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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 20, 1972
at Farmington Campus

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Chairman Cutler convened the meeting.

The minutes of the following meetings were approved as distributed:

Executive Committee	May 25, 1972
Executive Session	June 14, 1972
Executive Session	June 28, 1972
Closed Executive Session	June 28, 1972

Ratification of interim action. President Libby responded to questions about the salary levels of a number of personnel appointments which had been authorized by mail and telephone ballot in the interim since the last Board meeting. Dr. McGary objected to mail and telephone ballots in general, and expressed dissatisfaction with current procedures for processing personnel recommendations. There was informal discussion of possible alternatives including further delegation of appointment authority to Chancellor and/or Presidential levels. There was consensus that the ad hoc committee on Trustee Responsibility and Accountability which will be reviewing and redefining areas of Board concern, would be in a position to make recommendations for improved procedures in this area, following their study. There being no further objection, the ratification of interim action was referred to the Public Meeting.

Personnel. It was moved, seconded and
VOTED: to approve personnel recommendations for positions at Orono and Portland-Gorham as submitted. Detailed listings are appended to the file of these minutes.

Bond referendum.

There was discussion of the University's campaign in support of the upcoming bond referendum, and there was consensus that the Chancellor's Office should continue to maintain a very low profile. The University effort will be mounted at the Campus level. Each of the Presidents summarized local campaign activity which is already in progress.

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Capital Fund Drive, UMO. President Libby presented recommendations and a time-table toward the initiation of a capital fund campaign for UMO which the Board has already approved in principle. There was consensus that the Orono administration should move ahead with the planning and that formal authorization would be deferred until the November meeting.

Report of Finance Committee

Kennebec River Pulp and Paper Company. Chairman Haskell reporting for the Committee on the financial situation of the Kennebec River Pulp and Paper Company, said that there appeared to be good reason to hope that additional financing in amounts up to \$750,000 could be worked out. He also disclosed the likelihood that under the terms of the tentative agreement, the entire 1600 shares of common stock of which the University holds 15% (240 shares), would be required to be sold to the new financial interests at \$1.00 per share. Mr. Haskell indicated that the University's \$150,000 share of the \$1M subordinated note would likely receive no interest and no principal payment until at least 1984. Interest and principal payments on the subordinated notes would be subject to full payment of all outstanding obligations, each one senior to the \$1M promissory note. Mr. Haskell said that he would disclose to the Finance Committee and have the Finance Committee disclose to the full Board, any formal action that seems to be required prior to the closing of the reorganization of the Company.

MPBN equipment request. On the recommendation of the Finance Committee and on motion made by Mr. Haskell, the Board AUTHORIZED the Chancellor to discuss the possibility of separating the MPBN budget from the University's budget request. If a separate request for MPBN is not feasible at this time, the Chancellor is further AUTHORIZED to amend the Part II equipment request submitted to the 106th Legislature to include an additional \$235,000 for MPBN capital equipment for the Augusta studio and the Northern Maine network.

Periodically throughout the session, the Trustees received reports on the status of a classical American competition which was underway in the Maine suburbs and from which the local favorite ultimately emerged triumphant.

Political Activity. The Chancellor called the Board's attention to an item in the final report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Relations, which is on the agenda for consideration and action in the Public Meeting of this session. The Committee endorses the AAUP statement on professors and political activity (May, 1969) as policy for the University and will recommend that the Board take appropriate steps through statutory and/or judicial review procedures to determine whether University employees are, in fact, ineligible to hold elective or appointive political office, as some interpretations of existing statutes seem to indicate. Mr. Barnett Shur elaborated on the conflicting legal interpretations and there was discussion of the current political campaign in which a University professor is an active contender for a seat in the Legislature. After further consideration, the Board VOTED to amend Item 8 of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Relations to retain the Committee's endorsement of the AAUP statement on political activity as policy for the University, and to delete the remainder of the recommendation which referred to Board solicitation of statutory and/or legislative review.

Political Activity - continued.

With this deletion, the report of the Committee will remain on the agenda of the Public Meeting for consideration and action.

Proposed legislation. The Chancellor reported that the Maine Education Council would be taking the initiative to propose legislation on collective bargaining and the establishment of a building authority. The University is taking no leadership position on either issue.

At the request of the Chancellor and on motion of Mr. Haskell, the Board AUTHORIZED a midyear salary increase for A. C. McGuinness, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor. Effective January 1, 1973, Mr. McGuinness will be paid at the rate of \$19,500 per fiscal year.

Adjournment



JoAnne R. Magill
Clerk, Board of Trustees