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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 20, 1972
Bangor, Maine

Board of Trustees Meeting
Subject to confirmation

PRESENT: Chairman L. M. Cutler, J. C. Donovan, S. J. Evans, R. N. Haskell, S. T. Hughes, J. H. Page, K. H. Ramage, C. D. Reed, Mrs. J. Sampson, N. Y. Wessell and Clerk J. R. Magill. Absent: L. M. Cormier, V. P. Currier, C. R. McGary, and W. G. Robertson. ONE VACANCY. Staff: D. R. McNeil, S. L. Freeman, H. L. Fowle, A. S. Buswell, W. P. Fridinger, L. J. Jewett, W. C. Libby, E. A. Olsen, S. F. Salwak, R. J. Spath, A. C. McGuinness, W. N. Robersen, F. S. McGuire, B. I. Shur, J. D. Coupe, D. Plourde, F. Fowler, K. T. Winters.

Chairman Cutler convened the meeting.

On motion of Mr. Haskell which was amended, seconded and discussed, the Board VOTED to recess to Executive Session for the purpose of hearing the Report of the Chancellor and to discuss personnel recommendations. Following the Executive Session and a luncheon recess, the Chairman reconvened the meeting.

Chancellor McNeil announced that Winthrop C. Libby will retire from the Presidency of the University of Maine at Orono effective June 30, 1973. The full text of the Chancellor's remarks follows:

The entire University of Maine will sorely miss Win Libby. His many years of experience at various levels within the University, his wise counsel to me and to his fellow presidents, the tremendous respect with which he is held by literally thousands of Maine persons -- employees, students, legislators, alumni and friends -- and his forthright views about quality education aimed at a broad spectrum of the population, mark Win Libby as one of the all-time great citizens of Maine.

It is time to repeat a statement I have made often during the last four years: "Win Libby had more to do with the success of the new-merged University than any other person."

While understanding the need to avoid duplication, he upheld the viewpoints and the aspirations of the Orono and Bangor campuses with typical vigor. He continued to build Orono and Bangor campuses. He put forth faculty, student and classified personnel

points of view. Yet his main concern is the student, the citizen and the taxpayer everywhere in Maine.

Dr. McNeil added that the Board had authorized a year's leave of absence for President Libby for the period July 1, 1973 through June 30, 1974. Chairman Cutler expressed the Board's admiration for Mr. Libby's leadership and appreciation of his many years of service to the University of Maine.

Report of the Chancellor. Dr. McNeil reported on two resolutions forwarded from the Faculty Liaison Council which propose a study of the administrative structure and faculty evaluation of administrators. The Chancellor also reported on the status of the HEW investigation at UMO.

Personnel. On motion of Mr. Page which was seconded, the Board AUTHORIZED a continuation beyond age 65 for Francis S. McGuire, Director of Physical Facilities, effective July 1, 1973 for a period of one year.

On motion of Mr. Haskell which was seconded, the Board AUTHORIZED the appointment of Dr. Mary Ann Haas as Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, effective February 1, 1973.

On motion of Dr. Donovan which was seconded, the Board RATIFIED the appointment of Dr. JoAnn M. Fritsche as Director, Equal Employment Opportunity, UMO, effective December 1, 1972.

On motion of Mr. Haskell which was seconded, the Board CONFIRMED the appointment of Walter P. Fridinger as Acting President, UMPG, effective January 1, 1973. Authorization for appointment was granted by unanimous consent by telephone poll of the Board, completed December 12, 1972.

On motion of Mr. Page, which was seconded, the Board AUTHORIZED the appointment of police officers, UMO, in accordance with Maine statutes, P & S L ch. 532, Sec. 8-A. The complete listing is appended to the file of these minutes.

On motion of Mr. Ramage which was seconded, the Board AUTHORIZED an extension of sick leave for Professor Tadeusz A. Siedlik, UMP-G, for a period of three months.

Medical education. In January, 1972 the Board of Trustees received the report of Medical Care Development, Inc., and accepted the concept of a medical school for Maine contained therein. The staff was instructed to document and verify availability of resources outlined in the report. Dr. McNeil announced that the feasibility study which was organized and directed by Vice Chancellor Freeman has been completed, and he invited Dr. Freeman to report on the study, discuss the findings and to present the recommendations which have been developed therefrom.

Medical education - continued.

Dr. Freeman identified the two objectives for a medical school in Maine which structured his report: 1) improvement of health care and 2) improved education. He addressed the verification of available resources - faculty, facilities and funding noting strengths and weaknesses in each area, elaborated on cost projections and outlined the various alternative plans in some detail. In conclusion, he listed his recommendations, recorded here in substance:

that the University establish a medical school based on a ten-year development plan; that the University join with major hospitals in the State to increase Maine's capacity for medical education; that the University negotiate with other medical schools and hospitals to establish experimental programs to accommodate some Maine students in the early years; that the basic science instruction be purchased from existing academic departments.

Chairman Cutler opened the subject to discussion and the Chancellor and Dr. Freeman responded to questions on program details, partnership programs with other institutions, and particularly on the cost estimates. Preliminary estimates indicate costs of a full-scale medical education program will run \$2 to \$3 million annually. The Chancellor stressed that these funds must be appropriated by the Legislature separately from other University support. If funds do not materialize from a separate legislative appropriation, from federal grants, from tuition and from private fund raising, the program will be dropped since the University could not support a Medical school from its current operational budget. After extensive discussion and on motion of Mr. Ramage which was reworded and seconded, the following resolution was ADOPTED with Mr. Haskell and Mr. Reed dissenting:

The Board of Trustees reaffirms its commitment to health science education as a high priority in the State of Maine. As part of this commitment the Board sets as a goal the development of a program for the awarding of the M.D. degree within ten years. Development of this program shall include specific attention to strengthening the teaching capabilities of community hospitals in Maine, continuing education for Maine physicians, and strengthening the science education resources of the University. The Chancellor is authorized to enter into negotiations with medical schools, including those of the University of Vermont and/or Tufts University to provide for some portion of the medical education program.

Further, the Board of Trustees instructs the Chancellor to take appropriate steps to place before the Governor and the Legislature a request for an appropriation of \$350,000 for the next biennium for the purpose of beginning the implementation of medical education in Maine.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Physical Plant Committee. Chairman Page reported for the Committee. He announced that the Committee had reviewed and accepted the status report on capital construction and that President Salwak had presented a report on physical facilities of the Presque Isle Campus. Mr. Page reported that the Committee had authorized preliminary negotiations for leasing property as follows:

- 1) with Merchants National Bank to provide office space for Maine Public Broadcasting Network
- 2) with Maine Department of Parks and Recreation on behalf of the University of Maine at Farmington

Upon completion of the negotiations, the lease agreements will be presented to the Board for consideration and action.

Student Study-Service Center, UMF. On motion of Mr. Page which was seconded, the Board APPROVED the plans for the Student Study-Service Center for the University of Maine at Farmington.

Mr. Page announced that capital projects which might be included in a possible request for a bond issue would be considered at the next meeting.

Ad hoc committee on Trustee Responsibility and Accountability. Chairman Sampson reported that the Committee had reconsidered earlier recommendations for the revision of the format for Board meetings. Mrs. Sampson MOVED:

- 1) that the Board meet in one-day sessions on a monthly basis for ten months per year.
- 2) that Board meetings be located in Bangor.
- 3) that the standing committees be encouraged to visit each campus at least once every other year.
- 4) that Board members be encouraged to visit each campus every other year, either in connection with a scheduled committee meeting or as an individual Board member.

The motion was seconded, discussed and with Mr. Reed dissenting, the motion CARRIED.

On the recommendation of the Committee the Board agreed to designate a particular day of the month which could be reserved for Board meetings on a regular basis and the Clerk was instructed to negotiate for a day which would be acceptable to the membership.

Finance Committee. Mr. Haskell, Chairman, reported for the Committee.

On motion of Mr. Haskell, which was seconded, the Board VOTED: that the Finance Committee be and hereby is authorized to employ the investment advisory services of Lionel D. Edie and Company, with respect to that segment of the equity fund in custody of the Merrill Trust Company.

Gavin gift offer. On motion of Mr. Haskell which was seconded, the Board ADOPTED the following resolution: WHEREAS, Mr. Roy J. Gavin, a University of Maine at Orono graduate, has offered to give to the University 400 shares of Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company common stock having a current market value of approximately \$33,000.00, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Trustees of the University do gratefully acknowledge this gift offer and accept it subject to the conditions that a Trust Agreement approved by the donor and approved by University counsel be submitted for Trustee consideration.

Western Massachusetts Electric Company - bond indenture. On motion of Mr. Haskell which was seconded, the Board ADOPTED the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that whereas the University of Maine Endowment Fund holds \$30,000, 4 3/8% First Mortgage Bonds of Western Massachusetts Electric Company due 4/1/87, and whereas the Company is soliciting bondholder consent to certain amendments in the bond indenture, and whereas in the opinion of the Finance Committee the University should consent to these amendments, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Finance Committee be and hereby is authorized to execute the consent agreement form as requested by the Company.

Northern Conservatory of Music - Transfer of NDSL Funds. On motion of Mr. Haskell which was seconded, the following resolution was ADOPTED:

RESOLVED: that the Board of Trustees is willing to accept the responsibility for the National Defense Student Loan Fund of the Northern Conservatory of Music subject to the receipt of properly executed promissory notes to secure the outstanding loan accounts. The University's Legal Counsel is hereby instructed to prepare the necessary agreement

Northern Conservatory of Music - Transfer of NDSL Funds. (cont'd)

to effect the transfer of the assets and the liabilities of the Fund to the University of Maine and, subject to his approval, the Treasurer shall sign the agreement on behalf of the Board of Trustees. Once the transfer is effected, the University shall continue the administration of the Fund for the benefit of both the former students of the Northern Conservatory of Music and the students attending the University of Maine at Orono.

Chairman Cutler took notice of the resignation of Dr. Louis J. P. Calisti from the Presidency of the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham which had been recently announced and on behalf of the Board, expressed the Trustees' appreciation and regret for his departure. The Chancellor commended Dr. Calisti for his accomplishments at Portland-Gorham during his brief tenure. Mr. Hughes offered the following resolution which was unanimously ADOPTED:

RESOLVED: The Board of Trustees marks with regret the impending conclusion of service to the University of Maine of Louis J. P. Calisti. In his short tenure as President of University of Maine at Portland-Gorham, he infused in this evolving institution an even greater spirit of service to community and state. For this and his many other achievements, this Board and the people of this state are indeed grateful, and we wish for him and his family all possible happiness and success in the future.

President Olsen presented a gift to Dr. Calisti as a remembrance from his colleagues.

Committee appointments. On motion made and seconded, the Board ratified Chairman Cutler's committee appointments as follows:

Student Affairs Committee
Dr. John Donovan, Chairman
Dr. S. J. Evans
Mr. S. T. Hughes
Miss L. M. Cormier
Miss Patricia Riley (UMO)

Ad hoc committee on honorary degrees
Miss L. M. Cormier
W. G. Robertson
Mrs. J. Sampson
N. Y. Wessell
Prof. Alice Stewart (UMO)
Mr. Mark LeVasseur (UMFK)

Dr. Cutler will appoint a Chairman for this Committee very soon.

Committee Apointments. (cont'd)

Educational Policy Committee

Mr. Steve MacDougall, UMP-G to replace
Mr. Ford Stevenson UMP-G

A student from UMB who was in the audience spoke briefly to protest the Trustees' usurpation of student union space for Board meetings particularly since the Trustees expect now to meet as often as once a month. The Chancellor and the Chairman thanked him for his comments and pledged that the Board would be considerate of the students' views.

Adjournment.

JoAnne R. Magill

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Clerk, Board of Trustees