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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 4, 1974
Farmington, Maine

Public Meeting

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

Chairman Sampson opened the meeting. The minutes of October 22, 1974 were approved as circulated.

Degrees. On motion of Dr. McGary which was seconded, the Board unanimously VOTED

that the Board of Trustees award degrees in course at the appropriate commencement exercises for the Fall semester, 1974 and the Spring semester, and Summer session, 1975 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 appear in the appropriate commencement programs.

Witter Animal Science Center. On motion of Mr. Hughes which was seconded, the Board unanimously VOTED

that the Board of Trustees ratify the action taken by the Executive Committee during a telephone vote of October 30, 1974. The Executive Committee unanimously approved the naming of the Orono Barn complex as the J. Franklin Witter Animal Science Center.

By-Laws Change. Mr. Brown moved that the Board approve the following change to the By-Laws:

- 3.2.g The Executive Committee shall appoint a nominating committee of three trustees not later than April of each year to propose a slate of officers for the coming year. No more than one member of the Executive Committee may be a member of the nominating committee.

The motion was seconded and VOTED. Voting for the measure were: Mr. Page, Mr. Masterton, Dr. Wessell, Dr. Evans, Dr. Cutler, Ms. Kominsky, Ms. Murray-Beliveau and Mr. Brown. Mr. Hughes was opposed.

Mr. Brown moved a second By-Laws change as follows:

- 3.7.a Ad hoc committees may be established by vote of the Board to undertake special assignments upon completion of which the committee shall be discharged by vote of the Board. The committee may include persons who are not members of the Board.

The motion was seconded and unanimously VOTED.

Chancellor's Report.

Buckley Amendment. Chancellor McNeil reported that the University would comply with the Buckley Amendment requiring schools to allow students and parents access to records within 45 days of the request.

Maine Post Secondary Education Commission. Dr. McNeil announced that the Maine Post Secondary Education Commission would have a public hearing at Augusta on December 12, 1974.

Affirmative Action. The Chancellor announced that the Affirmative Action Plan of the University of Maine at Orono had been accepted by HEW.

Finance Committee.

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 December 3 and 4, 1974.

A complete listing is appended to the file of these minutes.

Educational Policy Committee.

Political Activity Policy. Reporting for the Committee, Dr. Cutler announced that the administration had been asked to review the Political Activity Policy and to recommend changes for future use. The present policy will be retained in the interim.

UMA 3-Year Baccalaureate. Dr. Cutler reported that the Committee had voted to recommend acceptance of the UMA Bachelor of Science in Public Administration.

On motion of Dr. Wessell which was seconded, the Board unanimously VOTED

that the University of Maine at Augusta be authorized to begin offering the degree, Bachelor of Science in Public Administration as a three-year baccalaureate degree, effective September, 1975.

An evaluation of the program is to be submitted to the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and to the Educational Policy Committee of the Board of Trustees by August 1 of each year.

A copy of the proposal and summary is appended to the file of these minutes.

Student Affairs Committee. Dr. Evans reported that the Student Affairs Committee had started discussion of a long-range tuition policy and that the Committee would continue the discussion in January.

Physical Plant Committee. On motion of Mr. Hughes which was seconded, the Board unanimously VOTED

to approve the acquisition of the Richard A. and Bonnie Nadeau Property located on Pleasant Street at Fort Kent for an amount of \$23,000 subject to staff review and approval of the title search and title transfer documents.

Mr. Hughes also reported that the Committee had received a report on a site location for a Maine Public Broadcasting Network building location.

Appeals and Grievances. Reporting for the ad hoc Committee on Appeals and Grievance Procedures, Ms. Kominsky moved that the Board adopt the final report of the Committee. The motion was seconded and unanimously VOTED. A copy of the Final Report is appended to the file of these minutes. The report includes guidelines within which the campuses will formulate specific campus guidelines.

Discharge of Committee. On motion of Ms. Kominsky which was seconded, the Board VOTED

to discharge the ad hoc Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

Committee Assignment. The Board unanimously VOTED

to ratify the appointment of Francis A. Brown to the ad hoc Committee on Collective Bargaining.

MPBN Report. John Morison, Director of the Maine Public Broadcasting Network, reported to Trustees on progress within the network of which they are licensees. A copy of the report is appended to the file of these minutes.

Resignation. Mr. Hughes, who was elected to the 107th State Legislature, reported that he would submit his resignation to the Governor. The following is a text of his remarks:

As you all know, I will on January 1st begin what I hope will be service to Maine as a member of the 107th Legislature. I have concluded that I will be unable to serve as effectively as I would wish in two important positions of public trust.

Therefore, I will today submit to Governor Kenneth M. Curtis my resignation as a Trustee of the University of Maine. This action comes five years and seven months after my unprecedented appointment to the Board while still a student. It concludes a period of formal association with this Board that I shall remember as the greatest learning experience of my life.

I owe a great deal to each of you and to each of your predecessors since 1969. You were patient in my ignorance and tolerant in my righteous indignation and supportive in my disappointments. But most importantly, you were open, responsive, creative and dedicated to the promotion of the goal we all shared - that of the greatest possible degree of opportunity for more and more Maine people. I, with all Maine citizens, will watch your activities and look to you for leadership as you articulate vital principals of a free, open State University system. Please be assured of my sympathy and active support in that effort.

To Don McNeil, I want to say how much I feel we all owe you for your monumental efforts in these six years. I am convinced that because of you, Don, there are thousands of people, the elderly, Maine Indians, minorities, women, and our low-income citizens in general,

all of whom have opportunities for upward mobility through education simply not available before your arrival. For them as well as myself, I presume to thank you.

My real regret in leaving before the end of my term is that I will no longer be in constant association with Don, Herb, Stan, the presidents, and staff and each of you - for together you are the finest group of human beings I have ever known. Thank you for this last indulgence.

Adjournment.

Margaret R. Dexter
Clerk, Board of Trustees