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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 3, 1974
Farmington, Maine

Executive Session

PRESENT: Chairman Jean Sampson, Kenneth H. Ramage, Stanley J. Evans, Lawrence M. Cutler, Francis A. Brown, James H. Page, Carlton D. Reed, Jr., Cynthia A. Murray-Beliveau, Carroll R. McGary. Staff: Donald R. McNeil, Herbert L. Fowle, Jr., Mary Ann Haas, Kenneth T. Winters, David I. Carter, Paul C. Dunham, George M. Shur, Robert R. Davidson, Barnett I. Shur, Sally V. Holm, Lloyd J. Jewett, Arthur S. Buswell, Richard J. Spath, N. Edd Miller, Einar A. Olsen and Howard R. Neville. Guest Roy Stephens.

Collective Bargaining. Mr. Winters stated that there would probably be legislation considered by the 107th session of the Maine Legislature enabling University employees to bargain collectively. The Higher Education sub panel of the Maine Labor Relations Service Foundation is preparing legislation.

There was agreement that a seminar on collective bargaining issues facing the University would be set up for representatives of constituent groups including the faculty, students, classified employees and professional and administrative staff.

The Trustees did not take a position on unit determination and deferred the discussion to the next day.

Trustee Legislator. After the presidents and staff members left the meeting, Ms. Sampson told the Board that Trustee Stephen T. Hughes, who has been elected to the 107th Legislature, had asked that the Trustees discuss the advisability of a legislator serving as a Trustee. There was general agreement that a Trustee's effectiveness as a legislator would be impaired by remaining on the Board.

A letter from Governor-elect James B. Longley was discussed and consensus was that the Chairman should reply attempting to keep open communications.

Legislative Strategy. Chancellor McNeil asked the Board to express its opinion on issues which would arise in the 107th session of the legislature, such as a 1202 commission, the University budget and the capital construction request.

There was general agreement that there would be no revision of the budget or the capital construction request.

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The Chancellor outlined a request from Herbert L. Fowle, Jr. to be relieved of his duties as Vice Chancellor for Business and Financial Affairs. The Chancellor recommended that Mr. Fowle work part time on special projects at an annual salary of \$18,000. Discussion was postponed to the next day.

Adjournment.

Margaret R. Dexter
Clerk, Board of Trustees