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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 26, 1975  
Bangor, Maine

Reconvened Public Meeting

PRESENT: Chairman Jean Sampson, John C. Donovan, Nils Y. Wessell, Stanley J. Evans, Kenneth H. Ramage, James H. Page, Lawrence M. Cutler, Carlton D. Reed, Robert L. Jalbert, Cynthia A. Murray-Beliveau, H. Sawin Millett, Jr., Francis A. Brown, Susan R. Kominsky and Robert R. Masterton. Staff: Stanley L. Freeman, Jr., Herbert L. Fowle, Jr., Mary Ann Haas, Paul C. Dunham, Sally V. Holm, Scott E. Sterling, Barnett I. Shur, Arthur S. Buswell, Lloyd J. Jewett, N. Edd Miller, Howard R. Neville, Einar A. Olsen, Stanley F. Salwak and Richard J. Spath. Press and Public.

Ms. Sampson reconvened the public meeting and called for Committee reports.

Educational Policy.

Tenure. Dr. Donovan expressed general satisfaction with the adherence to Trustee policy in tenure nominations. However, he noted that it might be necessary to work closer with one campus which had a high percentage of exceptions to the guidelines.

On motion of Dr. Donovan which was seconded, the Board VOTED to approve tenure nominations as submitted. A complete listing is appended to the file of these minutes.

Physical Plant.

Demolition of Former Hafford Buildings. On motion of Mr. Brown which was seconded, the Board VOTED:

that the Board of Trustees authorize the demolition of the buildings located on the former Mary Hafford property to provide room for an access street to the new Fort Kent Physical Education Building.

Farmington Property. Mr. Brown moved that the Board approve acquisition of a property which juts into the Farmington campus. Mr. Page explained that the Finance Committee had not completed its deliberations on the acquisition of this property. Mr. Brown withdrew the motion.

Gap Filler Annex. On motion of Mr. Brown which was seconded, the Board VOTED the following resolution:

Whereas, certain real property owned by the United States, located in the County of Aroostook, State of Maine has been declared surplus and is subject to assignment for disposal for educational or public health purposes by the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, under the provisions of Section 203 (k) (1) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (63 Stat. 377), as amended, and rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, more particularly described as follows:

Gap Filler Annex located near Number Nine Mountain, Bridgewater, Maine between Houlton and Presque Isle, Maine consisting of 0.43 acre in fee, 84.0 acres of access easements and one concrete block tower having a total floor area of 1,331 square feet.

Whereas, University of Maine needs and can utilize said property for Educational and Public Service purposes as set forth in its application and in accordance with the requirements of said Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the University of Maine shall make application to the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, for and secure the transfer to it of the above-mentioned property for said use upon and subject to such exceptions, reservations, terms, covenants, agreements, conditions, and restrictions as the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, or his authorized representative, may require in connection with the disposal of said property under said Act and the rules and regulations issued pursuant thereto; and

Be It Further Resolved that the University of Maine has legal authority and is willing and is in a position to assume immediate care and maintenance of the property, and that Harry W. Gordon, Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized for and on behalf of the University of Maine to do and perform any and all acts and things which may be necessary to carry out the foregoing resolution, including the preparing, making, and filing of plans, applications, reports, and other documents; the execution, acceptance, delivery, and recordation of agreements, deeds, and other instruments pertaining to the transfer of said property and the payment of any and all sums necessary on

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account of the purchase price thereof or fees or costs incurred in connection with the transfer of said property for surveys, title searches, appraisals, recordation of instruments, or escrow costs.

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

Executive Committee.

Post-Secondary Commission. Dr. Freeman commented briefly on the alternate language from staff to the language in Legislative Document 1160, An Act to Create the Post-secondary Education Commission of Maine. A copy of the LD with staff notations is appended to the file of these minutes.

Several Trustees voiced fears that LD 1160 - the so-called Katz Bill - does not properly address the problems of support for and accountability by the private sector; does not provide a forum for mutual problems and avoidance of duplication; does not provide for voluntary planning; does not keep separate the duties of individual boards and does not separate planning from the administrative function.

There was general agreement that the Board would meet with Warren G. Hill, Project Director, Inservice Education Program of the Education Commission of the States before reaching a decision about LD 1160. It was also agreed that the Executive Committee would get consensus of the full Board before the legislative hearing on the bill scheduled for April 8, 1975.

Honorary Degrees. On motion of Mr. Page which was seconded, the Board VOTED to approve an honorary degree to be conferred at the University of Maine at Presque Isle spring commencement.

Open Forum. Mr. Page moved that the Board conduct an Open Forum with the citizens of an area which does not have a campus of the University May 1, 1975. The location is to be announced at a later date. The motion was seconded and unanimously VOTED. A copy of the proposal is appended to the file of these minutes.

Finance Committee.

8 Month Budget Status 1974/75. Mr. Page commended the staff on the eight month Status Report on the Budget for 1974/75. A copy of the report is appended to the file of these minutes.

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MPBN Loan. On motion of Mr. Page which was seconded, the Board VOTED:

to authorize the Treasurer to enter into an agreement with the Merrill Trust Company of Bangor to borrow \$446,097 at 4.1% to retire this obligation to R.C.A.; such loan to be repaid in three equal installments July 1, 1975, July 1, 1976, and July 1, 1977 from funds appropriated by the State of Maine in support of MPBN, backed by the full faith and credit of the University of Maine.

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

MPBN Interconnection. Mr. Page moved that the Board of Trustees authorize the Maine Public Broadcasting Network (MPBN) to make application for funds from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for the purpose of constructing a microwave interconnection system between Saddleback Mountain (New Hampshire) and Orono (Maine) which will provide direct interconnection of MPBN with the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) and to assume ownership and FCC licensing responsibility for the equipment in the name of the Board of Trustees.

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

Gifts, Grants and Awards. On motion of Mr. Page which was seconded, the Board VOTED to accept with gratitude all Gifts, Grants and Awards to the University of Maine filed under the dates March 25 and 26, 1975. A complete listing is appended to the file of these minutes.

Cost of Moving CO/UWS to Augusta. Mr. Page reported that the Finance Committee had reviewed a paper outlining the cost of moving the Chancellor's Office/University-Wide Services to Augusta and that in view of the prohibitive cost recommended against a move. A copy of the paper is appended to the file of these minutes.

On motion of Mr. Page which was seconded, the Board VOTED that CO/UWS remain in Bangor for the foreseeable future.

Search Committee. Mr. Page reported that the Advisory Committee to the Trustee Search Committee would meet at 107 Maine Avenue in Bangor April 5, 1975. He reported that the search is on schedule and many good candidates are being considered.

ad hoc committee - Trustee Responsibility and Accountability.

Roles and Responsibilities. On motion of Mr. Brown which was seconded, the Board VOTED to adopt a paper entitled the "Roles and Responsibilities of the Administrative Council", a copy of which is appended to the file of these minutes.

Academic Affairs. Mr. Brown moved that the paper on "Board Responsibility for Academic Affairs" be amended to include Board approval required for major interinstitutional agreements and deleting item 9 of Board responsibilities and item 15 of administrative responsibilities. The motion was seconded and VOTED. An amended copy is appended to the file of these minutes.

Three Papers. On motion of Mr. Brown which was seconded, the Board VOTED to adopt three papers entitled "Board Responsibilities in Student Life," "External Affairs and Internal Communications," and "Responsibilities of the Board of Trustees in the Area of Physical Facilities". Copies of these papers are appended to the file of these minutes.

Amendment. Mr. Brown announced that at the next meeting of the Board the Trustees will be asked to vote on an amendment to the By-Laws which would require the Nominating Committee to report a slate of officers at the May meeting of the Board.

Committee Discharged. On motion of Mr. Brown which was seconded, the Board VOTED that the ad hoc Committee on Trustee Responsibility and Accountability had completed its work and discharged the Committee.

ad hoc Committee on Collective Bargaining.

LD 827. On motion of Mr. Ramage which was seconded, the Board VOTED to support Legislative Document 827, An Act Extending Collective Bargaining Rights to University of Maine Employees, with the understanding that if the bill is amended to alter University-wide bargaining units, the University will withdraw its support and will retain to itself the right to suggest amendments thereto.

Voting for the resolution were: Dr. Donovan, Dr. Evans, Mr. Ramage, Mr. Page, Dr. Cutler, Mr. Reed, Mr. Jalbert, Mr. Millett, Ms. Murray-Beliveau, Mr. Brown and Mr. Masterton. Ms. Kominsky was opposed.

Chancellor's Report.

Legislative Hearings. Dr. Freeman reported on hearings before the Legislative Appropriations Committee on the University's

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Part I budget request. He also reported that, at the hearing on the Medical School before the Education Committee, several persons outside of the University testified in support of the concept. The Trustees' informal meeting with the Education Committee of the legislature included such topics as long-range planning, the University and higher education as a continuing state resource and the desirability of having the Education Committee of the legislature continue to visit campuses.

The Chancellor reported that he met with Governor Longley and among the subjects discussed were: long-range planning, priorities, medical school and education services to adults.

Hearings have been scheduled on the following bills of interest to the University: Post-secondary Education Commission for Maine, April 8 and MPBN Capital Construction Request, April 2; the University's Capital Construction request has not been scheduled yet.

Student Aid. Dr. Freeman reported that the University is eligible to receive about two and one half million dollars in student aid next year, for which \$400,000 is needed in matching funds.

1202. There was general agreement that the Trustees favor an organized and recognized voluntary effort as the Post-secondary Education Commission for Maine, but that judgement would be reserved until after the meeting with Dr. Hill March 28, 1975.

#### Student Affairs.

Student Academic Appeals. Dr. Evans reported that the Student Affairs Committee had discussed a Student Academic Appeals policy and that the staff and Administrative Council had been asked to make a recommendation to the Committee in 60 days. He also stated that the Task Force on Long-Range Tuition would make a recommendation in late summer.

Sick Leave Extension. On motion of Mr. Page which was seconded, the Board unanimously VOTED to grant a 90-day extension of sick leave for Dr. Joseph Brogunier, Assistant Professor of English at UMO.

Police Officers. On motion of Mr. Page which was seconded, the Board VOTED to approve the following appointments of police officers effective March 26, 1975.

The Board of Trustees approves the following appointments of police officers at the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham in accordance with Private and Special Laws, Chapter 532, Section 8-A.

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Ralph H. Fenno, Jr.  
Richard A. Lincoln

The Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Lynne M. Bailey as a police officer at the University of Maine at Orono in accordance with Private and Special Laws, Chapter 532, Section 8-A.

Portland-Gorham Honorary Degree. On motion of Ms. Murray-Beliveau which was seconded, the Board VOTED to approve an honorary degree to be awarded at the spring commencement at the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham.

Adjournment.

Margaret R. Dexter  
Clerk, Board of Trustees