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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 27, 1974
Bangor, Maine

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: Sept 25, 1974
By: Margaret R. Dexter, Clerk

Margaret R. Dexter

PUBLIC MEETING

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, Kenneth H. Ramage, Carlton D. Reed, Jean Sampson, Nils Y. Wessell. Staff: Donald R. McNeil, Stanley L. Freeman, Jr., Herbert L. Fowle, Jr., Sally V. Holm, Francis S. McGuire, George Shur, Barnett I. Shur, Paul C. Dunham, Kenneth T. Winters, Richard Eustis. Presidents Arthur S. Buswell, Lloyd J. Jewett, N. Edd Miller, Howard R. Neville, Einar A. Olsen, Stanley F. Salwak, Richard J. Spath. Press and Public.

Chairman Cutler opened the meeting.

HEP Commission Report. Dr. Freeman reported on the Higher Education Planning Committee report Chapter 5, Basic and Applied Research. He spoke of at least three areas of research at Orono that had gained a national reputation for excellence: Quarternary Studies, Wildlife Biology and Entomology. He also referred to the percent of the budget that goes to research and compared it with HEP goals.

At the Center for Research and Advanced Study at Portland-Gorham, a new biomedical project from Hanneman Medical School is getting under way.

He referred to CRAS as a think tank for academic planning, human services, economic development, Allagash environmental group, and soon, the biomedical research.

Collective Bargaining. The Chancellor presented a paper representing his views of collective bargaining for the University. There was a discussion of the positions stated in the paper, and it was revised slightly. An amended copy is appended to the file of these minutes.

On motion of Mr. Hughes, which was seconded, the Board voted to adopt the position as amended as Trustee Policy in Collective Bargaining.

Chancellor's Anniversary. On motion of Mr. Hughes, which was seconded, the Board voted unanimously the following resolution marking the Chancellor's fifth anniversary March 1st.

Whereas the University of Maine has existed as a merged University under the leadership of Donald R. McNeil as Chancellor for more than five years, the Board of Trustees of the University expresses appreciation to him and to all who have contributed to the success of the University and expresses belief in the continuity, principles and goals of the multi-campus system and varied programs, both on and off campuses, serving the educational needs of the people of the State of Maine.

Legislative Activity. The Chancellor reported that the Higher Education Commission bill had received a unanimous ought-to-pass committee report in the Legislature. He stated that the Part I budget had been passed and signed by the Governor. The Part II budget was cut to \$312,000. and the Legislature was specific about how the money was to be spent. It was to go for the Law School Clinic, Retired Employees Pension Improvement, Nursing Programs at Portland - Gorham and Augusta, according to Dr. McNeil. He stated that the legislators had voted to appropriate \$900,000. for the increased cost of fuel oil which he further broke down to \$400,000 for the year 1973-74 and \$500,000 for the year 1974-75.

The Chancellor also stated that a liquor bill which the Legislature had passed was presumed by many members of the House and Senate to prohibit pubs on campuses, when in fact it does not.

Funding for 15 Maine people to attend the University of Vermont Medical School was passed as was an increase to 12¢ a mile for auto travel reimbursement by State agencies.

Accountability. Dr. McNeil reviewed the ways in which the University is accountable to its various constituencies. A copy of the report is appended to the file of these minutes.

Committee Reports.

Finance Committee. Mr. Masterton reported for the committee and asked Mr. Fowle to speak about the status of the budget. Mr. Fowle reported that income on temporary investments was up considerably and that the University would end the year in the black. Other factors contributing to this include the mild weather which lessened the energy crisis costs, and fewer out-of-state students becoming in-state students as had been feared previously.

Personnel. On motion of Mr. Hughes which was seconded the Board voted

to appoint Robert C. Wanbaugh as a member of the University Police at the University of Maine at Presque Isle within the limits of State Statute, Section 142, Public and Special Laws 1865, Chapter 532, Section 8-A.

Appeals and Grievances. Mrs. Kominsky reported that the ad hoc committee-Appeals and Grievances-had met but that no Board action was necessary at this time.

Responsibility and Accountability. Mrs. Sampson reported for the ad hoc committee-Trustee Responsibility and Accountability-and on her motion which was seconded the Board voted to accept the second part of the paper on personnel which is appended to the file of these minutes.

Ethics. Mr. Hughes reported for the committee that a Financial Code of Ethics disclosure was complete and that there was some disagreement within the committee. Mr. Masterton reported for the minority. He stated that disclosure of financial holdings and liabilities to other Trustees was sufficient, but that public disclosure was unnecessary for people who are not publicly elected and that speculative press stories would be undesirable.

Mr. Hughes asked Trustees to study the policy for a vote at the April meeting.

Gifts, Grants, and Awards. Mr. Masterton moved Board acceptance with gratitude of all gifts, grants and awards filed under the dates of March 26-27, 1974, and February, 1974. The motion was seconded and voted. The complete listing is appended to the file of these minutes.

High School Tuition Waiver. Mr. Masterton moved acceptance of a policy to waive tuition for high school students. On request of Mr. Fowle who wished the Administrative Council to review the policy, Mr. Masterton withdrew the motion.

Endowment Fund. Mr. Masterton reported that the committee was continuing their inquiry into the process of investing endowment funds and that the committee would have a recommendation in two months. He also stated that the committee had reviewed the time sequence for formulation of the budget request to the 107th Legislature. The committee further requested that the Board participate in the budget request at an earlier date than in past years.

Four Committee Visit. Mrs. Sampson announced that the four standing committees of the Board would meet at Machias May 2 and 3, 1974.

Educational Policy Committee.

Tenure. Reporting for Educational Policy Committee, Mrs. Sampson moved that the Board accept the campus tenure recommendations. The motion was seconded and voted. A complete listing is appended to the file of these minutes.

Presidential Faculty Rank and Tenure. On motion of Mrs. Sampson which was seconded, the Board unanimously voted faculty rank and tenure for President Arthur Buswell of the University of Maine at Machias and President Richard Spath of the University of Maine at Fort Kent. Copies of the recommendations are appended to the file of these minutes.

Lloyd H. Elliot Chair. The Board unanimously voted the appointment of Edward M. Holmes as Lloyd H. Elliot Professor of English at Orono. The motion made by Mrs. Sampson was seconded. The complete recommendation is appended to the file of these minutes.

Open Forum. Mrs. Sampson recommended that the Board participate in an open forum at a town in Maine with no University campus. Board members agreed if proper groundwork was done in preparation for this open meeting.

Environmental Studies. Mrs. Sampson recommended acceptance of a tri-campus proposal for an Environmental Studies Program leading to the B.S. degree and so moved. The motion was seconded and voted. A copy of the proposal is appended to the file of these minutes.

Physical Plant. Chairman Hughes reported that the Physical Plant Committee had authorized the staff to explore a proposal for a waste water disposal system at Gorham. The committee had approved the exterior design of the Fogler Library addition at Orono. He also reported that the committee had reviewed a paper on the responsibility of Trustees for physical facilities and had sent the paper to the ad hoc committee on Trustee Responsibility and Accountability. According to Mr. Hughes, the committee reviewed the Capital Construction Status Report.

Medical Education Planning. Reporting for Dr. Coon, Dr. Freeman asked that the ad hoc committee on Medical Education Planning be continued rather than transfer the duties to Educational Policy Committee. The Medical Education Committee plans to meet in Portland before the next Board meeting.

Informal Discussion. Dr. McGary moved the reconsideration of a previous Board vote which was opposed to informal discussion. The motion was seconded. Mr. Ramage cited Roberts Rules of Order as not requiring a motion to reconsider. Dr. McGary withdrew the motion and moved that the Board recind its previous action. The motion was seconded and voted. The paper on Informal Discussions is appended to the file of these minutes.

On motion of Mrs. Sampson which was seconded, the Board voted to go into Executive Session to consider Honorary Degrees.

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

Mr. Hughes withdrew a proposal to amend the By-Laws which would have required public meetings of the Executive Committee.

Adjournment.

Margaret R. Dexter
Clerk, Board of Trustees