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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 23, 1974
Bangor, Maine

Ad hoc Committee on Medical Education Planning

PRESENT: Chairman Pro Tem Stanley J. Evans, Lawrence M. Cutler, Robert R. Masterton, John C. Donovan, James H. Page, Jean Sampson, and later Chairman Nils Y. Wessell. Staff: Donald R. McNeil, Stanley J. Freeman, Herbert L. Fowle, Jr. and Robert W. Coon.

Dr. Evans conducted the meeting until Dr. Wessell arrived.

Dean's Meeting. Dr. Donovan expressed concern that the Deans of the University of Vermont School of Medicine, Tufts University Medical School and Dartmouth Medical School had characterized the University's assessment of costs and benefits of a 4-year medical school as optimistic. It was pointed out that it is difficult to compare the University's concept with a traditional medical school and that contracting would have no influence on the State, no impact on the University of Maine, no impact on the State's health care delivery systems and no spin-off to the State.

Medical School Proposal. Dr. Coon stated that the University could not apply for funding without reasonable assurance of accreditation and that there is little hope that a two-year school would be accredited. The medical school would promote an integrated controlled program across the State and serve as a back-up to a residency which would encourage physicians to practice in the State. He cited several objections to the contract route for basic science including the lack of representation of the University of Maine on an out-of-state admissions committee.

On motion of Dr. Cutler, which was seconded, the Committee unanimously VOTED:

That the Trustees authorize the establishment of a School of Medicine, and that Dr. Robert W. Coon be assigned the additional duties and responsibilities of Dean of the School of Medicine, and instructed to take the necessary steps to apply for accreditation of the medical school and to initiate applications for funding to the Veterans Administration and other appropriate sources.

Background Paper. It was decided to rewrite the background of the resolution before presentation at the Public Meeting.

Authorization for Contracts. There was agreement to present the authorization to sign contracts to the Board as follows:

Resolved: That the Board of Trustees, after appropriate review by the administration in consultation with legal counsel, authorize the signing of contracts with appropriate health institutions and agencies to establish Health Science Education affiliations.

Adjournment.

Margaret R. Dexter
Clerk, Board of Trustees