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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 24, 1974
Bangor, Maine

Public Meeting

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: Sept 25, 1974

By: Margaret R. Dexter, Clerk

Margaret R. Dexter

PRESENT: Chairman Lawrence M. Cutler, Francis A. Brown, John C. Donovan, Stanley J. Evans, Stephen T. Hughes, Susan R. Kominsky, Robert R. Masterton, Carroll R. McGary, James H. Page, Carlton D. Reed, Jean Sampson, Nils Y. Wessell. Staff: Donald R. McNeil, Stanley L. Freeman, Herbert L. Fowle, Jr, Sally V. Holm, Francis S. McGuire, Barnett I. Shur, Mary Ann Haas, Paul C. Dunham, Robert Coon, Richard Eustis, Harry W. Gordon, Arthur S. Buswell, Lloyd Jewett, N. Edd Miller, Howard R. Neville, Einar Olsen, Stanley Salwak and Richard Spath.

Chairman Cutler opened the meeting with the announcement of the resignation of Ms. Lucia Cormier. Dr. Cutler thanked Ms. Cormier in absentia for her contributions to the University.

Code of Ethics. Reporting for the majority of the ad hoc committee to form a Code of Ethics, Mr. Hughes recommended adoption by the Board of the Financial Code of Ethics and so moved. The motion was seconded.

Reporting for the minority, Mr. Masterton offered to amend the Code by deleting sections 3b & c. The motion was seconded but failed passage.

The vote to adopt the Financial Code of Ethics was 8 to 3 with Mr. Page, Mr. Masterton and Dr. Donovan opposed. The motion carried. A copy of the Code is appended to the file of these minutes.

Dairy Barns. Mr. Page reported on the joint meeting of the Finance and Physical Plant Committees and announced that the Committees had authorized Orono to borrow from the endowment fund to complete dairy facilities and that the loan was to be repaid within five years at a 9% annual interest rate.

Mr. Page also reported that the 1973/74 University Budget was balanced. He said that the Finance Committee had asked for more information on the overdue student loan accounts and that the Committee had reviewed the current bank balances and investment portfolio.

Gifts, Grants and Awards. On motion of Mr. Page which was seconded, the Board VOTED to accept with gratitude all gifts, grants and awards filed under the dates of April 23-24, 1974, copies of which are appended to the file of these minutes.

Tuition Waiver. Mr. Page moved Board adoption of the following resolution:

that tuition fees be waived at the discretion of campus presidents for high school students taking credit work during the academic year. Further that students under waiver be accepted on a space available basis.

The motion was seconded and VOTED. A copy of the proposal is appended to the file of these minutes.

MPBN 1974/75 Budget Request. Mr. Page reported that the Finance Committee would not have a recommendation on the Education and General Budget for 1974/75 until the next meeting. He moved adoption of the Maine Public Broadcasting Network Budget Request for 1974/75 which is appended to the file of these minutes. The motion was seconded and VOTED. Mr. Hughes abstained.

Dining and Residence Budget Request. On motion of Mr. Page which was seconded, the Board VOTED the Dining and Residence Budget request which is appended to the file of these minutes. Mr. Hughes abstained.

Mr. Carter explained the administration proposals for the Education and General Budget for 1974/75. [Charts I and II are appended to the file of these minutes.] Trustees discussed the legislature's failure to appropriate sufficient money to fund Part II of the legislative request and the trend in the legislature to specify expenditure of appropriate State money for the University. CANNOT
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Mr. Reed recommended that the full Board discuss the 1974/75 budget rather than duplicating the Finance Committee discussion at the full Board meeting. Mr. Hughes recommended that the ad hoc committee on Trustee Responsibility and Accountability discuss the Committee system.

Medical Education. Dr. Wessell expressed the concern of the ad hoc Committee on Medical Education Planning that the University not become involved in a conventional medical school. He asked Dr. Coon to outline necessary steps to be taken in the near future.

Dr. Coon stated that he would like to bring a proposal to the Board at the June meeting to prepare for accreditation application and funding applications which would require the formal establishment of a School of Medicine. He cited the need for 4½ full-time-equivalent staff positions and cited the pros and cons of contracting for Basic Science Education and development of Basic Sciences within the University.

After luncheon the Public Meeting was reconvened by Dr. Cutler.

New Programs. Mrs. Sampson, reporting for the Educational Policy Committee, asked postponement of the discussion of three new baccalaureate programs at Fort Kent, Machias and Augusta because so few Board members had remained. President Buswell and President Spath asked that their programs be considered so that planning on their campuses could continue.

Fort Kent Bachelor of Arts Degree. Mrs. Sampson moved that the Board authorize the University of Maine at Fort Kent to grant a Bachelor of Arts degree. The motion was seconded and VOTED. A full text of the proposal is appended to the file of these minutes.

Machias Bachelor of Science Degree. On motion of Mrs. Sampson which was seconded, the Board VOTED to authorize the University of Maine at Machias to grant a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a major in Marketing and Accounting. A full text of the proposal is appended to the file of these minutes.

UMA 3-Year Program. It was decided that the Board would defer until May a decision on a proposal that the University of Maine at Augusta offer a 3-year Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Management.

New Academic Programs. Mrs. Sampson brought to the attention of the Board the new academic programs in the University. A list is appended to the file of these minutes.

Joint Committee. Mrs. Sampson reported that at a meeting of the Joint Committee of the Board of Trustees and the State Board of Education that the following resolution was adopted:

That in case of a disagreement over a recommendation of the Joint Screening Committee the matter would be settled administratively by the Chancellor and the Commissioner and if the issues were still unresolved it would be brought to the Joint Committee of the Board of Trustees/State Board of Education.

Transfer Policy. On motion of Mrs. Sampson which was seconded, the Board voted:

Trustee policy is to provide the maximum opportunity for transfer within the System. When a student is accepted for transfer all undergraduate degree credits obtained at any unit of the University will be transferable to any other unit. Each transfer student is expected to meet the established requirements of the academic program into which transfer is effected.

Nominating Committee. The Board voted to ratify the appointments of the nominating committee to include:

Nils Y. Wessell, Chairman
Carlton D. Reed
Carroll R. McGary

Student Affairs. Dr. Donovan moved adoption of the proposed pub at Orono. The motion was seconded and VOTED. Mr. Reed was opposed.

Pub at Bangor. On motion of Mr. Brown which was seconded, the Board VOTED authorization of a pub at Bangor. Mr. Reed abstained.

It was decided to defer action on the Student Activity Fee policy.

Physical Plant. Mr. Hughes reported that no Board action was needed. He stated that the Committee had reviewed the Capital Construction Status Report.

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Appeals and Grievances. Mrs. Kominsky reported for the ad hoc committee on Appeals and Grievances that the Committee was seeking information on procedures from other Universities.

Trustee Responsibility and Accountability. Mrs. Sampson asked that the Board defer action on the distinction between the Chancellor's Staff and University-wide Staff until a later date.

Vote Degrees. On motion of Dr. Donovan which was seconded, the Board VOTED:

that the Board of Trustees award the degrees in course at the appropriate commencement exercises for the Spring and Summer 1974 to those students fully recommended by the appropriate faculties and Presidents of the respective institutions and/or divisions of the University of Maine, whose names will appear in the appropriate commencement programs.

Mr. Hughes abstained because he is a degree candidate.

Personnel. On motion of Mr. Hughes which was seconded, the Board VOTED to appoint Mr. Conrad Armandi as a police officer at the University of Maine at Farmington.

It was decided to defer action on the MPBN fund-raising proposal until May.

Executive Session. On motion of Mrs. Sampson which was seconded, the Board VOTED to go into Executive Session to consider an honorary degree.

Reconvene Public Meeting. On motion of Mrs. Sampson which was seconded, the Board voted to award an honorary degree at the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham.

Adjournment.

Margaret R. Dexter
Clerk, Board of Trustees