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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 7, 1975
Portland, Maine

BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date January 27, 1976

By: Margaret R. Dexter, Clerk

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Executive Committee

PRESENT: Chairman James H. Page, Francis A. Brown, John C. Donovan, Stanley J. Evans, Susan R. Kominsky and Robert R. Masterton. Staff: Patrick E. McCarthy, Herbert L. Fowle, Jr., Stanley L. Freeman, Jr., Mary Ann Haas and Richard A. Eustis.

Mr. Page convened the meeting.

Standing Committee on Personnel. There was agreement that the staff would prepare a proposal for Board consideration for a Standing Committee on Personnel and Employee Relations, stating the purpose and functions of the proposed Committee. Background information should include the experience of other Universities with faculty and student membership on personnel Committees and the role of Trustees in the collective bargaining process.

Bi-Monthly Board Meetings. The Committee requested that the staff prepare a resolution for bi-monthly Board meetings and for the Executive Committee to meet on the alternate months.

Unexpended Money. Chancellor McCarthy reported that some of the budgeted money for 1974/75 was unexpended due to the application of good management practices. The Executive Committee requested that the Chancellor ask the Administrative Council to agree to blending the campuses' 80% shares of incentive budgeting with the Trustees' 20% to be placed in a reserve account to meet a possible recommendation from the Salary Study Committee that employee compensation be increased. It was agreed that a recommendation to set up such a reserve account would be presented to the Finance Committee at the October meeting. It was also agreed that recommendations for authorization of a personnel payroll system and fuel reserve account would be presented to the Finance Committee.

Overpayments to Veterans. There was consensus that the Chancellor's suggestions be followed to deal with the problem of VA billing of the University to reclaim alleged overpayments to veterans. The three avenues suggested by the Chancellor are:

1. Appeal the action by the VA of billing the University
2. Contact the Congressional Delegation
3. Examine the legality of the VA action

External Salary Committee. At the Chancellor's request, Mr. Fowle reported on meetings of the two subcommittees of the External Salary Committee.

Lobbying Law. Mr. Fowle reported on An Act Revising Lobbyist Disclosure Procedures (1975 Public Law, Chapter 576) as outlined by University Legal Counsel. A copy of the law is appended to the file of these minutes.

Mr. Shur will provide the University with the rules and regulations for implementation of this law as soon as they are available.

Letters to the Governor. The Executive Committee agreed that draft letters prepared by the Chancellor in reply to two letters from Governor James B. Longley should be sent as prepared. There was consensus that the Chancellor should not communicate with the Governor about a letter from the Governor to Assistant Chancellor Robert W. Coon requesting him to serve on a task force.

Health Science Institute. It was agreed that the ad hoc Committee on Medical Education Planning would review the plans of the Health Science Institute at its October meeting.

Gorham Sewage Treatment. There was agreement that the staff should try to negotiate with the Portland Water District for a cost ceiling on the University's participation in the amortization of construction of a sewer interceptor line from the Gorham campus.

Adjournment.

Margaret R. Dexter
Clerk, Board of Trustees