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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

PHYSICAL PLANT COMMITTEE  
December 19, 1972  
Bangor, Maine

PRESENT: Chairman J. H. Page, J. C. Donovan, W. Horton, F. Fowler; L. M. Cutler, S. T. Hughes, K. H. Ramage. Clerk, J. R. Magill. Staff: D. R. McNeil, S. L. Freeman, H. L. Fowle, F. S. McGuire, L. J. Jewett (late), E. A. Olsen, S. F. Salwak, R. A. Eustis, G. H. Hayes, D. Peterson.

Chairman Page convened the meeting.

It was moved, seconded and

VOTED: to approve the minutes of the  
October 19, 1972 and November 8, 1972  
meetings as distributed.

UM-Presque Isle - Report of the President. Chairman Page introduced President Salwak who reported briefly to the Committee on the most pressing needs in the physical plant area at the Presque Isle Campus. These included a student infirmary, roof replacement, Emerson Hall and completion of Park Hall basement as recreation area for students. President Salwak noted that the infirmary and the Emerson Hall roof had been included in the budget request for the 1973-75 biennium and the Park Hall basement was being partially completed with maintenance reserve funds. The Chancellor questioned the use of reserve funds for renovation projects. There was discussion of the use of reserve funds for renovation and maintenance. President Salwak then spoke on the proposed library facility which was planned by a grant from the Ford Foundation. Funds for construction of the library were approved in the November, 1972 bond referendum. George Hayes of the office of Physical Facilities presented the schematic documents for the facility for information.

Chairman Page thanked President Salwak for his presentation.

Capital Construction - Status report. Chairman Page and the committee reviewed the capital construction status report and agreed to recommend acceptance.

MPBN - Merchants National Bank lease agreement. After discussion it was agreed to recommend that the Board authorize the staff to finalize a lease agreement between the University and Merchants National Bank, to provide office space for the Maine Public Broadcast Network.

President Olsen announced that the Town of Farmington may possibly be willing to close off South Street which lies within the Campus area. The Committee authorized further investigation through the Chancellor's Office.

President Olsen reported that the former First National Building (Diaz property) is available for lease and that the facility would be suitable to house some of University of Maine at Farmington's federally funded programs. If leasing proves feasible, costs would be subsidized by federal funds. The Committee authorized the Chancellor's Office to investigate the legal and engineering aspects and to prepare a recommendation for a future meeting.

UM-Farmington/Maine Department of Parks and Recreation. The state has offered to lease some 500 acres in the Lincolnville area. The property is part of Camden Hills State Park and has 41 cabins on it. The facilities would be used for: 1) summer programs for handicapped children and their parents. 2) science-based camp in cooperation with the State conservation facility at Bryant Pond (to provide a fresh water-salt water combination) and 3) teacher training and/or staff training. The Committee agreed to recommend that the Board authorize negotiation of a lease agreement between the University and Maine State Department of Parks and Recreation, with the final document to be presented to the Board at the January meeting.

Student Study and Service Center, UM-Farmington - Presentation of Plans. President Olsen gave a brief presentation on the schematic plans for the construction of Student Study and Service Center at University of Maine at Farmington: funds for this facility were approved in the November, 1972 bond referendum. After discussion, the Committee agreed to recommend approval of those plans to the full Board.

Capital Construction Program. The Chancellor reviewed the status of his negotiations with the Governor on a capital construction program for submission to the 106th Legislature. The Governor suggested that the University request a small bond issue and pledged to support the reconstruction of the UMO dairy farm at a level of \$300,000. At the request of the Chancellor there was discussion of capital project priorities and the pros and cons of a bond issue. The staff had prepared a list of capital project needs in priority rank which included the Orono dairy farm, an addition to the Fogler Library, UMO, expansion of the Computer Center and a listing of the University's most urgent needs for minor repairs, maintenance and alterations. The Chancellor recommended that the Board support a small bond issue and there was further discussion of University priorities and possible projects for inclusion in a bond issue. The Fogler Library and the Computer Center were identified as possible bond issue projects but the Committee felt they hadn't seen enough justification of the priorities to support a recommendation to the Board. After further deliberation the Committee decided to leave the question of a bond issue for discussion and action by the full Board.

Adjournment.

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