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APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Date: January 21, 1974
By: Margaret R. Dexter, Clerk

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 22, 1974
Bangor, Maine

ad hoc committee - Trustee Responsibility and Accountability

PRESENT: Chairman Jean Sampson, John C. Donovan, Stanley J. Evans, James H. Page, Kenneth H. Ramage and Clerk Margaret R. Dexter. Staff: Donald R. McNeil, Stanley L. Freeman, Herbert L. Fowle, Sally V. Holm, Paul C. Dunham and Kenneth T. Winters.

Chairman Sampson opened the meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of November 27, 1973 were approved as circulated.

Ad hoc committees. The Committee discussed ad hoc committees and decided to caution the Board against the proliferation of these committees.

Information request. The Committee agreed to ask the Board to channel requests for large amounts of information from the staff through the Chairman of the Board.

Frequency of Meetings. The Chancellor listed the energy crisis and better preparation as two reasons to have a six week schedule of Board meetings. The Committee requested that the six week schedule be presented at the next meeting.

Personnel Paper. On motion of Dr. Evans which was seconded, the Committee VOTED to recommend the adoption of the first two sections of a paper entitled Responsibility of the Board of Trustees in the Area of Personnel to the full Board on January 23, 1974.

Executive Sessions. Dr. Evans moved that the Committee recommend the adoption of the paper on Executive Sessions with amendments to the full Board on January 23, 1974. The motion was seconded and VOTED.

Physical Plant Paper. There was general agreement that after the paper on the responsibilities for physical plant has been revised listing Trustee and Administration responsibilities the Committee will review it and then ask the Physical Plant Committee to review it.

External Affairs and Internal Communications. The paper on external affairs and internal communications was discussed and the Committee asked for a rewrite of the last paragraph to include Trustee responsibilities to see that goals and actions of the Board are adequately communicated through the administration.

Name Changes. The Committee agreed to recommend to the Board that changes in names of existing colleges or schools which do not change their mission or funding be approved by the Chancellor and reported to the full Board for information. They agreed to recommend that changes in names of units below the college or school level be the responsibility of the Presidents who will report the changes to the Chancellor. They agreed to recommend that approval of new titles for existing positions within the Campus organizations be a responsibility of the Chancellor. These changes will be added to the academic affairs paper under administrative responsibility.

Adjournment.

Margaret R. Dexter
Clerk, Board of Trustees