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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 24, 1975
Bangor, Maine

ad hoc committee - Medical Education Planning

PRESENT: Chairman Nils Y. Wessell, John C. Donovan, Stanley J. Evans, Robert R. Masterton, Susan R. Kominsky, James H. Page, Cynthia A. Murray-Beliveau, Winthrop C. Libby and Elizabeth Russell. Staff: Stanley L. Freeman, Jr., Robert W. Coon, Sally V. Holm and Howard R. Neville.

Chairman Wessell convened the meeting.

Medical School. Dr. Coon reviewed events leading to the veto of the medical school bill by the Governor. A copy of the Governor's veto message is appended to the file of these minutes.

Dr. Coon also stated that several legislators and physicians have made preliminary plans to initiate a referendum on the medical school.

IHSE Work Plan. Dr. Coon also presented a work plan for the Institute for Health Sciences Education based on Trustee approved functions for the Institute. Both documents are appended to the file of these minutes.

NEBHE Contract Program. In partial response to the veto message, Dr. Coon presented three documents describing the experience of Maine residents who attended the University of Vermont College of Medicine. One is a memorandum from the New England Board of Higher Education. The second is an article from the Journal of the Maine Medical Association and the third a chart of applications to the UVM College of Medicine by Maine residents. All of these documents are appended to the file of these minutes.

Dr. Freeman reviewed the pros of keeping the medical school issue alive: unchanged need, return on investment, upgrading undergraduate science in the University, capitalizing on an assembled planning team, catalyst for health planning and activities, new residence programs started in anticipation of a medical school and expansion of continuing education for health care personnel. On the negative side, Dr. Freeman listed the political liability, existence of higher priorities and the risk of the venture.

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Dr. Freeman recommended keeping the medical school on the agenda. He questioned whether it should be resubmitted at the Special Session or at a later date.

There was general agreement that the University should keep its options open but that the University should shun an aggressive posture at this time.

It was decided that the medical school issue and the future direction of the Health Sciences Institute will be discussed at a two-hour meeting in July.

Adjournment.

Margaret R. Dexter
Clerk, Board of Trustees