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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 24, 1974
Bangor, Maine

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: October 23, 1974

By: Margaret R. Dexjer, Clerk

Margaret R. Dexjer

Public Meeting

PRESENT: Chairman Jean Sampson, Francis A. Brown, Lawrence M. Cutler, John C. Donovan, Stanley J. Evans, Stephen T. Hughes, Robert L. Jalbert, Susan R. Kominsky, Robert R. Masterton, Carroll R. McGary, James H. Page, Kenneth H. Ramage, Nils Y. Wessell, Richard Curtis, Pamela Kelly, Kathy Doheny, Neil Murphy, John Quinn, Walter Schoenberger and John Steinbaugh. Staff: Donald R. McNeil, Stanley L. Freeman, Herbert L. Fowle, Jr., Sally V. Holm, James McLoughlin, Barnett I. Shur, George M. Shur, Richard A. Eustis, Harry W. Gordon, William Gilfillan, Paul C. Dunham, Kenneth T. Winters, Lloyd J. Jewett, N. Edd Miller, Howard R. Neville, Einar A. Olsen, Stanley F. Salwak, Richard J. Spath and Robert W. Coon.

Chairman Sampson opened the meeting and called for ratification of Committee assignments. A copy of the ratified appointments is appended to the file of these minutes.

Honorary Degree Committee. Reporting for the ad hoc Committee - Trustee Responsibility and Accountability, Chairman Brown moved Board approval of a recommendation that the duty of evaluating administration nominations and recommending candidates to the Board to receive honorary degrees be changed from the Educational Policy Committee to the Executive Committee.

The motion was seconded and VOTED.

Amendment to Personnel Paper. On motion of Mr. Brown which was seconded, the Board VOTED to amend the Personnel Paper as follows:

- 3. To appoint a Treasurer of the University and internal and external auditors.

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

Long-Range Planning. Mr. Brown reported that the paper on long-range planning is being revised and will be presented to the Board at a later date.

Financial Affairs. On motion of Mr. Brown which was seconded, the Board VOTED acceptance of the paper, "Responsibilities of the Board of Trustees in Financial Affairs." A copy of the paper is appended to the file of these minutes.

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Employees Paper. Mr. Brown moved Board adoption of the principles in the paper, "Board Responsibility for Professional and Administrative Staff and Classified Employees." The motion was seconded and VOTED. A copy of the paper is appended to the file of these minutes

Medical School. Dr. Wessell, chairman of the ad hoc Committee on Medical Education Planning, introduced Dr. Alan M. Elkins, Chief of Psychiatry, Maine Medical Center, Portland; Dr. H. J. Wheelwright, Medical Director, Augusta General Hospital; John Grant, President, Board of Trustees, Eastern Maine Medical Center, Bangor; Dr. Charles D. McEvoy, Medical Director, Eastern Maine Medical Center, Bangor; Dr. Robert L. Ohler, Chief of Staff, Veterans Administration Hospital, Togus; and Robert Brandow, Administrator, Eastern Maine Medical Center, Bangor.

Dr. Elkins stated that Maine Medical Center strongly supported any enterprise which enhanced medical education in the state. He said many students doing their third and fourth years at Maine Medical Center do stay in Maine to practice but they locate near the Portland area. What is needed is a different kind of physician, not a super trained specialist to go to remote areas of the state, he told the Trustees.

Dr. Wheelwright told the Board that the Central Maine program has more applicants than they can accept. He stressed that similar residency programs could be started in other Maine hospitals. He said their continued success depended on their affiliation with a medical school.

Mr. Grant said that EMMC fully supported the concept of a medical school and that the hospital is committed to having three geographic full time chiefs. They hope to have fourth-year students at EMMC by 1975.

Dr. Ohler stated that a request by the University to the Veterans Administration in Washington would probably be favorably acted upon. The VA can contribute financially to a new medical school over a period of seven years.

Mr. Brandow told the Board that the new building at EMMC in Bangor was built as a teaching hospital with more than 12 rooms designed for that purpose.

Chancellor McNeil pointed out that a medical school would be a genuine partnership with hospitals, the medical community and the University participating to bring improved health care to the people of the state.

The meeting recessed.

Mrs. Sampson reconvened the meeting and asked Dr. Wessell to continue. Dr. Wessell called on Dr. Coon.

Dr. Coon traced the history of the medical school proposal. He included the 1951 vote by the legislature to create a medical school. He discussed alternatives and recommended a medical school which would include undergraduate medical education, graduate education, continuing education and other health professional education. He cited his reasons as improved health care, improved education and increased educational opportunity.

Dr. Coon outlined sources of funding and summarized the cost of starting a medical school program. He emphasized the economic impact of a University of Maine School of Medicine on the state.

Dr. McGary stated that the appeal of a medical school is improved health care in the state. Dr. Evans pointed out that the University is the only vehicle in the state with the capability of starting a medical school.

Dr. Donovan and Mr. Masterton voiced concerns over the costs as compared to the benefits of a medical school. Both said they had weighed values carefully and would support a medical school.

Dr. Wessell cited the unusual opportunity to develop an innovative program which would be a model for the rest of the country and moved that the trustees authorize the establishment of a School of Medicine, and that Dr. Robert W. Coon be assigned the additional duties and responsibilities of Dean of the School of Medicine, and instructed to take the necessary steps to apply for accreditation of the medical school and to initiate applications for funding to the Veterans Administration and other appropriate sources.

The motion was seconded.

Dr. Freeman announced that Regional Medical Program preceptorship teams are in the State now. Forty to fifty students are in rural parts of the state as teams gaining experience in rural health care. Teams include medical students, physical therapy students and nursing students from a variety of schools.

Dr. Evans moved the question. The motion was seconded and unanimously VOTED.

The Board unanimously VOTED authorization of a School of Medicine and named Dr. Robert W. Coon Dean of the School of Medicine.

Medical Advisory Committee. Mr. Masterton moved the following resolution:

Resolved: that the Board of Trustees authorize the Chancellor to appoint a School of Medicine Advisory Committee. Committee membership shall be broadly representative of the medical and health provider

communities of Maine and of the general public interests of the state.

The committee shall be advisory to the administration for the development of the medical education program of the University of Maine.

The motion was seconded and VOTED.

Affiliation Agreement. On motion of Dr. Wessell which was seconded, the Board VOTED:

That the Board of Trustees, after appropriate review by the administration in consultation with legal counsel, authorize the signing of contracts with appropriate health institutions and agencies to establish Health Science Education affiliations.

Student Activity Fees. On motion of Chairman Page which was seconded, the Board VOTED to accept the Finance Committee recommendation that campus student activity fees be set at the following levels for 1974/75:

	<u>1974/75</u>
UMPI	\$30
UMF	\$35
UMFK	\$30
UMH	\$35
UMPG	\$16
UMO:	
Undergraduate	\$12
Graduate	\$10
Bangor Comm. College	\$24
UMA	\$12

Gifts, Grants and Awards. Mr. Page moved Board acceptance, with gratitude, all gifts, grants and awards filed under the dates of July 23 and 24, 1974. The motion was seconded and VOTED.

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

Part I Budget Request. Mr. Fowle explained the Part I State Appropriation Request to the 107th Legislature which is appended to the file of these minutes.

On motion of Mr. Page which was seconded, the Board VOTED to approve the Part I request for 1975/77 as submitted.

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Part II Appropriation Request. Mr. Fowle outlined the four priorities in the part II request. A copy of the Part II State Appropriation Request to the 107th Legislature is appended to the file of these minutes.

Mr. Page moved that the Board approve the recommendation for Part II Appropriation Request 1975/77 as submitted. The motion was seconded and VOTED.

Medical Education. On motion of Mr. Page which was seconded, the Board VOTED to approve an appropriation request of \$100,000 to the State Legislature for medical education. (See Chart II, which is appended to the file of these minutes.)

MPBN Appropriation Request. Mr. Page moved approval of the Maine Public Broadcasting Network request for Part I and Part II state appropriated funds for 1975/77. The motion was seconded and VOTED. (See Charts #14 and #15 appended to the file of these minutes.)

Physical Plant Committee. Reporting for the Physical Plant Committee, Chairman Hughes announced that the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham science building had been redesigned.

Lease at Presque Isle. On motion of Mr. Hughes which was seconded, the Board VOTED to approve a one year lease of Building 214 at Northern Maine Vocational Technical Institute with options to renew for additional one year periods for a lease rate not to exceed \$1,150.00 per year, subject to staff approval of the actual lease agreement.

A copy of the recommendation is appended to the file of these minutes.

Agricultural Experiment Station Lease of Land. Mr. Hughes moved Board approval of a lease of 16 acres of land in Presque Isle from Foley, Inc. for the period May 22, 1974 to May 21, 1977 for an annual lease amount of \$350.00 subject to staff review and approval of the actual lease agreement.

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

Bicycle Paths. A recommendation to grant the town of Orono and city of Old Town easements over certain University land for the construction of bicycle paths was discussed. It was agreed that these easements not be granted in perpetuity.

Mr. Hughes moved that the Board grant easements to the town of Orono and the city of Old Town for the construction of bicycle paths subject to staff approval of the actual easement agreements and further subject to funding from non-University sources.

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

Joint Meeting. Mr. Page reported that the Finance Committee and Physical Plant Committee had met in a joint session to hear a preliminary report on the future of a student housing survey which is being conducted in the University by Wayne Johnson.

Request to 107th Legislature. Mr. Hughes reported to the Committee on the Capital Construction priorities list, inflationary increases and cost overruns and the MPBN facility. He reported that the committee had tabled a proposal on construction of student housing at four campuses and construction of a parking garage at UMPG. Mr. Hughes stated that tabling the two recommendations was not to be construed as undemonstrated needs but a committee judgment on the status of the proposals which are not ready for presentation to the Board and the Legislature.

Mr. Fowle explained that items 2-9 on the priorities list were approved for presentation to but not funded by the Special Session of the 106th Legislature. The dollar figures on these items are different, Mr. Fowle stated, because of inflation.

Minor Improvements and Alterations is new to the list and has #1 priority because upgrading of existing buildings is important to the University. Items 10 through 13, renovations at Farmington and Machias, are also new to the list. They are for renovations for other needs of facilities which will be vacated when current construction is completed. State law requires that when a new function is moved to an old building the building must be brought up to state standards, according to Mr. Fowle.

Inflation has increased the cost of five projects currently under construction at UMPG, two at UMO, UMF and UMPI and the staff recommends asking the legislature to fund the overruns on these projects, Mr. Fowle said.

During discussion which followed, trustees questioned the method of ordering priorities, the different methods of funding and the possibility of including in construction a request for funds to renovate facilities to be vacated.

On motion of Dr. McGary which was seconded, the Board VOTED to table the Capital Construction Priority List and return it to staff for further study.

Executive Session. On motion of Mr. Hughes which was seconded, the Board VOTED to go into Executive Session to discuss a land purchase.

Luncheon recess.

Mrs. Sampson reconvened the public meeting.

Inflationary Increases. Mr. Hughes reported for the majority of the Committee that three members favored presenting a proposal to fund inflationary increases and cost overruns by a separate request to the legislature and, failing that, to be the first priority on the list. He stated that the chairman and another member of the committee favored merging the inflationary increases and cost overruns with the priority list now.

Mr. Hughes moved the majority report be accepted to separately fund the inflationary increases and cost overruns. The motion was seconded.

Mr. Hughes moved that the item be tabled as was the priority list so that the two might be considered together. The motion was seconded and VOTED. Opposed were Mr. Masterton, Mr. Brown, Mr. Jalbert and Mr. Ramage. Mrs. Kominsky abstained.

MPBN Proposal. Mr. Hughes moved Board adoption of the Committee recommendation for a facility for Maine Public Broadcasting Network. The motion was seconded.

Dr. McGary moved that the item be tabled. The motion was seconded and VOTED.

Educational Policy. Dr. Donovan reported that the Committee had reviewed the new mission statements and that discussion would continue in September.

Athletic Scholarship Policy. Dr. Evans reported for the Student Affairs Committee and moved that the Board approve the majority recommendation that the University of Maine at Orono be allowed to grant, under Yankee Conference rules, the equivalent of ten (10) student-athlete scholarships per year which scholarships are not based on financial need and from private sources. This policy is to be evaluated by the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees at the end of five years. Also that the Chancellor be directed to determine and report to the Board the desirability of establishing, and guidelines for, a non-need athletic scholarship program for other campuses participating in other athletic conferences and leagues.

On motion of Mr. Brown which was seconded, the Board unanimously VOTED to amend the proposal to add the words and require a detailed annual report.

Dr. Donovan moved tabling of the proposal. The motion was seconded and failed.

Mr. Masterton moved the question. The motion was seconded and VOTED.

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The motion to allow the University of Maine at Orono to grant 10 athletic scholarships per year not based on financial need FAILED passage by a 6 to 6 vote. Those opposed were Dr. Wessell, Mr. Hughes, Mrs. Kominsky, Dr. McGary, Dr. Donovan and Mrs. Sampson.

Appeals and Grievances. Mrs. Kominsky reported that the ad hoc Committee on Appeals and Grievance Procedures had completed its work. Mr. Ramage reported for the majority which favored a full Board decision on any appeal after committee recommendation on an appeal.

Discussion followed on a possible By-Laws amendment permitting a committee to make a final determination on an appeal which would be binding on the entire Board.

Mrs. Kominsky proposed amending paragraph 9 of the Guidelines for Grievance Procedures. She moved acceptance of the final report and guidelines with the following change to paragraph 9 of the guidelines by striking the last sentence and substituting the following:

The decision of the Trustee Appeals Committee shall be final. Said Appeals Committee shall report its decision to the full Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

The motion was seconded and VOTED. A copy of the final report and amended guidelines are appended to the file of these minutes.

The change to the By-Laws will be considered at the September meeting.

Interim Personnel Action. On motion of Dr. Cutler which was seconded, the Board VOTED:

That the Executive Committee approve necessary personnel appointments for the academic year and that the Board shall ratify such appointments at the September meeting.

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

That the Board of Trustees approve the appointments of Gerald J. Scott and James R. Driggers as police officers at the University of Maine at Orono in accordance with the provision of Private and Special Laws, Chapter 532, Section 8-7 effective July 24, 1974.

Copies of the recommendation and request are appended to the file of these minutes.

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CETA Application. On motion of Dr. Cutler which was seconded, the Board VOTED:

that the administration be authorized to apply for federal funding under the provisions of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973 (CETA).

UNPG Name Change. On motion of Dr. Cutler which was seconded, the Board VOTED to ratify the change of name of the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham to the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham.

Grants. Chancellor McNeil reported that the Center for Research and Advanced Study at UNPG has received \$135,000 from the National Science Foundation and that Health, Education and Welfare has awarded \$50,000 for a talent search grant to seek out special students with college potential in Androscoggin, Washington and Arcoostook Counties. He also said that NEPM has received several grants and matching funds totaling \$506,000. Dr. McNeil said that the \$100,000 from the legislature to raise retirement income level for 65 retirees brings their income level from all sources to \$6,500 annually.

Land Purchase Option. On motion of Mr. Hughes which was seconded, the Board VOTED:

that the Board authorize the staff to secure for the sum of \$2,000 a one year option for purchase at a cost not to exceed \$60,000 toward which the \$2,000 option price is applicable, property discussed at today's Executive Session, a description of which will be appended to the minutes of a future meeting following conclusion of such negotiations.

Collective Bargaining Committee. On motion of Dr. Cutler which was seconded, the Board VOTED:

Resolved: that the ad hoc Committee on Collective Bargaining be responsible for keeping the Board informed and to provide trustee input to administrative planning relative to Collective Bargaining as it involves the University of Maine.

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

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Trustees and student and faculty members of Board Committees were reminded of the four-committee visit to Fort Kent on September 18, 1974.

Adjournment.

Margaret R. Dexter
Clerk, Board of Trustees