and various alternatives were explored. There was consensus that community dinners could be effective on some Campuses but should not be scheduled routinely for all meetings of the Board. Providing time for in-depth discussion of topics pertinent to the broad issues in higher education was given high priority. After deliberation, the Committee suggested the following schedule for the January meeting of the Board on the Bangor Campus:

First day of the session

- 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. ad hoc committee meetings, as necessary
- 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. meetings of the standing committees
- 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. lunch break
- 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. special briefing and discussion period
- 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. Topic for January - Collective Bargaining  
Executive Session - this period is reserved for the report of the Chancellor to the Board on any items for which public briefing would be premature, and for the report of any confidential or sensitive matters from the committee agenda.
- 9:30 p.m. Standing Committees reconvene, if necessary, to complete any business remaining from the 4 - 6 p.m. session.

Second day of the session

8:30 a.m.	Public meeting
Noon	lunch break
1:00 p.m.	Public meeting, reconvened, if necessary.

Chairman Hughes announced that the Committee will meet at the Maine Public Broadcast Network studios in January to tour the facility.

Adjournment.

JoAnne R. Magill  
Clerk, Board of Trustees