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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 23, 1974
Bangor, Maine

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APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: December 4, 1974
By: Margaret R. Dexter, Clerk

Public Meeting

PRESENT: Chairman Jean Sampson, James H. Page, Kenneth H. Ramage, Lawrence M. Cutler, Stanley J. Evans, John C. Donovan, Nils Y. Wessell, Stephen T. Hughes, Cynthia A. Murray-Beliveau, Susan R. Kominsky, Francis A. Brown and Carlton D. Reed. Staff: Donald R. McNeil, Paul C. Dunham, David I. Carter, Mary Ann Haas, Sally V. Holm, Robert R. Davidson, James G. McLoughlin, George M. Shur, Harry W. Gordon, Robert S. Oberg, Kenneth T. Winters, Arthur S. Buswell, Lloyd J. Jewett, N. Edd Miller, Howard R. Neville, Einar A. Olsen, Stanley F. Salwak, Richard J. Spath and D. Conrad Rice. Press and public.

Ms. Sampson opened the meeting.

On motion of Mr. Page which was seconded, the Board VOTED to accept the minutes of July 24, 1974 and September 25, 1974 as circulated.

Chancellor's Report - MPSEC. Chancellor McNeil reported the most recent deliberations of the Maine Post Secondary Education Commission in its efforts to meet requirements of Section 1202 of the Higher Education Act of 1965. The problems of private colleges seeking state funds for instruction costs as well as student tuition equalization were outlined.

Collective Bargaining. Dr. McNeil said that although the 106th Special Session of the legislature purposely omitted University employees from the legislation enabling public employees to bargain collectively, it is unclear which direction the legislature will take in the 107th session.

Medical School. The decision on funding of the University of Maine School of Medicine will be made by the 107th legislature.

Graduate Education. Chancellor McNeil described the problems of delivering graduate education and said that he will devote this year to a solution of those problems.

New Institutes. The Energy Research Institute is based at Orono and is part of the University's public service function. The University of Maine at Portland Gorham has been named the lead institution in the

University for planning a new Institute on Gerontology.

Indian Scholarships. The number of students enrolled in the University under the Indian Scholarship Program has increased from 56 in 1972 to 147 for 1974/75.

Pulp and Paper Foundation. Mr. Page, who is the Trustee member of the Board of the University of Maine Pulp and Paper Foundation, asked Dr. Neville to introduce the guests from the Foundation. Dr. Neville presented R. C. Masterman, William H. Palm and Curtis Hutchins, who reported on money expended by the Pulp and Paper Foundation at the University of Maine at Orono. A text of the report is appended to the file of these minutes.

There was a request that additional Trustees be appointed to the board of the Pulp and Paper Foundation. Ms. Sampson agreed to take the request under advisement.

Committee Reports

Educational Policy Committee. Dr. Donovan reported that a majority of the Educational Policy Committee members had agreed to recommend that the new missions statements be adopted by the Board without figures for projected enrollments. The Committee requested more documentation supporting the enrollment projections. A minority report in favor of retaining the enrollment figures was presented.

On motion of Dr. Donovan which was seconded, the Board VOTED to consider the mission statements excluding enrollment figures.

Opposed were Ms. Murray-Beliveau, Mr. Ramage and Dr. Cutler.

Missions.

On motion of Dr. Donovan which was seconded, the Board VOTED to adopt the mission statements.

Copies of the mission statements are appended to the file of these minutes.

New Program at UMF.

Dr. Donovan moved that the Educational Policy recommendation that the Board approve a Bachelor of General Studies program at the University of Maine at Farmington be adopted. The motion was seconded and VOTED.

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

New Program, UMFK.

On motion of Dr. Donovan which was seconded, the Board VOTED to approve a new program proposal for a Bachelor of University Studies at the University of Maine at Fort Kent.

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

Finance Committee. Mr. Page reported that the Finance Committee had met with the external auditors, Arthur Andersen & Co., and with the endowment fund managers, Putnam Capital Management, Inc. The auditors' report showed that the University ended the year in the black. Mr. Page stated that the income goal of the endowment pool would probably be exceeded.

Gifts & Grants.

On motion of Mr. Page which was seconded, the Board VOTED to accept with gratitude all gifts, grants and awards filed under the dates of October 22 and 23, 1974.

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

Physical Plant Committee
Farmington Property.

On motion of Mr. Hughes which was seconded, the Board VOTED to approve the purchase of approximately 1.1 acres of property now owned by Franklin Farms for an amount of \$10,000 subject to staff review and approval of the title search and title transfer documents.

A copy of the proposal and a map are appended to the file of these minutes.

Trustee Responsibility and Accountability. Mr. Brown reported that the Committee had voted to recommend for Board approval two By-Laws changes. They are:

Section 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.

Section 3.7.a (in part) Ad hoc committees may be established (appointed or elected) by vote of the Board to undertake special assignments upon completion of which the committee shall be discharged by a vote of the Board.

Planning Responsibilities.

On motion of Mr. Brown which was seconded, the Board VOTED to adopt a paper entitled "Long-range Planning Responsibilities of the Board of Trustees".

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

Collective Bargaining. Mr. Ramage reported that the ad hoc Committee on Collective Bargaining had met informally for discussion.

Appeals and Grievances. Ms. Kominsky reported that the ad hoc Committee on Appeals and Grievances had met with a committee from the Faculty Liaison Council. The Committee is considering some minor changes in the Guidelines to be reported to the Board in December.

Personnel.

On motion of Dr. Cutler which was seconded, the Board VOTED to approve the appointment of Jeffrey M. Temple and Philip R. Daigle as police officers at the University of Maine at Orono in accordance with the provision of Private and Special Laws, Chapter 532, Section 8-A, effective October 23, 1974.

Committee Assignment.

The Board unanimously VOTED to ratify the appointment of Cynthia A. Murray-Beliveau to the Educational Policy Committee.

The next meeting will be December 3 and 4, 1974, at Farmington.

Adjournment.

Margaret R. Dexter
Clerk, Board of Trustees