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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 14, 1972
@ UMP-G (Gorham)

Date Sept. 30, 1972
By: JoAnne F. Magill, Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PRESENT: Chairman L. M. Cutler, Ms. L. M. Cormier, S. J. Evans, R. N. Haskell, S. T. Hughes, J. H. Page, K. H. Ramage, C. D. Reed, W. G. Robertson, N. Y. Wessell and Clerk J. R. Magill. Absent: V. P. Currier, C. R. McGary and Ms. J. Sampson. Staff: D. R. McNeil, S. L. Freeman, H. L. Fowle and A. C. McGuinness.

Chairman Cutler convened the meeting.

It was moved, seconded and

VOTED: to approve the minutes of the following meetings, as distributed:
Executive Session March 24, 1972
Executive Session April 19, 1972
Executive Committee May 25, 1972

It was moved, seconded and

VOTED: to ratify all action taken by the Executive Committee at its meeting on May 25, 1972.

Physical Plant Committee. Lacking a quorum for a meeting of the Committee, Chairman Page presented items from the Committee's agenda to the Executive Session for consideration and action. (All items had been discussed with and approved by the other members of the Physical Plant Committee by telephone prior to the meeting.)

The minutes of the Physical Plant Committee meeting of March 14, 1972 were APPROVED as distributed.

Acquisition of property - UMP-G (P). On motion of Mr. Page which was seconded, it was

VOTED: to purchase the Gilbert property located at 7 Chamberlain Avenue, Portland, for the appraised price of \$20,000.

All other items on the Physical Plant Committee agenda were referred to the Public Meeting for consideration and action.

Faculty Personnel Regulations - UMP-G. On motion of Dr. Wessell which was seconded, it was

VOTED: to approve the UMP-G Faculty Personnel regulations as submitted in the Fourth Draft dated April 4, 1972, along with the notation of corrections dated May 8, 1972, to be effective June 14, 1972 through the end of the next academic year, June 30, 1973.

Faculty Personnel Regulations - UMP-G (Cont'd)

Copies of the Regulations and the corrections thereto are appended to the file of these minutes.

UMP-G governance document. Copies of a letter addressed to the Board of Trustees from Merle D. Guay, Chairman of the Faculty Affairs Committee, UMP-G, were distributed to the Trustees. The letter was a formal appeal to the Board over decisions made by President Calisti and supported by the Chancellor, to deny the request of the Faculty Affairs Committee that the Portland-Gorham faculty be allowed to create and implement a governance constitution, without a requirement for student and administrator ratification. (Copy appended to the file of these minutes.) There was discussion of a recent failure to achieve ratification of the governance document, and of President Calisti's proposal to engage outside consultants in an effort to resolve the present stalemate. President Calisti was invited into the session to comment and respond to questions. After extensive discussion, there was consensus that the matter would be referred to the Chancellor, who would develop recommendations for Board consideration after the Campus administration has had a reasonable period to achieve a satisfactory resolution of the problems. The employment of consultants was left to the discretion of the Chancellor and President Calisti, and the Chancellor expects to have a final report from the Portland-Gorham administration by the end of the year.

UMO Farm. Mr. Page reported on the May 25th Executive Committee discussion of the UMO Farm and on the Committee's recommendations for reconstruction and relocation of the facilities. There was discussion of replacement costs, alternate sites and sources of funding. The justification for implementation of Phase I in its entirety was questioned and reviewed. There was consensus that the facility should be replaced and that it would be necessary to request an emergency appropriation from the Legislature to supplement the insurance settlement. It was recognized that final decisions on the extent to which Phase I could be implemented would depend on legislative support for a supplemental appropriation and the ultimate settlement of insurance claims. On motion of Mr. Haskell which was amended by Mr. Hughes, seconded and discussed, it was

VOTED: to authorize the Chairman of the Board to present to the Governor and Executive Council and such members of the Legislature as he deems appropriate, the problems related to the recent loss by fire of the cattle facilities at UMO.

Further, if there is reasonable assurance from the Governor and legislators that an appropriation from unappropriated surplus of the general fund will be recommended by the Governor and, in his opinion will have support of the Legislature, the University administration is authorized to borrow from commercial banks such sums as necessary to complete the facility as soon as may be. The Board of Trustees believes that a minimum of \$719,000 will be required.

The question of public disclosure of Board action on the Farm was raised and discussed. On motion of Mr. Page, and with Mr. Hughes dissenting, it was VOTED to make reference to the matter in the Public Meeting in a brief, general statement.

Brockway Fund. On motion of Mr. Robertson it was

VOTED: to establish the Philip and Muriel Brockway Fund at the University of Maine at Orono in recognition of Mr. Brockway's loyal services to the University of Maine from 1935 to 1974. The income from this fund is to be used to provide financial assistance to worthy and needy undergraduate students in four-year curricula, with preference to applicants whose homes are in rural Maine. Awards are to be made by the Office of Student Aid.

Academic regalia. At the request of the Chancellor, the Trustees endorsed his recommendation to have the University provide academic hoods for each member of the Board, for use during commencements and other ceremonials.

In response to questions raised, the Chancellor was asked to draft some guidelines on advisory groups appointed by the campuses to serve as consultants in various areas.

Personnel recommendations. There being no questions about specific individuals or salaries, personnel recommendations were referred to the Public Meeting for action.

Adjournment.



JoAnne R. Magill
Clerk, Board of Trustees