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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

PUBLIC MEETING  
August 10, 1971 at Bangor  
Subject to final approval

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date 9/23/71  
By: JoAnne R. Magill, Clerk

PRESENT: Chairman L. M. Cutler, H. L. V. Anderson, H. R. Brown, Miss L. M. Cormier, R. H. Cutting, V. P. Currier, R. N. Haskell, S. T. Hughes, C. R. McGary, C. D. Reed, J. H. Page, Mrs. Jean Sampson and N. Y. Wessell, Clerk JoAnne R. Magill. Absent: W. G. Robertson. One Vacancy. Staff: D. R. McNeil, S. L. Freeman, H. L. Fowle, M. D. Alexander, D. I. Carter, A. S. Buswell, L. J. P. Calisti, B. I. Shur, R. J. Spath, J. H. Sullivan, A. C. McGuinness, W. N. Robersen and V. F. Massey. Also present: members of the press and the public.

Tuition Increase

Dr. Cutler convened this special session which was called to provide an opportunity for students and other interested persons to express their views on tuition increases recently approved by the Board to become effective Fall semester, 1971. The individual speakers who presented statements are identified in the order of their appearance.

Mr. Alex Holt, spokesman for Students for a Sane University presented the conclusions of an ad hoc student committee which was formed to sound out student opinion on the most recent increase in tuition. Mr. Holt estimated that approximately 500 students throughout the system had been contacted. The Committee advocated that the responsibility for increases lies with the Legislature rather than the Trustees or the Chancellor and they requested 1) that students be allowed an option to defer payment of the increase up to the beginning of the second semester (Spring, 1972), and 2) consideration of a proposal to provide for short-term ex officio appointments of students to the Board where they would participate without voting privileges, to enhance communication between the Board and the student body. Mr. Holt expressed the Committee's support of Chancellor McNeil.

Mr. Paul Perry, President, General Student Senate, UMB, appeared as spokesman for students at the University of Maine at Bangor, and asked that the Trustees reconsider their action to increase tuition in the light of the hardship this places on many of the students in the system.

Mr. Dennis Gragnolati, President of the Student Senate at Farmington, commented on the impact of further increases on low-income students, in combination with the lack of financial aid funds to meet even current needs.

Miss Lynn Bak, President of the Student Senate at the Fort Kent Campus emphasized the shortage of student aid funds, the time element and the heavy financial burden on out of state students.

Mr. Charles LaVerdiere, Executive Assistant to the Student Senate, UMO, expressed concern that student dissatisfaction with tuition increases might have far-reaching consequences.

Mr. Brian Kendrick, Mr. Eddie Beard and Mr. Larry Leone appeared as spokesmen for the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham. Mr. Beard submitted a detailed recommendation for suspension of the tuition increase which was distributed to the Trustees. A copy is appended to the permanent file of these minutes. Mr. Beard noted some of the specific financial problems facing Portland-Gorham students. He pledged student assistance to promote greater legislative support for the University and solicited the Trustees' assistance to relieve the financial pressure on the students. Mr. Leone cited increases in or initiation of a number of other fees which compound the students financial problems and these included an assessment for liability insurance, removal of the ceiling for Continuing Education tuition, student subsidization of the full cost of student publications, and increased fees for board and room, health services, etc.

Maine Senator Bennett Katz, Chairman of the legislative Education Committee, expressed his support of the Trustees, the Chancellor and the University system and suggested that the Board consider deferring the increase to the second semester of the academic year which would allow time for the students to put their finances in order, and the University to request a supplemental appropriation from the special session of the 105th Legislature in January.

Mr. Robert Whitson, State Representative from Portland and a student at the University of Maine School of Law, pointed out that banks allow no up-dating of student loans to compensate for unexpected additional fees and that the timing of the increase was particularly burdensome.

Following the presentations, Chairman Cutler called for discussion. The points raised by the various spokesmen were examined at length and the individual speakers and the Campus administrators who were present responded to questions from the Trustees about the implications of possible further action at this time.

After extensive discussion, Mr. Haskell offered a motion which was seconded, reworded, and

VOTED: that the Board of Trustees confirm their July action with respect to increase in tuition schedules provided, however, that the increase in tuition charges, based on applications proving need, be made payable by February 1, 1972.

In addition to the formal action on the tuition increase, other instructions to the staff were issued by the Board and are listed herewith:

1. The Chancellor intends to discuss the liability insurance plan with the Administrative Council for possible modification and the Board requested a report for the September meeting.
2. The Chancellor was asked to discuss with the students the possibility of some student representation on the Board of Trustees.
3. The staff was directed to investigate and report on the possibility that a deferred payment plan could be re-established and operated by the University at no additional expense to students.

Financial aid - out of state students. Mr. Hughes MOVED

that the Chancellor be directed to find, either through further budget cuts or from other sources, a sum of \$50,000 to be made available in the form of financial aid for the coming academic year, to those out-of-state students at former State College Campuses most severely burdened by the recent tuition increases.

The motion was seconded, debated and it CARRIED by an eight to four vote, with Messrs Cutting, Haskell, Page and Reed dissenting.

Continuing Education - Policy. On motion of Dr. Brown which was seconded and discussed, the Board

VOTED: 1) to approve the concept of a salary schedule for Continuing Education and Summer Session faculty that shall be uniform throughout the University. A copy of the salary schedule to initiate this policy effective September 1, 1971, is appended to the file copy of these minutes.

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2) to establish all part-time tuition fees in accordance with the following schedule, effective September 1, 1971:

	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-resident</u>
Part-time (day time)	\$25.00 hour	1/10 of semester tuition per hour
SS/CE	\$25.00/hr.	\$25.00/hr.

3) Maximum fees are to be established for part-time students for each Campus by the administration.

Faculty Salaries. Dr. McNeil announced that a delegation representing the Department Chairman of the College of Arts and Sciences, UMO, were present and that Dr. Eugene Mawhinney would serve as spokesman for the group to acquaint the Trustees with faculty views on Board-approved professional salary increases for 1971-72. Before introducing Dr. Mawhinney, the Chancellor called the Board's attention to a resolution adopted by the College of Education faculty at UMO, on the same subject. A copy of the resolution is appended to the file of these minutes.

Dr. Mawhinney elaborated on a formal statement which had been endorsed by the Department Chairmen and circulated to the Board in advance of the meeting, the complete text of which is appended to the permanent file of these minutes. The substance of the statement and Dr. Mawhinney's remarks express the faculty's opposition to the policies governing distribution of professional salary increases for 1971-72 whereby the funds available for salary improvements are distributed inversely with respect to present salary levels.

Chairman Cutler thanked Dr. Mawhinney and called for discussion of points raised in his presentation. The Chancellor recommended that the Trustees clarify the Board's intent and offered a formal statement for consideration. After discussion, the following reiteration of the Board's position was ADOPTED unanimously.

In its vote of 7/14/71 the Board allocated \$485,000 for the improvement of professional salaries throughout the University. This amount represented slightly less than an average 3% increase. It was the Board's intent that presidents and other administrators have leeway to spread these allocated dollars in accordance with their best judgment. The Board did express a feeling that lower-paid individuals should get the bulk of the small increase and that over-\$15,000-per-year individuals should receive increases only in rare instances.

The Board regards this expression of sentiment as a temporary stop-gap measure which does not reflect a long-range policy of holding the salary line for senior professors. The Board recognizes that there is a serious morale problem and will do everything possible in the future to redress the balance and retain senior quality professors and professional personnel.

Veterans Education. At the request of the Executive Committee the staff had prepared a general statement of policy on meeting veteran's educational needs for the consideration of the full Board. Adoption of the following was moved, seconded and

VOTED:

Increasing numbers of Maine men and women are returning to civilian life from military service. For many of those veterans, further education is the key to successful transition to civilian job stability. The Board of Trustees of the University of Maine is pleased to note that more than 2000 veterans were enrolled in University programs in 1970-71 and that additional veterans have been admitted for 1971-72.

Regular enrollment for fall 1971 at all University campuses has reached its ceiling. However, in recognition that veterans are being discharged throughout the year and may be seeking admission to the University after normal application deadlines, the Trustees announce that all veterans with high school diplomas or the equivalent will be accepted in Continuing Education courses. In addition, the Trustees direct that up to 300 spaces for full-time day-time students in the spring semester 1972 shall be reserved for qualified veterans who make timely application.

The several campuses of the University have agreed to provide additional assistance for veterans who are seeking information about University programs or qualifying for advanced standing credit. The Trustees request the Chancellor to report in spring 1972 on experiences in meeting veterans educational needs which may necessitate further policy changes for the future.

On motion of Mr. Cutting, the Board UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSED an expression of deep sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Robertson on the death of their son. The Chairman will convey the Board's condolences to the family.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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