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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 27, 1974
Bangor, Maine

PUBLIC MEETING

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

Margaret R. Dexter

PRESENT: Chairman Lawrence M. Cutler, Francis A. Brown, Lucia M. Cormier, John C. Donovan, Stanley J. Evans, Stephen T. Hughes, Robert L. Jalbert, Susan R. Kominsky, Robert R. Masterton, Carroll R. McGary, James H. Page, Carlton D. Reed, Jean Sampson, Nils Y. Wessell and Clerk Margaret R. Dexter. Staff: Donald R. McNeil, Stanley L. Freeman, Herbert L. Fowle, Robert W. Coon, Sally V. Holm, Francis S. McGuire, Barnett I. Shur, Arthur S. Buswell, Lloyd J. Jewett, N. Edd Miller, Howard R. Neville, Einar A. Olsen, Stanley F. Salwak, George T. Prigmore, William MacLeod, Kenneth T. Winters, Richard A. Eustis, David I. Carter, Robert S. Oberg, Paul C. Dunham.

Chairman Cutler convened the meeting.

Amendment to By-Laws. On motion of Mr. Hughes which was seconded, the Board

VOTED: to table an amendment to the By-Laws requiring public meetings of the Executive Committee until the March meeting and further, that the ad hoc committee on Trustee Responsibility and Accountability discuss the proposed change.

Chancellor's Report. Dr. McNeil reported on the Part I Budget cuts made by the Appropriations Committee and the adverse effects of inflation on University funds. He told the Board that legislation was prepared which would provide money for the increased cost of fuel and a separate request had been made for renovation of Robie Andrews Hall at the University of Maine at Portland Gorham.

1202 Commission. Senator Bennett Katz has introduced a bill in the Legislature which would provide for a commission to plan and coordinate higher education in the State, the Chancellor said. The Board discussed the makeup of such a commission and on motion of Mr. Hughes which was seconded, the Board VOTED on the following resolution:

RESOLVED: that the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine sees value in a state-wide planning agency for higher education.

The Board of Trustees has reservations about the effect on the quality of education and therefore recommends postponement of consideration to the next session of the Legislature to permit necessary further study.

Aid to Private Higher Education Institutions. The Chancellor outlined several plans for the survival and maintenance of private higher education. He cited tuition equalization plans,

aid to students and financial aid from the State Legislatures to the institutions.

Wilde-Stein Publicity. The mail to the University has reached 200 to 300 letters of which most are form letters, Dr. McNeil informed the Board. He also expressed faith that the Legislature and alumni would not penalize the University because the Trustees had reaffirmed their policy of free speech and assembly.

Maine Management and Cost Survey Implementation. Of the many Maine Management and Cost Survey recommendations acceptable to the University several leading to greater efficiency and economy have cost factors involved, the Chancellor reported. The money needed for implementation of Maine Management and Cost Survey recommendations was explained by Mr. Fowle and Mr. Carter.

On motion of Mr. Brown which was seconded, the Board VOTED:

RESOLVED: that the Trustees of the University of Maine urge the required funding to realize the financial savings and operational efficiency which will result from the implementation of those recommendations of the Maine Management and Cost Survey studied and accepted by the University of Maine and further expresses its willingness to work with the Maine Management and Cost Survey and the Legislature to achieve these ends.

Community College Institute. Dr. Freeman told the Board that an institute is planned at Stevens College in Missouri in August to instruct delegates in the latest thinking in community college education. Fifteen states have been invited to participate. The Maine delegation will include representatives from the campuses at Augusta and Bangor, the York County Community College Services, University of Maine at Portland Gorham, the Southern Maine Vocational Technical Institute and a representative of the University of Maine Board of Trustees. The Maine delegation will formulate plans for the Outreach Program. Mrs. Sampson will be the representative of the Board of Trustees.

HERC Presentation. Dr. Freeman called attention to the audio visual equipment in the room and invited Trustees to see a presentation of the Health Education Resource Center at Farmington to be shown during the luncheon break.

Health Science Education. Dr. Coon brought Board members up to date on his work thus far. He spoke of undergraduate, graduate and continuing education in medicine to improve the quality of care, to improve the distribution of primary care and to increase educational opportunity for Maine students. He advocated emphasis on clinical education. 1) Contracting with existing medical schools for basic science education. 2) Expand third year student program at Maine Medical Center. 3) The students in their fourth year or last sixteen to eighteen months of instruction be located in different parts of the state and in hospitals and at other

sites, for example; doctors' offices or in the mental health field outside of traditional patterns to encourage family practice. 4) Emphasize the team approach to health care.

Executive Session. On motion of Dr. Donovan which was seconded, the Board VOTED:

to go into Executive Session to consider Honorary Degrees.

Reconvened Public Meeting.

Dr. Cutler opened the meeting following luncheon.

Executive Session Policy. Reporting for the ad hoc committee on Trustee Responsibility and Accountability, Mrs. Sampson moved the following changes to the paper on Executive Sessions:

to omit salaries as a reason to go into Executive Session and to include personnel problems and honorary degrees as suitable items to be discussed in Executive Sessions.

The motion was seconded and VOTED. A revised copy of the Executive Session Policy is appended to the file of these minutes.

Ad Hoc Committees. A motion by Mrs. Sampson was seconded and VOTED: to transfer the duties of the ad hoc committee on Legislative Affairs to the Finance Committee.

On motion of Mrs. Sampson which was seconded and VOTED: the duties of the ad hoc committee on Honorary Degrees were transferred to the Educational Policy Committee.

Frequency of Board Meetings. Mrs. Sampson reported that a proposal to have Board meetings at six week intervals had been made to the ad hoc committee on Trustee Responsibility and Accountability by the staff. She also reported that the Committee recommended no change from the present schedule.

On motion of Mrs. Sampson which was seconded, the Board VOTED: to retain the present monthly schedule for Board meetings.

Committee Campus Visits. Mrs. Sampson explained a proposal to have all four standing committees of the Board conduct a simultaneous visit to a campus to relieve the duplication of information to committee members and to relieve the burden of preparation on campus administrators. This plan would provide an opportunity for all Trustees to visit each campus every two years, she explained.

Mrs. Sampson moved, it was seconded and VOTED: to try a visit of all four standing committees to Machias the first week of May.

Informal Discussion. A paper defining informal discussions by the Board was read which would limit subjects to those which would not require action by the Board within twenty-four hours.

Mrs. Sampson moved adoption of the guidelines which are appended to the file of these minutes. The motion was seconded and failed. Opposed were Dr. McGary, Mr. Page, Mrs. Kominsky and Mr. Brown. Mr. Jalbert abstained.

Gifts, Grants, Awards and Contracts. Mr. Page moved acceptance of all gifts, grants, awards and contracts listed under the dates of February 26, 27, 1974 and January, 1974 in accordance with the expressed wishes of the donor and within the policies of the Board of Trustees. The motion was amended to exclude acceptance of two athletic scholarships that did not include the Trustee policy requiring proof of need. The motion passed.

Second Vote. Mr. Page moved and it was seconded to ask the administration to further study the two athletic scholarships and include the statement of need in all future athletic scholarships. The motion carried.

A complete listing of gifts, grants, awards and contracts accepted by the Board is appended to the file of these minutes.

Finance Committee. Mr. Page reported that the Finance Committee had discussed the scope of the audit with the outside auditors, Arthur Andersen Company. He further said that the Finance Committee would interview professional investment counsellors in the near future.

Appeals and Grievances. On motion of Mrs. Kominsky which was seconded, the Board

VOTED: to amend the Board resolution providing for a temporary appeals mechanism to include non-reappointment when violations of academic freedom are alleged.

A copy of the amended resolution is appended to the file of these minutes.

Code of Ethics. Mr. Hughes reported that the ad hoc committee to Formulate a Trustee Code of Ethics was nearing completion of their work and financial conflict of interest disclosure guidelines would be ready soon.

Physical Plant Committee. Reporting for the Physical Plant Committee, Mr. Hughes said that the Committee had approved schematic drawings of the Portland Gorham Science Building and the interior only of the Fogler Library addition for the Orono campus.

He further reported that the Committee has reports of visits to the Farmington and the Portland Gorham Campuses which will be circulated to the Trustees.

The Committee also reviewed the Capital Construction status report Mr. Hughes stated.

Educational Policy Committee. Chairman Sampson moved adoption of a Committee approved recommendation that the Board of Trustees approve a new Bachelor of Fine Arts degree for UMPG. The motion was seconded and VOTED. A complete text of the proposal is appended to the file of these minutes.

Portland Gorham Governance Document. On motion of Mrs. Sampson which was seconded, the University of Maine at Portland Gorham governance document was approved to include a paper added by the Committee. Mrs. Kominsky abstained. A complete text of the document and the Committee addition are appended to the file of these minutes.

Joint Committee Meeting. The joint committee of the State Board of Education and the Board of Trustees met in Augusta February 8, 1974 and discussed the makeup of a 1202 Commission for Maine, the York County Community College Services, the need for cooperative efforts in Androscogin and the future of teacher education, according to Mrs. Sampson who reported for the Board Committee members.

Honorary Degree Guidelines. Mrs. Sampson moved that the Board adopt the following changes to the Honorary Degree guidelines:

A-2 Candidates for honorary degrees may be nominated by the Trustees and/or by any Campus and/or the Chancellor's Office.

Add:

A-9 Those degrees receiving approval from a campus shall be recorded as a degree from that campus.

a-10 There shall be a University of Maine Degree which shall be University-wide. Nominations shall come from a campus and/or Trustees and/or the Chancellor's Office.

The motion was seconded and VOTED.

Appointments. On motion of Mrs. Sampson which was seconded, the Board

VOTED: the following appointments
Dr. David R. Fink, Jr., Associate Director
of the Institute for Health Science Education,
effective March 1, 1974.

Dr. Loren W. Downey, full Professor with tenure
in the School of Education at the University of
Maine at Portland Gorham, effective September 1,
1974.

Complete text of both recommendations are appended to the file of these minutes.

Reports for the March Meeting. There was consensus that the Collective Bargaining paper and the report on research from Chapter V of the HEP Commission Report would be postponed to the March meeting.

Veterans. Dr. Freeman reported on advance pay procedures, cost instruction allowances, increased veterans service in cooperation with the Vocational Technical Institutes, excellence of relations with Togus and the difficulty of some veterans in dealing with the regional office in Kansas City. He also reported that there have been arrangements for a deferred payment plan to alleviate hardships in the first month of a student veteran's enrollment.

Newcomen. On motion of Dr. McGary which was seconded, the Board
VOTED: to approve the plan of the
Newcomen Society to honor the
University of Maine at a luncheon
at Orono June 28, 1974.

Legislative Developments. Dr. McNeil reported on LD 2333 which would set up a special board for private colleges, increased monies for the STEP program for private college students, a comprehensive student aid package for next year and a hearing on a bill to create a 1202 type commission as the latest developments in the legislature in the field of education.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be March 26, 27, 1974.

Adjournment.

Margaret R. Dexter
Clerk, Board of Trustees