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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 14, 1974
Public Meeting

PRESENT: Chairman Jean Sampson, Lawrence M. Cutler, Francis A. Brown, Susan R. Kominsky, Robert L. Jalbert, Robert R. Masterton, Carroll R. McGarv, Cynthia Murray-Beliveau and James H. Page. Staff: Donald R. McNeil, Stanley L. Freeman, Jr., Herbert L. Fowle, Jr., Paul C. Dunham, Sally V. Holm, Mary Ann Haas, Kenneth T. Winters, Lloyd J. Jewett, Walter P. Fridinger, Howard R. Neville, Einar A. Olsen, Arthur Mraz, D. Conrad Rice. Press and Public.

Mrs. Sampson opened the meeting.

Chancellor Resigns. Dr. McNeil read his letter of resignation.

"It is six years to the day that the Board of Trustees gave me the honor (and the pleasure) of becoming the first Chancellor of the reorganized and expanded University of Maine.

These were eventful years - tumultuous at times but always interesting, challenging and varied. With a superb staff and an excellent Board, we put together that merger. In the process, we were able to reduce tensions, create a good intellectual environment, expand opportunity and win the approval of Maine's citizens.

A different individual, with a different style and personality, might have shaped the University to a different end. I think the Board, the administration (especially the seven presidents), the faculty, the alumni, the students, the legislature and the people of Maine all deserve a share of the credit for the University's accomplishments these last six years.

The quality of programs has been improved, enrollments and dollars have increased, minority opportunities have been enhanced, discrimination has been attacked, innovation has occurred. In short, a system has been developed that brings more education for less than it would have prior to the merger. And most importantly academic freedom and freedom of speech have been maintained in the process.

We can all be proud of this splendid progress.

But now it is time for a change - for me and for the University. I have a new opportunity to test some of the knowledge I have acquired in Maine in a different setting. I have been offered - and have accepted - the newly created position of Director of the California Postsecondary Education. It is with genuine regret that I herewith submit my resignation effective February 1,

1975.

I learned much from all of you - courage, steadfastness, moderation, and, in a way not many people may understand, humility. These will be indelibly stamped on my mind and heart.

We have built a good University on a solid base of quality and high principles. As I leave you, I know in my heart that all of you will uphold and improve on the principles of equal opportunity to quality education at low cost.

I shall always think of my six years in Maine as the richest in my life.

Good luck and best wishes."

On motion of Dr. Cutler, which was seconded, the Board unanimously VOTED to accept with regret the resignation of Chancellor Donald R. McNeil.

That the Board transfer authority from Chancellor McNeil to Acting Chancellor Freeman effective December 14, 1974.

During the transitional period between December 14, 1974, and January 31, 1975, Dr. McNeil will work with Dr. Freeman to provide an orderly rearrangement of duties.

Personnel Changes. Mr. Page moved Board appointment of the following personnel changes:

Acting Chancellor Stanley L. Freeman at \$37,500 annually.

Acting Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Mary Ann Haas at \$25,000 annually.

The motion was seconded and VOTED.

Search Committee. On motion of Mr. Page, which was seconded, the Board VOTED to approve appointment of a search committee of 5 trustees to examine the candidacy of any qualified Maine resident as Phase one in the search for a Chancellor for the University of Maine and an advisory committee of 30 members including 18 members of the University community as follows:

- 7 students - one from each campus
- 7 faculty members - one from each campus
- 1 representative of the Classified Employees
- 1 representative of University-wide Services Staff

2 Professional and Administrative Staff Members

and 12 other Maine citizens to be appointed to advise the Board on final candidates. If there is not an agreement on a single candidate from within the State on the part of the Board the Search Committee may seek comparisons by enlarging the search to the nation. Voting for the measure were Dr. Cutler, Mr. Brown, Mr. Jalbert, Mr. Masterton, Dr. McGary, Ms. Murray-Beliveau, and Mr. Page. Ms. Kominsky was opposed. Mr. Page moved that the Chairman appoint five members of the Board to the Search Committee. The motion was seconded and unanimously VOTED.

Staff Reorganization. Dr. Freeman recommended the following staff positions:

Mr. Fowle to remain as Vice Chancellor for Business and Financial Affairs

Dr. Haas to serve as Acting Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Ms. Holm to serve as Director of University Relations at an annual salary of \$15,000

President Jewett to continue to serve as Legislative Liaison

JoAnne Magill to serve as Assistant to the Acting Chancellor on a temporary basis at an annual salary of \$13,000

On motion of Dr. Cutler which was seconded the Board unanimously approved Dr. Freeman's staff recommendation.

Committee Chairman. On motion of Mr. Page which was seconded the Board ratified the appointment of Francis A. Brown as chairman of the Physical Plant Committee.

Ratification of Telephone Vote. Dr. McGary moved ratification of the following telephone vote:

Vote on the appointment of Stanley L. Freeman, Jr. as Acting Chancellor

13 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Vote on the appointment of a broad-based advisory committee on selection of a Chancellor

13 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Vote on the appointment of at least 5 Trustees to the advisory committee

13 yes 0 no 0 abstain

The motion was seconded and unanimously VOTED.

1202 Commission. The charge to the Maine Post Secondary Education Commission which was appointed by Governor Curtis will expire December 31, 1974. The Board discussed the following resolution:

The Board supports cooperative planning among all institutions of post secondary education through a 1202 Commission. Should it be established the University as an independent institution will provide full and advance information about its planning and proposes that the existing joint relationship with the vocational technical institutes be expanded to include other post secondary institutions as the 1202 Commission.

On motion of Mr. Masterton which was seconded the Board VOTED to refer the matter to the Executive Committee.

Adjournment.

Margaret R. Dexter
Clerk, Board of Trustees