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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 8, 1972
Portland Campus

PHYSICAL PLANT COMMITTEE

PRESENT: Chairman J. H. Page, J. C. Donovan, W. H. Horton, F. Fowler; L. M. Cutler and Clerk J. R. Magill. Staff: D. R. McNeil, H. L. Fowle, S. L. Freeman, A. S. Buswell, L. J. P. Calisti, S. F. Salwak, F. S. McGuire, W. N. Robersen, W. P. Fridinger and D. I. Carter.

Chairman Page convened the meeting.

At the request of the Chairman, Mr. McGuire reported briefly on the status of capital construction projects, and on the drainage project which is underway at Machias. He announced that the University's insurance claim for fire loss on the UMO barns has been settled in the amount of \$413,612.

Appointment of Architect - UMA. After discussion the Committee agreed to recommend the appointment of Deane M. Woodward Architect and Associates as architects for project "Library-Learning Resources Center", UMA.

There was informal discussion of the location of the building designated for UMP-G in the recently approved bond referendum. The Chancellor indicated that no final decisions have been made for siting the building. Chairman Page noted that the Physical Plant Committee expects the Portland-Gorham administration to prepare a recommendation for submission through the Chancellor to the Committee and the Board and he requested that the rationale to support the recommendation justify the selection of a site in terms of programs and the campus mission.

Portland boundaries. Formal acceptance of physical boundaries for the Portland Campus was deferred to the next meeting of the Committee. In the interim, President Calisti will meet with the Planning Committee of the City of Portland to make certain that the University's position is clearly understood by and acceptable to the City.

Old Law School Building. During the Committee inspection of the 68 High Street property on October 19, the staff was instructed to obtain a detailed appraisal of the current value of the property. Mr. Page reported that this study is complete and that the property has been valued at \$225,000. President Calisti has requested that the Committee recommend that the Board delay any decision on the disposition of the property until June, 1973, to provide time for the Portland-Gorham staff to evaluate proposals for possible utilization of the building. There was further discussion of the remodeling

and maintenance costs if the property were to be retained, and the priority rating of the prospective programs within the Campus mission. There was also informal discussion of potential buyers and the possibility that revenue from the sale of the property would be available for other projects at Portland-Gorham. The Chancellor and Mr. Fowle pointed out that the use of such revenue ordinarily is designated by the Board of Trustees in accordance with system priorities.

After further deliberation, the Committee agreed to recommend that the Board delay any decision on the 68 High Street property until June, 1973. It was understood that maintenance costs for the interim period were to be absorbed from Portland-Gorham's current operating budget and that the Urban Adult Center would not be relocated in the High Street building.

A scheduled report by President Salwak about physical facilities at UMPI was deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

The Chancellor announced that the staff would meet with the Governor on November 27th and that he would need some informal guidance from the Board prior to his negotiations for State funding of miscellaneous capital construction projects from unappropriated surplus. The matter was referred to the Executive Session for discussion by the full Board.

Adjournment.

JoAnne R. Magill

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Clerk, Board of Trustees