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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: Jul 22, 1975
By: Margaret R. Dexter, Clerk

May 28, 1975
Augusta, Maine

Public Meeting

PRESENT: Vice Chairman James H. Page, Francis A. Brown, John C. Donovan, Stanley J. Evans, Susan R. Kominsky, Winthrop C. Libby, Robert R. Masterton, Cynthia A. Murray-Beliveau, Kenneth H. Ramage, Carlton D. Reed, Jr., Elizabeth Russell, Artemus E. Weatherbee and Nils Y. Wessell. Staff: Stanley L. Freeman, Jr., Herbert L. Fowle, Jr., Mary Ann Haas, Sally V. Holm, Paul C. Dunham, John R. Morison, Calvin Thomas II, Richard A. Eustis, David I. Carter, Kenneth T. H. Brooks, George M. Shur, Arthur S. Buswell, Lloyd J. Jewett, N. Edd Miller, Howard R. Neville, Einar A. Olsen and Richard R. Spath. Press and Public.

Mr. Page opened the meeting by welcoming the two new members of the Board: Elizabeth Russell and Artemus Weatherbee.

The minutes of February 26, 1975 and March 26, 1975 were approved as circulated.

MPBN Report. John Morison, General Manager of the Maine Public Broadcasting Network, reported on projects developed in the past year, including the Franco-American Student Project which is in its second year, a three-year project on medical care development, and the results of the radio on-the-air fund raising experiment. A copy of the General Manager's Report is appended to the file of these minutes.

Jean Sampson Resolution. On motion of Mr. Reed which was seconded, the Board VOTED unanimously to adopt the following resolution honoring Jean Sampson:

The qualities of an educational leader are necessarily many and the path to fulfillment of the responsibilities of leadership are strewn with many hazards.

An educational leader in public higher education in Maine must be concerned with many constituencies and publics, including students, faculty, administrators and citizens.

An educational leader must be a consummate politician, an excellent public relations expert, a good fund raiser, a defender of student and faculty rights, a protector of academic freedom, a person of Solomon's wisdom, and sound judgment, among others.

The development of an individual to fulfill such a role is generally unplanned and is brought about through unique sets of circumstances which result in leaders.

Membership in advisory committees of the United States Civil Rights Commission, a founding membership in a state NAACP chapter, interest in Indians, the emerging needs of women, participation in the problems of children and youth, and concern for veterans contribute to the development.

Participation in party politics, party conventions, party leadership and party campaigns contributes to a portion of the development.

Appointment to positions of public trust on the State Board of Education and national commissions on state-wide educational planning, as well as membership on advisory committees on teacher education and various education study committees all contribute to knowledge and understanding of the educational needs of the state.

Service on the educational policy committee, executive committee, legislative relations committee, and honorary degree committee, to name a few, give one an opportunity to know and understand the University of Maine.

A gracious personality, an unassuming manner, a keen intellect, a basic fortitude, a willingness to devote long hours at personal sacrifice, and a great sense of humor are necessary ingredients.

As one of six women in leadership positions in the state, one becomes keenly aware of the responsibilities of leadership.

As your appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees comes to a close, this Board of Trustees wishes to honor you, Jean Sampson, for your seven years of valued and devoted service to the University of Maine and your many years of effort in the furtherance of the quality of education in the State of Maine.

Lawrence M. Cutler Resolution. Dr. Wessell moved that the Board adopt the following resolution:

Serving the University of Maine as a member of its governing board for 19 years is a long period to have the best interests of the University continually before one.

Serving as chairman of the Board of Trustees for nearly 11 years, half of which were during the formative and difficult period after the merger of the old University of Maine and the former state colleges, was a formidable task.

Maintaining an active medical practice at the same time and still finding time to participate in community activities in addition attests to a fondness for the University of Maine which is more than a passing fancy or an obligation of its graduates.

As Chairman of the Board, one expects to bear the brunt of public displeasure and indignation over unpopular decisions necessary to the nurture and growth of an educational institution. One does not expect loud plaudits and rarely receives them, especially for steadfast loyalty, common sense, good judgment, interested concern and strong beliefs -- all of which are essential to a leadership position of a governing board of higher education.

As you, Larry Cutler, leave the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine after so many years of conscientious services, we thank you on behalf of the people of the State of Maine.

The motion was seconded and unanimously VOTED.

Cooperative Education. Kenneth T. H. Brooks, Director of Cooperative Education for the University, reviewed for the Board projects to date. A copy of the report is appended to the file of these minutes.

Informal Discussion. Mr. Page reported that at the June meeting Trustees would meet with the Chancellor, staff and presidents to discuss Board philosophy on an informal basis.

Committee Reports.

Student Affairs/Finance Committees.

PIRG. Dr. Evans reported that two motions on the Public Interest Research Group funding at the Joint Committee meeting of Student Affairs and Finance Committees did not carry. He informed the Trustees that the Committees had agreed to bring the problem to the full Board for resolution. Dr. Evans stated that the evaluation of PIRG centered on:
1) its value and contribution to the educational process and
2) its funding through a negative checkoff on student bills.

Dr. Donovan moved that the present system of negative checkoff on student bills be utilized by PIRG until June 1976, that the Board continue to assess the educational component of PIRG and that PIRG in the next year should find a financial base other than the student billing system. The motion was seconded and withdrawn.

Dr. Evans moved:

1. That non-University organizations will not be served through the student billing process effective July 1, 1975.
2. That PIRG be recognized, or not recognized, campus by campus, as a University organization through the normal campus process effective in the fall, 1975.
3. That PIRG collections be given a temporary life at the existing collection method through academic year 1975-1976.

The motion was seconded and VOTED.

Luncheon recess.

Physical Plant Committee

Park Family Field. On motion of Mr. Brown which was seconded, the Board VOTED:

that the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine, in recognition of the contributions of the late Clinton DeWitt Park to the University of Maine at Presque Isle, name the athletic and recreational field located on the site of the former "Park Farm" the "Park Family Field".

YCCCS Lease at Biddeford. On motion of Mr. Brown which was seconded, the Board VOTED the following proposal:

The University is currently leasing approximately 600 square feet of office space in Biddeford from Staples and Allie, Inc. for use by the York County Community College (YCCC). This lease carries a monthly payment of \$276.00. This lease ends on June 1, 1975.

The requirements of YCCC have grown to the point where the existing space is insufficient. It is proposed to lease approximately 2,226 square feet of office and storage space located on the second floor of a building at 140 Elm Street in Biddeford owned by Henry and Annette Ross starting June 1, 1975. Under the terms of the lease, the University would make a monthly payment of \$300.00 which would include cost for heat and water. All other utility payments would be the responsibility of the lessee.

The Board of Trustees authorizes the leasing of approximately 2,200 square feet of office and storage space located at 140 Elm Street in Biddeford, Maine for a period of one year with options to renew subject to staff approval of the actual lease agreement.

Eminent Domain at UMPI. Mr. Brown informed the Board that THE State Department of Transportation will construct a truck lane on U.S. Route 1 in Presque Isle. It is necessary for the construction of this truck lane for the State to acquire 0.72 acres of land in fee and acquire an additional 0.58 acres in easements and 0.07 acres of grading rights.

The original plans for the truck lane were revised at the request of the University staff to improve traffic flow at the south entrance to the Presque Isle campus.

It is expected the State will acquire the land from the University by eminent domain proceeding rather than by sale because of legal problems created by the University merger legislation.

Finance Committee.

Residence and Dining Rate Increase. On motion of Mr. Masterton which was seconded, the Board VOTED to approve an increase in Dining and Residence charges of \$125 an academic year at UMPI, UMF, UMFK, UMM, UMPG and UMO, and \$120 an academic year at Bangor Community College.

UMPI/F/FK/M/PG Dining and Residence Activities
1975/76

It is recommended that the student dining/residence charge be increased from the 1974/75 rate of \$1270 to a 1975/76 rate of \$1395, an increase of \$125. This increase will enable this auxiliary enterprise to cover increased costs in 1975/76 due primarily to fuel and food. The recommended increase provides for no salary and wage increases. In case such are authorized, it will be necessary to recommend an additional increase to defray related costs.

UMO Dining/Residence Activities 1975/76

It is recommended that the student Dining/Residence charge be increased as below for the dining/residence activities 1975/76. This increase will enable the auxiliary enterprise to cover increased costs in 1975/76 due primarily to food, fuel and required maintenance. The recommended increase provides for no salary or wage increases. In case such increases are authorized it will be necessary to recommend an additional increase to defray related costs.

	1974/75	1975/76	Difference
UMO	1380	1505	125
BCC	1330	1450	120

Ms. Murray-Beliveau abstained from voting. Copies of the background papers are appended to the file of these minutes.

Decentralization of Residence and Dining Operations. Mr. Masterton moved that the administration be directed to continue its efforts to decentralize the operation of the Residence and Dining Hall auxiliary enterprise at the former state colleges. In addition, authorization is hereby given to subsidize the UMFK Residence/Dining Operation from funds available to the Chancellor resulting from reimbursement of indirect costs from grants. The subsidization is limited to a five year period during which time the UMFK operation will become completely self-sufficient through whatever management changes are necessary.

The motion was seconded and VOTED.

Endowment Funds. Mr. Masterton reported that representatives of Putnam Capital Management have met with the Finance Committee. A copy of their report is appended to the file of these minutes.

Medical Datamation. On motion of Mr. Masterton which was seconded, the Board VOTED to approve the following recommendation:

that the Board of Trustees authorize the University of Maine at Orono to participate with Medical Datamation to acquire data base for student health.

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

Gifts and Grants. Mr. Masterton moved that the Board of Trustees accept with gratitude the gifts and funds filed under the dates of May 27 and 28, 1975. The motion was seconded and VOTED. A complete listing of gifts, grants and awards is appended to the file of these minutes.

Budget Status. Mr. Carter reported that the ten month status report on the Unrestricted Educational and General Budget 1974/75 shows that the budget is balanced. A copy of the report is appended to the file of these minutes.

Collective Bargaining. Reporting for the ad hoc Committee on Collective Bargaining, Mr. Ramage presented the following statement of facts:

Statement of Facts: The Board of Trustees have endorsed the right of all University employees to bargain collectively. The Board further agreed to support L.D. 827 but reserving the right to study any amendments thereto. Since it is now reasonably apparent that L.D. 827 will be considered by the Legislature with several amendments proposed in Committee and with one or more floor amendments, and since the time element compels the Board to provide a prompt response to the amendments to L.D. 827, there is a necessity for action by the staff without delay. Such action may range from stating Board opposition to specific amendments to withdrawal of support for the entire amended bill.

On motion of Mr. Ramage which was seconded, the Board VOTED:

that the Chancellor, with the concurrence of the ad hoc Committee on Collective Bargaining, be authorized to take appropriate positions with regard to specific amendments to L.D. 827, as deemed to be in the best interests of the University of Maine, and to withdraw the support of the Board for L.D. 827, as amended, if that action should be deemed necessary to protect the interests of the University;

that should it become necessary to withdraw support for L.D. 827, as amended, the Board will continue its support of the right of its employees to choose to bargain collectively.

Ms. Kominsky abstained.

Joint Boards Committee. Mr. Ramage reported that the Joint Boards Committee - State Board of Education/Board of Trustees met May 7, 1975 at the University of Maine at Augusta. A history of the Joint Boards and revised procedures for the Screening Committee were presented. A review of the criteria for the screening process will be effected by the Chancellor and Commissioner. Expansion of offerings from UMA in the mid coast area was discussed, as were services in the Lewiston/Auburn area. Mr. Ramage reported that the Joint Boards Committee will meet in September.

Search Committee. Ms. Murray-Beliveau reported that the search was on schedule and that final selection should be made by July 1, 1975.

ad hoc committee - Medical Education Planning. Dr. Evans reported that the ad hoc committee on Medical Education Planning had discussed policy decisions arising from two major areas: budget considerations and legislative action. A list of policy considerations is appended to the file of these minutes.

Educational Policy Committee. Dr. Donovan reported that the Board would be asked to vote in June on approval of the University of Maine at Augusta proposal to expand services in the mid-coast area. The Educational Policy Committee will review procedures for program expansion.

Nominating Committee. Ms. Kominsky, reporting for the Nominating Committee, proposed James H. Page for Chairman and Stanley J. Evans for Vice Chairman of the Board. The Board will vote on the proposed slate at the June meeting.

Police Appointments. On motion of Mr. Ramage which was seconded, the Board VOTED to approve the appointment of Marjorie Neal as an on call, part time police officer at the University of Maine at Farmington and Dennis Daniels as a police officer at the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham effective May 28, 1975, in accordance with Private and Special Laws, Chapter 532, Section 8-A.

Committee Assignments. Mr. Ramage moved that the Board confirm the appointment of Winthrop C. Libby to the Joint Boards Committee - State Board of Education/Board of Trustees and Francis A. Brown to the Pulp and Paper Foundation. The motion was seconded and VOTED.

Student and Faculty Members of Board Committees. On motion of Ms. Kominsky which was seconded, the Board VOTED to confirm the nominations of the Faculty Liaison Council and University of Maine Organization of Student Governments as follows:

Educational Policy Committee

Student Member: Richard Curtis - University of
Maine at Presque Isle

Faculty Member: John K. Steinbaugh - University
of Maine at Presque Isle

Finance Committee

Student Member: Kathy Doheny - University of
Maine at Augusta

Faculty Member: Grattan Murphy - University
of Maine at Orono

Physical Plant Committee

Student Member: Sandra Bovard - Bangor Community
College

Faculty Member: John Quinn - University of
Maine at Farmington

Student Affairs Committee

Student Member: Gretchen Ryder - University of
Maine at Farmington

Faculty Member: Walter S. Schoenberger -
University of Maine at Orono

Calendar of Meetings. Dr. Freeman recommended a schedule of Board meetings every other month. Mr. Masterton moved that the Board remain on the present monthly schedule through December 31, 1975. The schedule is as follows:

July 22 and 23, 1975
September 23 and 24, 1975
October 21 and 22, 1975
December 2 and 3, 1975

The motion was seconded and VOTED.

Chancellor's Report.

MSEA Suit. Dr. Freeman informed the Board that the MSEA suit charging that University employees were state employees had been settled when the Superior Court of Kennebec County ruled that the University is not a state agency.

Enrollment Prospects. Dr. Freeman stated that admissions applications to the University have decreased by 5% from 1974 figures. Applications from Maine residents have increased but out-of-state resident applications have decreased. There is a slight increase in total enrollment for the fall semester.

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Status of Legislation. LD 1393, a bill to place a student on the Board of Trustees, is being rewritten, Dr. Freeman reported. He also stated that amendments to the "Right-to-Know" law include the University of Maine and another clarifying rule and reasons for calling an executive session.

The Acting Chancellor also reported that he had received a letter from former Trustee Stephen T. Hughes protesting the advertising of the sale of research services in campus newspapers. He also called Trustee attention to a booklet on "Exemplary Teaching Practices in the University of Maine" and commented on the Open Forum conducted in Rockland May 1.

Adjournment.

Margaret R. Dexter
Clerk, Board of Trustees