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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 20, 1972
at Farmington Campus

PUBLIC MEETING

Subject to final approval

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

Chairman Cutler convened the meeting and welcomed Dr. John C. Donovan, who was recently appointed to the Board to replace Professor H. R. Brown. Dr. Cutler also took note of the Governor's reappointment of Trustee Haskell to another term and of Ms. Massey's election as the Indian Island representative to the Legislature.

Chancellor McNeil announced that the Governor is willing for the University to amend the Part II budget request, which has been submitted for consideration in the 106th Legislature, to recover revenue losses which result from changes in out-of-state student resident status.

The Chancellor reported that the staff and the Administrative Council were attempting to clarify their various roles in an effort to gain a better perspective of University relationships, and he suggested that the Trustees initiate an analytical review of the role of the Board itself. After discussion, Dr. Wessell moved that the Chairman appoint an ad hoc committee on Trustee responsibility and accountability. The motion CARRIED by a vote of six to three, Ms. Cormier, Mr. Haskell and Mr. Reed dissenting.

Mr. Reed, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on By-Laws Revision, presented the committee's report which included a final draft of proposed revisions along with the following recommendations:

1. The Committee supports a suggestion which has been made by Chairman Cutler that the By-Laws of the Board specify the number of successive terms the Chairman and Vice Chairman may serve in their respective offices. Appropriate language has been incorporated in Article II, Section I. The Committee did not reach consensus on the particular number of terms, and recommends that such number be determined by the Board.
2. The Committee endorses the principle of rotational assignments to the standing committees of the Board.
3. The Committee recommends that a committee be constituted to draft a code of ethics for the review and approval of the Board.

4. The Committee recommends that the Public Information Committee and the Honorary Degrees Committee be eliminated as standing committees of the Board and that their functions be discharged on an ad hoc basis. (Note addition of Student Affairs Committee Article III.)

5. The Committee recommends the development of a policy statement for the approval of the Board, to clearly delineate the patterns of administrative responsibility and authority.

There was discussion of the committee's recommendation that the Board specify a maximum number of successive terms for the offices of Chairman and Vice Chairman. A motion by Ms. Cormier to remove the specification FAILED by a vote of three to five. Mr. Haskell moved adoption of three successive terms and this motion FAILED by a vote of four to five. On motion of Dr. Wessell which was unanimously ADOPTED, the final draft of proposed Revisions to the By-Laws was amended to specify a maximum of four successive terms for the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

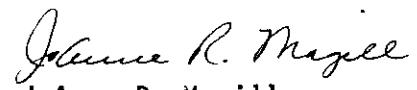
In response to a question about the effect of the term-of-office limitation on present officers, Dr. Wessell moved that the provision take effect with the adoption of the revised By-Laws. The motion was unanimously ADOPTED.

After further discussion and a few editorial corrections to the final draft, it was moved, seconded and

VOTED: to accept the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on By-Laws Revision and to approve the Final Draft of Proposed Revisions as amended.

The Clerk was instructed to prepare and circulate the amended document, and to notify each member of the Board that the revised By-Laws would be on the agenda for adoption at the November meeting.

Adjournment.


JoAnne R. Magill
Clerk, Board of Trustees