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APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date October 22, 1974
By: Margaret R. Dexter, Clerk

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 25, 1974
Bangor, Maine

ad hoc committee - Trustee Responsibility and Accountability

PRESENT: Chairman Francis A. Brown, Susan R. Kominsky, Kenneth H. Ramage and Jean Sampson. Staff: Donald R. McNeil, Paul C. Dunham, Aims C. McGuinness, Barnett I. Shur, Sally V. Holm and Robert Davidson.

Chairman Brown convened the meeting. The minutes of March 26, 1974; April 23, 1974 and May 21, 1974 were approved as circulated.

Nominating Committee. Four alternatives for selection of a nominating committee were considered. They were:

1. selection of the committee by the Chairman
2. selection by the nominating committee when it files its report
3. selection by the Board
4. selection by the Executive Committee

On motion of Mrs. Kominsky which was seconded, the Committee unanimously VOTED to ask Mr. Dunham to write a resolution recommending that members of the Executive Committee select a three-member nominating committee and that two of the members of this committee shall not be members of the Executive Committee.

There was agreement that the Nominating Committee should report its recommendations to the Board prior to the day for voting.

Executive Sessions. Mr. Brown asked Mr. Shur to comment on the ruling on the "Right-to-Know" laws by Justice David G. Roberts of the Superior Court.

Mr. Shur informed the Committee that in his opinion the University is not compelled by the "Right-to-Know" law but that Trustee policy is to observe the spirit of the law. Justice Roberts' ruling indicates that executive sessions can be used as informational briefings only. He also stated that no minutes can be taken of an informal discussion.

Long-Range Planning. The Chancellor asked that the "Long-Range Planning" paper be rewritten to include University planning relationships with outside agencies and commissions and to include financial planning.

On motion of Mrs. Kominsky which was seconded, the Committee VOTED:

to direct the staff to include the extra-University planning relationships and financial planning duties in the paper entitled "Long-Range Planning Responsibility of the Board of Trustees".

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The Committee System. Since the Board had previously agreed to preserve the Committee system, the Committee asked Mr. Dunham to prepare material on use of the Committee of the whole for budget purposes and suggestions for refinement and innovation within the present system.

Board Meetings on Campuses. Mrs. Kominsky moved that the Committee recommend Board approval of two Board meetings a year on campuses. The motion was seconded and VOTED.

Adjournment.

Margaret R. Dexter
Clerk, Board of Trustees