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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 28, 1975
Bangor, Maine

Executive Committee

PRESENT: Chairman Jean Sampson, James H. Page, Stanley J. Evans and Francis A. Brown. Staff: Stanley L. Freeman, Jr., Herbert L. Fowle, Jr., Barnett I. Shur and Lloyd J. Jewett.

Chairman Sampson called the meeting to order.

Student Housing. Dr. Freeman informed the Committee that he will recommend to the Board that the University not request a bond issue for student housing at this session of the legislature.

Legislative Matters. Dr. Freeman said that the University is obliged to make known to legislators and the people of the state the educational needs of Maine people and to preserve the quality of education which presently enrolled students are receiving. He stated that he is therefore, on advice of counsel, registering Lloyd J. Jewett and Barnett I. Shur as lobbyists for the University, in compliance with state law.

The Committee advised Dr. Freeman that the Director of University Relations, Sally V. Holm, can assist in gathering data for legislators under President Jewett's direction, but that she is not to actively engage in any lobbying.

Legislative Duties. President Jewett outlined his duties for the Committee as follows:

1. Chairs the University-Wide Legislative Advisory Committee
2. Assists in obtaining legislative sponsors
3. Monitors legislative documents pertaining to the University
 - a. Impact on University
 - b. Financial implications statements
4. Monitors daily records of legislative debate for any items concerning post secondary education in the state
5. Gives advance notice of hearings
6. Arranges appearances of University personnel at hearings

7. Meets with legislators informally
8. Provides assistance in writing legislation
9. Gets a sense of the mood of the legislature
10. Answers questions from legislators
11. Develops a relationship with legislative office staffs
12. Works with the Governor's office staff

Funding Level. Dr. Freeman said that the preliminary, tentative recommendation of the Governor for 1975/1976 was \$619,000 over this year's budget.

Honorary Degrees. There was unanimous agreement that the honorary degree nominations of the Chancellor would be recommended for Board approval.

Adjournment.

Margaret R. Dexter
Clerk, Board of Trustees