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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

EXECUTIVE SESSION
March 14, 1972
Orono, Maine

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date June 14, 1972
By: JoAnne R. Magill, Clerk

PRESENT: Chairman L. M. Cutler, Miss L. M. Cormier, V. P. Currier, S. J. Evans, R. N. Haskell, S. T. Hughes, C. R. McGary (for first item), J. H. Page, K. H. Ramage, C. D. Reed, Mrs. Jean Sampson and Clerk JoAnne Magill. Absent: W. G. Robertson and N. Y. Wessell. Staff: D. R. McNeil. For the last part of the session: S. L. Freeman, H. L. Fowle, A. S. Buswell, L. J. P. Calisti, W. C. Libby, E. A. Olsen, S. F. Salwak, R. J. Spath, D. I. Carter, F. S. McGuire, B. I. Shur, W. N. Robersen, C. N. Fenderson (UMA), and R. Spear (UMF).

Chairman Cutler convened the meeting.

Collective Bargaining Committee. Chairman Cutler announced the appointment of an ad hoc committee on collective bargaining, as the Board requested at its last meeting. Mr. Currier is the Chairman of the committee which will serve as an advisory group to the Chancellor. Chairman Currier reported that the committee had met in an informal session during the dinner hour. There was general discussion of the current status of the collective bargaining in Maine and of possible legislation that may be submitted to the 106th Legislature. The Committee recommended that the Board authorize the Chancellor to engage an additional staff member to work with the Chancellor and the Committee in the area of collective bargaining. After extensive discussion, the Chancellor was instructed to return to the April meeting of the Board with a detailed proposal for further consideration and action.

There was informal discussion of presidential and Chancellor's Staff salaries, and of the prospects for some increases for fiscal 1972-73.

Acquisition of property - Fort Kent. Mr. Page reported that a desirable property within the area designated for eventual expansion of the Fort Kent Campus had become available at an attractive price. After discussion of various alternatives for financing, the Board authorized an interest-bearing loan from endowment funds to subsidize the purchase. This authorization was subsequently superseded by a later vote of the Board in the Public Meeting, which directed University representatives to seek an appropriation from the State Contingency Fund, which could be used for the acquisition of this property.

For the information of the Trustees, Dr. McNeil commented briefly on the role of the Chancellor and the Presidents in higher education at the national level.

The Administrative Council and the staff were admitted and Chairman Cutler summarized the discussion of and action taken on the recommendations of the committee on collective bargaining.

At the request of the Chancellor, President Olsen reported on a personnel matter on the Farmington Campus which may prove troublesome. No action was required.

There was informal discussion of non-Trustee members on Board committees and the implications this would have for maintaining confidentiality of information discussed in committee sessions.

The Chancellor suggested that it might be desirable for the Trustees to meet with the Administrative Council for an informal discussion of the role of the Board, and it was agreed that the Chancellor and the Administrative Council would work out some specific arrangements.

It was moved, seconded and

VOTED: to approve the minutes of the following meetings, as distributed:
January 18, 1972 - Executive Session
February 17, 1972 - Jt. Session w/Finance Committee

On motion of Mr. Page which was seconded

all personnel recommendations listed under dates of March 14, 15, 1972, were APPROVED as submitted.

Naming of Physical Facilities. On motion of Mr. Hughes which was seconded the Board APPROVED

the designation of West Commons, UMO, as William C. Wells Commons.

Mr. Shur, University Legal Counsel, reported on the current status of the litigation arising from the Board's adoption of the Indian Scholarships. Mr. Shur advised the Trustees that in all probability the suit against the University would be dropped if the Trustees amended the terms of conditions of the scholarship grants to provide for awards only on the basis of financial need. After extensive discussion, it was moved, seconded and

VOTED: to take no action to amend the provisions of the Indian Scholarship program.

Adjournment.

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Clerk, Board of Trustees