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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 28, 1972
at Bangor Campus

PUBLIC MEETING

Subject to final approval

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Date Sept. 21, 1972
By: JoAnne R. Magill, Clerk

PRESENT: Chairman L. M. Cutler, S. J. Evans, R. N. Haskell, S. T. Hughes, C. R. McGary, J. H. Page, K. H. Ramage, W. G. Robertson, Ms. Jean Sampson, N. Y. Wessell and Clerk J. R. Magill. Absent: Ms. L. M. Cormier, V. P. Currier and C. D. Reed. Two Vacancies. Staff: D. R. McNeil, H. L. Fowle, S. L. Freeman (left early), A. S. Buswell, L. J. P. Calisti, L. J. Jewett, W. C. Libby, E. A. Olsen, S. F. Salwak, J. Ryan (UMFK), D. I. Carter, W. N. Robersen, F. S. McGuire.

Chairman Cutler convened the meeting.

Budget priorities. In response to the request of the Board at the last meeting, the Chancellor resubmitted the priority listing of Part II programs which had been reviewed by the staff and revised. After discussion, and on motion of Mr. Haskell, it was

VOTED: to reaffirm its prior approval of a budget request to the 106th Legislature in the amount of \$74.6 million (Part I - \$63.9 million; Part II - \$10.7 million), and accepted the priority listings for the Part II request as follows:

PART II PROGRAMS: 1973/75
(in millions \$)

	<u>1973/74</u>	<u>1974/75</u>	<u>BIENNIUM</u>
I. <u>Increased Educational Opportunity</u>			
Expanded Enrollment	2.2	4.4	6.6
Educational Opportunity Centers	.2	.1	.3
New Programs	.6	1.2	1.8
	<u>3.0</u>	<u>5.7</u>	<u>8.7</u>
II. <u>Student Assistance</u>	<u>.4</u>	<u>.5</u>	<u>.9</u>
III. <u>Merit Increases for Professional Employees</u>	<u>.5</u>	<u>.9</u>	<u>1.4</u>

Cont'd

Budget Priorities (Cont'd)

	<u>1973/74</u>	<u>1974/75</u>	<u>BIENNIUM</u>
<u>IV. Educational Quality Improvement</u>			
Libraries	.3	.3	.6
Research & Public Service	.2	.1	.3
Maintenance Reserve, Minor Alter- ations, Land Acquisition Bank, Facility Planning	.2	.3	.5
Capital Equipment	.3	.3	.6
	<u>1.0</u>	<u>1.0</u>	<u>2.0</u>
Gross	4.9	8.1	13.0
Less Tuition from New Students	.8	1.5	2.3
Net	<u>4.1</u>	<u>6.6</u>	<u>10.7</u>

Possible legislation - MPBN. Vice Chancellor Freeman announced that the staff is exploring a suggestion that MPBN seek funds to equip and operate a television studio in the Augusta Civic Center on behalf of the City of Augusta, the Department of Education and the University. If action on the suggestion seems desirable after further discussion, the staff will present a more detailed report and request Board consideration of a separate bill which could be submitted to the 106th Legislature.

Acquisition of property - UMA. On motion of Mr. Haskell which was seconded and discussed, it was

VOTED: to authorize the Treasurer to execute a note to provide \$39,000 to acquire the Stoddard property. Not less than \$4,000 per year will be due in each of the first five years of the loan period, with the balance written as a balloon note, due at the end of the five year period. Repayment schedules for the remaining amount, if any, will be negotiated at the end of the five year period.

Appointment of Design Engineer. On motion of Mr. Page which was seconded, it was

VOTED: to approve the appointment of Walter F. Caprenter Associates of Orono as design and construction engineers for project "Dairy Farm Reconstruction" to be located on the Orono campus of the University.

Fund drive - Chemical Engineering Wing, UMO. On motion of Mr. Haskell, it was

VOTED: that the Board of Trustees acknowledges the interest of the national pulp and paper industry in raising funds from private and government sources to make possible the construction of a research building on the Orono campus. At such time as gifts for this purpose are offered, the Board of Trustees will be pleased to accept them provided that the full cost of construction can be covered by these gifts.

Vice Chancellor Freeman reported on preliminary planning for the Advance Study and Research Center, noting that newly appointed Director, Halsey Smith, has drafted a concept paper for the Center. A proposal for future utilization of the old Law School building was outlined briefly also. Questions were raised about the scope of the research operation planned for the Center and about the programs proposed for the old Law School building. The Chancellor will circulate the concept paper on the Advanced Study building to the Board as soon as this has been approved in its final form, and the staff will prepare detailed recommendations for the use of the old Law School building for the consideration of the Board at a future meeting.

HEW investigation. The Chancellor reported that representatives from the Compliance Division of the regional office of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare had met with the staff and the Presidents to initiate the first phase of HEW's investigation of the University's employment practices. Questions were raised about the investigators' authority to examine personnel files and there was discussion of possible violation of the confidentiality of personnel records. The Chancellor will discuss these concerns with the investigating team and inform the Board of the results of that discussion.

Coordinating Council. Chancellor McNeil reported on recent developments related to new federal legislation affecting subsidies to higher education. The legislation provides for the establishment of a commission in each state to serve as an umbrella agency for state planning in education. Federal guidelines are being developed to define the role and composition of the new agency and the Chancellor recommended that some of the Board members should become conversant with ongoing developments in this area.

A tentative schedule for Board meeting dates and locations for the coming year was presented and discussed. There was consensus that the Board should continue to hold meetings on the individual Campuses. The next meetings of the Board will be held on September 20 and 21 on the Farmington Campus. A schedule for the remainder of the year would be checked with each Trustee and confirmed by the Clerk as soon as possible.

Adjournment.

JoAnne R. Magill
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Clerk, Board of Trustees