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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Farmington, Maine
April 8, 1971

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Date 6/10/71
By: JoAnne R. Magill, Clerk

PUBLIC MEETING

Subject to final approval

PRESENT: Chairman L. M. Cutler, H. L. V. Anderson, L. M. Cormier, V. P. Currier, R. H. Cutting, R. N. Haskell, S. T. Hughes, C. R. McGary, J. H. Page, C. D. Reed, W. G. Robertson, Mrs. Jean Sampson, N. Y. Wessell.
Absent: A. H. Benoit and H. R. Brown. Staff: D. R. McNeil, S. L. Freeman, H. L. Fowle, E. S. Godfrey, L. J. Jewett, W. C. Libby, W. J. MacLeod, E. A. Olsen, L. A. Sennett, A. C. McGuinness, W. N. Robersen, F. S. McGuire, B. I. Shur, V. F. Massey and Clerk, J. R. Magill. Also, the press and the public.

Chairman Cutler convened the meeting.

Dr. Einar Olsen, President, University of Maine at Farmington presented a brief review of the programs, facilities and goals of the Farmington Campus.

It was moved, seconded and

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

February 3, 1971

Honorary Degree Committee
Finance Committee
Physical Plant Committee
Educational Policy Committee
Closed Executive Session

February 4, 1971

Ad hoc committee on faculty relations
Ad hoc committee on legislative affairs
Public Meeting

Coed Housing (clarification of policy). Mr. Haskell moved the acceptance of the recommendations contained in the statement defining University policy on coed housing. After discussion the statement was ADOPTED as follows:

Definition: Alternate Room Coed Housing. This type of housing would permit assignment of rooms to male or female groups on the same dormitory floor, with common use of corridors, entrances, exits, etc.

Policy: Alternate Room Coed Housing is not approved for University of Maine undergraduate dormitories. Where physical facilities are adaptable and othe conditions make it desirable, campus heads may permit this type of housing for graduate students and adults attending seminars, short courses and other special programs.

II

Definition: Alternate Floor Coed Housing. This type of housing permits assignment of male and female students to designated dormitory floors. Access and egress facilities are common to all floors and there is no control over who uses them.

Policy. Same as above for Alternate Room Coed Housing. In those instances where access to the individual floors can be and is controlled, this policy does not apply since it is no longer coed housing.

III

Definition: Coed Dormitories. This type of housing provides privacy for both males and females in their respective living quarters. Living quarters include halls, access and egress facilities and bathroom facilities. Lounges, recreational areas, study areas, dining areas and relaxation areas are common to all residents of the dormitory.

Policy. Coed dormitories are approved for University of Maine campuses.

Tuition ceiling - part-time students. On motion of Mr. Haskell the following resolution was ADOPTED after discussion, to become effective July 1, 1971:

Resolved:

Part-time students will in no case be charged a tuition fee for credit work in excess of the full-time tuition established for the campus which is offering the credit and for the semester in which the student is enrolled.

Report of the Chancellor. Dr. McNeil commented on the desirability of a major fund-raising campaign at some future date.

The Chancellor asked for Trustee reactions to the question of aid to returning veterans. After discussion, Dr. Wessell moved the following recommendation which was ADOPTED.

The Board expresses concern for the educational needs of returning veterans and requests the Chancellor's Office, in cooperation with Campus administrations, to report to the Board steps which could be taken to accommodate qualified veterans within the system of public higher education in Maine.

Tuition program for faculty children. During discussion of the recommendation the Trustees expressed interest in the equalization of faculty fringe benefits within the system, as rapidly as possible. In response to questions raised, Dr. Freeman said that the staff is preparing data for a report to the Board at the June meeting. On motion of Mr. Haskell the following recommendation was ADOPTED.

The Board of Trustees approve an extension of the University's participation in the tuition program for faculty children in cooperation with the New England land grant institutions (except Vermont), through June 30, 1974. Eligibility is limited to children of faculty at the University of Maine at Orono and the Chancellor's staff.

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Appearances before the Board - revision of procedures. Dr. McNeil recommended that the procedures for processing requests to address the Board be revised to include a provision for administrative review and to require a recommendation for action from the Chancellor. The revisions were ADOPTED. The policy statement and the revised procedures are supplied herewith:

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.

Procedures

1. Request of the Chancellor in writing at least ten days prior to a scheduled Board meeting, an audience with the Board.
2. Original written request should include
 - a. identification of individual or group making request.
 - b. purpose of addressing the Board
 - c. reference to any previous communications on this subject between the applicant and the University.
 - d. name of spokesman who will appear.
 - e. number of people expected to attend Board meeting.
3. The Chancellor will forward the request, along with his recommendation for action, to the Chairman of the Board.
4. Notification of the decision, including time, date and location of appearance, if applicable, will be transmitted to the petitioner by the Clerk.

Legislative matters. After discussion of a recommendation in the State Legislative Appropriations Committee that the University be required to freeze enrollment at 1970-71 levels, Dr. Cutler announced a brief recess and asked the staff and Trustees Page, Reed and Wessell to draft a statement that would reflect the posture of the Board toward legislative restriction of enrollment levels. Following the recess, the statement was discussed, amended and APPROVED for release as follows:

The Board of Trustees views with great concern the inclusion of enrollment restrictions in the recently announced Part I appropriation bill. In addition to being a normal Part II consideration, enrollment levels have traditionally been established by the Board after consideration of all available resources. The Board recognizes the concern of the Legislature for the increasing costs of higher education and likewise recognizes the responsibility of the Legislature to establish appropriation levels. The Board does, however, urge the Legislature to leave to the Board the decision as to how many students can be educated with the total dollars available. The University is vigorously exploring new teaching technology, federal programs, private funds and new internal programs -- all of which might permit the University to take some additional students. The University will continue to urge the Legislature to provide funding in Part II to meet expanded educational needs.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Physical Plant Committee. On the recommendation of the Physical Plant Committee, the Board RATIFIED interim action of the Executive Committee taken March 12, 1971 to acquire the Osmond and Botto properties in Portland.

UM-Farmington - Restoration of Assembly Hall. On behalf of the Committee, Mr. Page moved "that the Board of Trustees approve the preservation of the Assembly Hall in the Administration Building on the Farmington Campus." The motion was ADOPTED.

Status reports

Mr. Page reported for the Committee on the current status of capital construction projects; submission of federal aid applications for debt service grants; the cancellation of the Pascoe agreement (U.M.P.I.); the execution of deed and easement (Portland Campus); execution of the lease agreement with the Housing Foundation (UKO); and adoption of procedures to insure engagement of quality contractors.

Land acquisition - UMA. On motion of Mr. Page the Board APPROVED "the acquisition of the Townsend-Ware property in Augusta, at the most advantageous price."

Field House project - UMO. Mr. Page moved "that the Board of Trustees approve execution of a change order to the present Physical Education Building and Pool Project (UMO) to provide for installation of a composition floor in the Field House." After discussion the motion was ADOPTED.

Finance Committee

Bird Residuary Trust. On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. Haskell, Chairman, moved

"that funds from the Bird Residuary Trust currently allocated to the Elliott Professorship in the amount of \$1500 annually, be reallocated to establish the Adelaide C. and Alan L. Bird Fund for the Improvement of Teaching Quality at the University of Maine at Orono, the Fund to be available for use by the Vice President for Academic Affairs, to finance innovative projects for quality improvements in undergraduate teaching."

The motion was ADOPTED.

Scholarship and Endowment Funds. On motion of Mr. Haskell, the Board of Trustees APPROVED the establishment of scholarship and endowment funds from gifts and bequests, as follows:

The James C. Wemyss, Jr. Scholarship Fund. Gift of James C. Wemyss, Jr. of Groveton, New Hampshire. The principal or income from this fund is to be used by the Office of Student Aid for scholarship aid to deserving students at the University of Maine at Orono.

The Justice Abraham M. Rudman Scholarship Fund. A perpetual endowment fund for scholarships, the income from which is to be awarded annually to any student or students at the University of Maine School of Law selected by a committee consisting of the Dean of the Law School, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine and the President of the Maine State Bar Association, the award to be made in the judgment of the committee based generally on the financial need and academic promise of the applicants, with preference to students from the State of Maine; provided, however, that should the Trustees of the University deem it advisable in the interests of the Law School, the income from the Fund may be used to endow a professorship at the Law School.

The Esther Glidden Lange Class of 1919 Scholarship Fund. Gift of Mr. Forrest Fay Lange in memory of his wife, who was a Gorham State College alumna. This fund is to be held until further contributions and interest earnings bring it to a minimum of \$1,000. At that time, the earnings may be awarded to a University of Maine Portland-Gorham student, majoring in history, who shall be deemed worthy of said scholarship by the Office of Student Aid. Students shall be selected whose character, ability, promise and financial need make them worthy of scholastic aid.

The Mildred L. Welch Library Endowment Fund. Bequest of \$10,000 under the will of Mildred L. Welch, an alumna of the University of Maine, Class of 1923. The income from this fund is to be used by the Library at the University of Maine at Orono for the purchase of books on American History, Biography, and Travel.

Gifts, grants, awards. On motion of Mr. Haskell, the Board of Trustees

VOTED: to accept with gratitude all gifts, grants and awards listed under dates of April 7, 8, 1971, a copy of which is filed in the permanent record.

Brackett Fund. On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. Haskell moved a recommendation for distribution of income from the Brackett Estate. The Board of Trustees APPROVED the use of the Brackett Fund as follows:

- 1) Henceforth, ten percent of the income will be assigned to the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham; \$3,440 is available for use in 1971-72.
- 2) Ninety percent of the income will be assigned to the University of Maine at Orono.
- 3) From the \$30,960 available to UMO for use in 1971-72, the President will 1) employ a special assistant to serve full-time as an evaluator of UMO programs and departments, and 2) establish on a one-year trial basis an office to organize student/community effort.

Joint Committee with State Board of Education. At the request of Chairman Cutler the Trustees RATIFIED the Chairman's appointment of Mr. Anderson to the Joint Committee as a replacement for Mr. Robertson.

Honorary Degree Committee. Reporting for the Committee in the absence of Chairman Brown, Mrs. Sampson moved

"that the Board of Trustees authorize conferral of honorary degrees for the Spring and Summer commencements, names to be announced at a later date."

The motion was ADOPTED.

Nominating Committee. At the request of Chairman Cutler the Trustees RATIFIED the Chairman's appointment of a nominating committee to present a slate of officers at the June meeting, as follows:

Mr. Anderson, Chairman
Mr. Cutting
Mr. Haskell

Educational Policy Committee

Personnel. On behalf of the Committee, Chairman Sampson moved "that the Board of Trustees ratify the appointment of Dr. William J. MacLeod to the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs, UMP-G. (Dr. MacLeod to retain his academic title, Professor of Philosophy), and approve all recommendations for appointments, promotions, changes of status, changes of title, awarding of tenure and emeritus status, and reappointments beyond age 65, as listed under date of April 7 and 8, 1971, copies of which are filed in the permanent record."

The motion was ADOPTED after discussion.

UMA- Separation. On motion of Mrs. Sampson the Trustees APPROVED the following recommendation after discussion:

"that the University of Maine at Augusta be detached from the jurisdiction of the University of Maine at Orono and established as a separate unit of the University of Maine, and
Further, that the title of the chief administrative officer of the University of Maine at Augusta be changed from Provost to President."

Athletic grants-in-aid guidelines. On motion of Mrs. Sampson guidelines for athletic scholarship aid were discussed and ADOPTED as follows:

GUIDELINES FOR CAMPUS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
FOR RAISING AND DISTRIBUTING GRANTS-IN-AID
TO ATHLETES FROM SPECIAL FUNDS
ESTABLISHED FROM NON-UNIVERSITY SOURCES

1. The President (or chief campus administrator) shall recommend in writing to the Chancellor a plan for raising and awarding funds for student athletes.
2. The method(s) by which funds may be raised from non-University sources shall be specified.
3. The method and criteria by which students are to be designated as athletes eligible for the grant-in-aid program shall be specified. All intercollegiate sports for men and women shall be considered eligible.

4. The athletic conference or associations in which the campus holds membership shall be identified and provision made for the grant-in-aid program to remain within conference or association rules.
5. The method and criteria for determining financial need of athletes shall be specified. These shall be the same as the methods and criteria applied to other students.
6. All grants-in-aid shall be awarded by the University through the student financial aid office. The policy for determining the amount of individual grants shall be stated. The maximum award to any individual shall not exceed his actual financial need.
7. There shall be an annual report to the Chancellor of the athletic grant-in-aid activity.
8. The President shall review and evaluate the program at least every five years.
9. Nothing in these guidelines shall prohibit the continued use of gifts for athletic grants-in-aid which were received prior to the adoption of these guidelines. Any future gifts received under wills or bequests and designated for athletes will be distributed in accordance with these guidelines.

University Calendars. On motion of Mrs. Sampson, the following statement was discussed and ADOPTED as policy for the system:

The Board of Trustees delegates to the President of each Campus the responsibility for the development of a local academic calendar, in consultation with faculty and students, which fulfills the educational objectives of that Campus and the University. Each academic calendar shall be forwarded to the Chancellor for review and approval at least six months prior to implementation.

It was understood that departure from an approved Campus calendar would require Board approval. Dr. McNeil noted that he expects to develop an annual reporting system whereby the Board will have an opportunity to review those areas in which responsibility for day-to-day administration was delegated by the Board to the Chancellor and the Campus Presidents.

New Programs. On motion of Mrs. Sampson, the following program proposals for Fort Kent, Farmington and Orono were discussed and APPROVED, implementation being dependent on availability of funds:

- UM-Fort Kent New minors in art and music to be incorporated into Bachelor of Science in Education program.
- Associate of Arts (General Studies)
- UM-Farmington Associate of Arts (Child Development)
- UM-Orono Master of Music

Governance - UMP-G. On motion of Mrs. Sampson, governance procedures for the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham were discussed and the following resolution ADOPTED:

RESOLVED: that the Board of Trustees approves the governance procedures for the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham, with the exception of Part IV of the procedures entitled "The University."

The Board of Trustees authorized the Chancellor to approve Part IV.

The Board further Resolves that the governance procedures for the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham, and any amendment thereto, shall be effective on their approval by the Board of Trustees and, consistent with the provisions in Chapter 229 of the laws of 1968, the Board of Trustees reserves to itself the right to make such amendments to the procedures as the Board at any time may determine.

Dr. McNeil said that he will report to the Board after the governance procedures have been in force for one year. Dr. Wessell noted that any review should consider alternatives to the conventional departmental system.

Naming of physical facilities. On motion of Mrs. Sampson the Board of Trustees AUTHORIZED the naming of facilities at the Orono and Farmington Campuses as follows:

UM-Orono:

Forestry Resources Building to be named the Albert D. Nutting Hall

Education Building to be named the Mark R. Shibles Hall

Chemical Engineering Building to be named the Lyle C. Jenness Hall

UM-Farmington:

The Auditorium known as Merrill Hall to be re-named
Nordica Auditorium

The Administration Building to be named
Merrill Hall

Degree designation - Department of Microbiology, UMO. On motion of Mrs. Sampson, the Trustees APPROVED the following degree designations, in keeping with the recent change in the departmental name from Bacteriology to Microbiology:

Bachelor of Science (Microbiology)
Master of Science (Microbiology)

UMA - Presidency. On motion of Mrs. Sampson the following recommendation was APPROVED:

"That the Board of Trustees approve a change of title for Lloyd J. Jewett, Provost, UMA, to President, University of Maine at Augusta, effective July 1, 1971. Mr. Jewett will retain his academic title, Associate Professor of Business Management (with tenure).

Vice Chancellor Freeman reported on the status of the staff's study of non-discrimination programs throughout the system. Plans for an affirmative action program will be reported at the June meeting. Dr. Freeman also reported on the status of the decentralization of the Continuing Education Division and on amendments that will be made to the bill pending before the 105th Legislature for ETV equipment.

Food Services - UMO. Mr. Haskell moved

"that the Board of Trustees authorize the Orono Campus to offer alternative meal plans which will permit student options between a 7-day plan or a 5-day plan.

The motion was ADOPTED.

Voting degrees. It was moved seconded and

VOTED: to award the degrees in course at the appropriate commencement exercises in May and June, 1971 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.

Chairman Cutler announced that the next meeting of the Board will be held June 10, 1971 at the University of Maine at Presque Isle.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JoAnne R. Magill

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Clerk, Board of Trustees