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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 24, 1975
Bangor, Maine

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date Oct 22, 1975

By: Margaret R. Dexter, Clerk
Margaret R. Dexter

Public Meeting

PRESENT: Chairman James H. Page, Stanley J. Evans, Francis A. Brown, John C. Donovan, Robert L. Jalbert, Susan R. Kominsky, Winthrop C. Libby, Robert R. Masterton, H. Sawin Millett, Jr., Cynthia A. Murray-Beliveau, Kenneth H. Ramage, Carlton D. Reed, Jr., Artemus E. Weatherbee and Nils Y. Wessell. Staff: Patrick E. McCarthy, Stanley L. Freeman, Jr., Herbert L. Fowle, Jr., Mary Ann Haas, Sally V. Holm, JoAnne R. Magill, Barnett I. Shur, Richard A. Eustis, Paul C. Dunham, Kenneth T. Winters, Arthur S. Buswell, Lloyd J. Jewett, N. Edd Millet, Howard R. Neville, Einar A. Olsen, Stanley F. Salwak, Richard J. Spath and Regina Koch. Press and Public.

Chairman Page called the meeting to order. The minutes of July 23, 1975 were approved as circulated.

Chancellor's Report.

Campus Visits. Chancellor McCarthy reported on his recent visits to all the campuses of the University of Maine.

Legislative Matters. At the Chancellor's request, Mr. Fowle reported on the status of the Legislative Council's review of the University's budget.

External Salary Committee. The Chancellor reported that 13 people had agreed to serve on the External Salary Committee. The charge to the Committee is as follows:

1. Determine whether there is a gap between salaries and wages paid University employees and comparable groups of non-University employees. If there is a gap, how serious is it?
2. Recommend methods and actions necessary to correct the situation, if serious differences exist.
3. Consider the economic situation in the State of Maine and the fiscal problems facing state government and Maine citizens, then recommend a timetable to implement the recommendation in (2) above.

Enrollments. Enrollments are up slightly, the Chancellor reported. A full report will be available at the October Board Meeting for all units except Mid-Coast Community College Services, which has a late starting date.

Payments to Veterans. The Chancellor reported that the Veterans Administration had billed the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham and the University of Maine at Orono for overpayment for students. The VA regulations hold the institution liable for repayment of veterans' benefits which were overpaid as the result of a wilful or negligent failure to report excessive absences or discontinuation of the veteran. This regulation is forcing a change in existing campus policies which do not require attendance and there is some opinion that this is unwarranted interference with institutional autonomy. The State Department of Educational and Cultural Services, which represents the VA, has established a committee on standards of programs which will include a University representative to attempt to find a method for the veteran to account to the VA rather than the institution.

Communications. Chancellor McCarthy reported that the weekly calendars on the campuses had been utilized to improve communications within the University.

Receipt of Property. In June 1974, Mr. George Willett gave the University a 22-acre property in South Bristol, Maine. The Chancellor reported the completion of the transfer and asked that the Board vote its appreciation.

On motion of Ms. Kominsky which was seconded, the Board VOTED its appreciation on receipt of the gift of the Willett Property in South Bristol, Maine.

Staff Changes. On motion of Ms. Murray-Beliveau which was seconded, the Board VOTED:

to approve the creation of a new position, Vice Chancellor for Public Services, and to confirm the Chancellor's announcement that he would reassign Stanley L. Freeman, Jr., who is currently serving as Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, to the new post effective September 24, 1975. The Chancellor was also authorized to fill vacancies for existing positions on the staff.

Committee Reports.

Physical Plant Committee. Chairman Brown announced that the Committee had reviewed a paper on Acquisition of and Budgeting for Real Property and had asked the staff to develop a policy to be presented to the Board in October.

Sale of Godfrey Residence. In September 1973, the Board authorized the staff to sell the residence located at 257 Deering Avenue, Portland.

Mr. Brown moved that the Board of Trustees become the mortgage holder for the sale of the property located at 257 Deering Avenue with interest set at 8½%, a term of 25 years, and a down payment of 10% of the purchase price. This recommendation does not establish a precedent for future transactions.

The Motion was seconded and VOTED. A copy of the proposal is appended to the file of these minutes.

Machias Lease. The "Talent Search" program has located office space at 78 Main Street, Machias. On motion of Mr. Brown which was seconded, the Board VOTED:

to authorize the leasing of approximately 1,475 square feet of office space located at 78 Main Street in Machias, Maine for a period of nine months for a sum of \$3,375.00, with option to renew, subject to staff approval of the actual lease agreement.

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

Game Building Lease. Mr. Brown moved that the Board of Trustees authorize the leasing of the Game Building (BCC-37) to the U.S. Air Force for a period of 10 years in exchange for the University acquiring Buildings No. 92 & 160 for a like period and the release of the Telephone Exchange Building (P-3) to the University for immediate occupancy.

The motion was seconded and VOTED. A copy of the proposal is appended to the file of these minutes.

Gorham Campus Sewage Treatment. Mr. Brown moved that the Board of Trustees authorize the staff to sign a binding financial commitment with the Town of Gorham whereby the University will provide 60% of the total Gorham/University local share of the construction costs of the Westbrook treatment plants and interceptor line to Gorham.

Further, the staff is authorized to commit the University to an additional 10% of the total Gorham/University share of the above construction costs if the interceptor sewer is operational to the Gorham Campus by July 1, 1982.

The motion was seconded and debated.

Ms. Murray-Beliveau moved the PREVIOUS QUESTION. This motion to end debate was seconded and VOTED.

The Chairman called for a vote on the original motion by Mr. Brown, which CARRIED.

Voting for the motion were: Mr. Brown, Dr. Donovan, Dr. Evans, Mr. Jalbert, Mr. Libby, Mr. Millett, Ms. Murray-Beliveau, Mr. Ramage, Mr. Reed and Dr. Wessell. Opposed were: Mr. Masterton and Mr. Weatherbee. Ms. Kominsky abstained.

A copy of the rationale and recommendation is appended to the file of these minutes.

Augusta Pub. Mr. Brown moved that the Board of Trustees authorize the staff to amend the existing agreement between the University of Maine and Campus Rathskeller's Inc. to permit Campus Rathskeller's Inc. to construct an addition to the existing Student Activities Center at no cost to the University.

The motion was seconded, debated, and CARRIED.

Voting for the resolution were: Mr. Brown, Dr. Donovan, Dr. Evans, Mr. Jalbert, Ms. Kominsky, Mr. Libby, Mr. Millett, Ms. Murray-Beliveau, Mr. Ramage, Mr. Weatherbee and Dr. Wessell. Opposed were: Mr. Masterton and Mr. Reed. A copy of the proposal and diagram of the addition is appended to the file of these minutes.

Medical Microwave System. On motion of Mr. Brown which was seconded, the Board VOTED:

to approve the signing of an agreement between the University of Maine and Medical Care Development, Inc. under which the University (MPBN) will provide technical assistance, supervision and maintenance services for an interactive telecommunication system connecting hospitals in Togus, Lewiston, Augusta, and Waterville.

Gap Filler Annex. Mr. Brown announced that the University's request to the U.S. Department of Health and Welfare to transfer title to a parcel of surplus government property on Number Nine Mountain near Bridgewater, Maine, has been granted. A copy of the information paper is appended to the file of these minutes.

Student Affairs Committee. Chairman Kominsky reported that the Student Affairs Committee had read and discussed a report on Athletic Scholarships granted on need and no-need bases at the University of Maine at Orono. The Committee will discuss no-need scholarships at its October meeting.

Ms. Kominsky reported that the Long-Range Tuition Policy Committee is considering seven alternatives or combinations of alternatives and will have a policy recommendation for the December 3, 1975 meeting of the Committee.

The Student Affairs Committee also heard a report on the status of a proposed pub at the University of Maine at Farmington.

Educational Policy Committee.

UMO School of Performing Arts. Dr. Donovan moved that the Board approve the creation of a school of Performing Arts in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Maine at Orono effective September 24, 1975. The motion was seconded and VOTED. A copy of the transmittal and proposal is appended to the file of these minutes.

Dr. Donovan also reported that the Committee had discussed Transfer of Credit, Program Approval and Professional Standards for the Teaching Profession.

Finance Committee. Chairman Masterton requested that the Chancellor report on 1974/75 Budget Status. Chancellor McCarthy stated that while the auditors were still working, preliminary figures indicated that the 1974/75 budget was balanced.

Retirement Committee. On motion of Mr. Masterton which was seconded, the Board VOTED:

to accept the resignations of Harry W. Gordon and Robert E. Keane from the Retirement Committee for the Non-Contributory Retirement Plan (Classified Personnel).

The Board further resolved:

to appoint in their places David C. Hitchcock, Assistant Treasurer, and Kenneth T. Winters, Director of Personnel UWS, and that the Clerk of the Board inform the Trustee and Actuaries of this action.

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

Gifts. Mr. Masterton moved, and it was seconded, that the Board accept with gratitude all gifts and funds filed under the dates September 23-24, 1975. The Motion was VOTED. A complete listing is appended to the file of these minutes.

Request to Special Session. The Board of Trustees approved a priority list of two items for submission to the Legislature in response to Executive Order No. 3. On motion of Mr. Masterton which was seconded, discussed, and VOTED:

1. that the Board reiterate that salary and wage increases were its number one priority for funding in the Special Session. The specific dollar amounts to be requested for salary improvements will be submitted about the end of October after the administration and the Board have reviewed the report from the citizens' committee appointed by the Chancellor to analyze the University's salary and wage situation.
2. that the Board of Trustees will submit as priority number two a request for \$4,681,000 to relieve the University from the effects of inflation of the costs of goods and services and to restore the University's funding to 1975-76 levels.

Mr. Weatherbee moved that the Board submit no request for capital funds to the Special Session of the 107th Legislature. The motion was seconded and VOTED.

Fringe Benefit Comparison. Mr. Masterton reported that the Committee had reviewed a comparison of fringe benefits between employee groups within the University.

Law School Student Activity Fee. On motion of Mr. Masterton which was seconded, the Board VOTED:

to confirm the Chancellor's approval of a \$12 annual student activity fee for the Law School effective Fall 1975.

Endowment Fund. Mr. Fowle reported that Putnam Capital Management, Inc. had exceeded the Trustee set income goal for 1975/76 of \$350,000 from the endowment fund by \$30,000.

ad hoc Committee on Collective Bargaining. Chairman Ramage reported that the ad hoc Committee on Collective Bargaining had discussed implementation of collective bargaining in the areas of organization, process, finance, and timing.

Personnel. Mr. Masterton moved and it was seconded:

to appoint Dr. Frederick Hutchinson as Vice President for Research and Public Service at the University of Maine at Orono, effective September 24, 1975, at an annual salary of \$29,500.

to appoint Linda J. Barbee, Augustine B. Bombard, Charles R. Helms, Robert I. Penley and Donald A. Smith as police officers at the University of Maine at Orono in accordance with Private and Special Laws, Chapter 532, Section 8-A, effective September 24, 1975.

The motion CARRIED.

Mr. Page made the following statement:

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For several years, we have had the pleasure of working with David I. Carter, Director of Financial Planning; John R. Morison, General Manager of MPBN; and Calvin Thomas II, Director of Public Services and Development at MPBN. It is with regret that we say goodbye to all three who have worked well and diligently for the University.

Indian Scholarship Program. Dr. Freeman reported on the Indian Scholarship Program. A copy of the report is appended to the file of these minutes. He reported that enrollments had steadily increased.

The next meeting will be October 21 and 22, 1975, at the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham.

Adjournment.

Margaret R. Dexter
Clerk, Board of Trustees