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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 28, 1976  
Bangor, Maine

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date Mar 24 1976  
By: Margaret R. Dexter, Clerk

Public Meeting

PRESENT: Chairman James H. Page, Stanley J. Evans, Francis A. Brown, Susan R. Kominsky, John C. Donovan, Artemus E. Weatherbee, Kenneth H. Ramage, Robert L. Jalbert, H. Sawin Millett, Jr., Cynthia A. Murray-Beliveau, Winthrop C. Libby, Elizabeth S. Russell and Carlton D. Reed, Jr. Staff: Patrick E. McCarthy, Herbert L. Fowle, Jr., Stanley L. Freeman, Jr., Robert B. Binswanger, Richard J. Spath, N. Edd Miller, Einar A. Olsen, Howard R. Neville, Arthur S. Buswell, Lloyd J. Jewett, JoAnne R. Magill, Richard A. Eustis, Kenneth T. Winters, Robert S. Oberg, Barnett I. Shur, Arthur J. Mraz, Mary Ann Haas, Edward E. Winchester, Kenneth B. Krall and Erik van de Bogart. Press and Public.

Mr. Page convened the meeting and welcomed Robert B. Binswanger as the new Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

The minutes of December 2, 1975 were approved as circulated.

Chancellor's Report. Chancellor McCarthy reported to the Board on legislative plans. A full text of his remarks is appended to the file of these minutes.

Dr. Coon Honored. Dr. Evans presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

In December of 1973, Dr. Robert W. Coon came to Maine to assume the new post of Assistant Chancellor for Health Sciences Education.

Charged with coordination of planning and the development of new and expanded education programs in allied health and nursing, and for the development of medical education for the University, Dr. Coon brought enthusiasm, energy and an innovative shift to the University's health education concepts.

In early January, Dr. Coon left the State of Maine.

The Board recognizes that the state can ill afford to lose a man of Dr. Coon's intellectual and administrative vigor.

The Board applauds Dr. Coon for accepting the challenging responsibility of Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs in West Virginia, overseeing the destiny of three medical schools. We are confident of his abilities and his dedication to the cause of quality medical education.

Today we extend to Bob our sincere thanks and admiration for his constant and unselfish dedication to the University and people of Maine.

The motion was seconded and unanimously VOTED.

Committee Assignments. On motion of Ms. Kominsky which was seconded, the Board VOTED to ratify the following Committee assignments:

Personnel and Employee Relations Committee

Chairman - Francis A. Brown  
Kenneth H. Ramage  
Carlton D. Reed, Jr.  
Artemus E. Weatherbee

Physical Plant Committee

Chairman - Kenneth H. Ramage

Executive Committee

Francis A. Brown - Personnel and Employee  
Relations Committee  
Kenneth H. Ramage - Physical Plant Committee

ad hoc Academic Planning Committee Formed. Mr. Page proposed the formation of an ad hoc Academic Planning Committee which is directed to consider the educational and manpower needs of Maine for the next ten years, determine which of those needs are most appropriate for the University to address within the total post-secondary education community, and recommend the specialized roles which each campus should emphasize in achieving an integrated educational program for adult students of all ages throughout Maine.

On motion of Dr. Evans which was seconded, the Board VOTED to ratify the formation of an ad hoc Academic Planning Committee and the appointment of the following members:

Chairman - Nils Y. Wessell  
Winthrop C. Libby  
Robert R. Masterton  
Elizabeth S. Russell  
Cynthia A. Murray-Beliveau

Vice Chancellor Binswanger will serve as primary staff member to the Committee.

A text of Mr. Page's proposal is appended to the file of these minutes.

MPBN Presentation. Edward E. Winchester, Acting General Manager of the Maine Public Broadcasting Network, Kenneth B. Krall and Erik van de Bogart presented excerpts from local programs produced by MPBN. A list of current local productions is appended to the file of these minutes.

Committee Reports.

Personnel and Employee Relations Committee.

Collective Bargaining. Mr. Brown moved that the Board approve a five-month plan for collective bargaining which includes authorization for a search to fill necessary staff positions. The motion was seconded and VOTED.

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

to appoint Thomas Petry Strauss General Manager of the Maine Public Broadcasting Network at \$28,000 a year effective March 1, 1976.

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

Mr. Brown also moved that the Board appoint George L. Pauk, M.D., Medical Director of the Family Nurse Associate Program at the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham at a salary of \$35,000 per year to be paid from Federal funds effective February 1, 1976. The motion was seconded and VOTED. A copy of the nomination is appended to the file of these minutes.

Personnel Payroll Policy. On motion of Mr. Brown which was seconded, the Board VOTED:

to rescind the August 21, 1968 policy for allowing deductions to be made from the payroll for union dues.

Ms. Kominsky was opposed.

Physical Plant Committee.

Policy on Donated Buildings and Buildings Financed by Donation.

Mr. Weatherbee proposed an amendment to the policy on Donated Buildings and Buildings Financed by Donation as recommended by the Committee. Mr. Brown moved the committee recommendation incorporating the proposed amendment as follows:

RESOLVED, that the University as a matter of information will advise the Legislature, or the Legislative Council when the Legislature is not in session, whenever the University plans to acquire, construct, or expand its physical plant through gifts or grants which may result in an annual additional demand on operating funds appropriated by the legislature of \$50,000 or more.

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

UMO Motor Vehicle Regulations. On motion of Mr. Brown which was seconded the Board VOTED

to adopt the University of Maine at Orono Motor Vehicle Rules, dated January 22, 1976 for the Orono and Bangor campuses of the University.

A copy of the UMO Motor Vehicle Rules dated January 22, 1976, is appended to the file of these minutes.

Finance and Physical Plant Committee.

UMO Fund Drive. On motion of Mr. Brown which was seconded the Board VOTED:

that a design-construction contract be awarded to Daniel F. Tulley Associates for an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for a multi-purpose sports arena at the University of Maine at Orono.

The Board of Trustees approves the recommendation that the new multi-purpose arena be named the Harold Alfond Sports Arena.

The contract should be signed after the President of UMO, the Chancellor and the Chairman of the Physical Plant Committee give final approval to the specifications and plans and after assurance that sufficient funds are on hand, or guaranteed, to complete the building. Construction should begin no later than the summer of 1976, provided the above approvals have been given and funds are available or guaranteed to enable completion of the project.

The Board further authorizes use of the accumulated interest in the Brackett Fund up to a maximum of \$45,000 to meet certain construction-related costs in excess of the \$1,500,000 basic contract amount stated above.

Audit Committee.

Report of External Auditors. On motion of Mr. Weatherbee which was seconded the Board VOTED to accept the report of the audit of the books and records of the University of Maine for fiscal year 1974/1975 by Arthur Andersen & Co. A copy of the report is appended to the file of these minutes.

Student Affairs Committee.

UMPG Pub. On a motion by Ms. Kominsky which was seconded the Board VOTED to authorize the University of Maine at Portland Gorham to establish a pub at the Student Center on the Gorham Campus. The Class A Restaurant license, restricted initially to the sale of malt liquor, will be held by ARA Slater Food Service, the current contractor to UMPG for food service.

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

Scholarships for the Gifted and Talented. Ms. Kominsky moved that the Board endorse the concept of providing a process for recognizing gifted ability and attainment of University of Maine students through a balanced program of prize scholarships in a number of fields of University endeavors by those campuses which elect to do so and are able to provide the necessary resources. The funds to support the scholarships are to be derived from private sources specifically earmarked to support a specific gift or talent.

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

Finance Committee.

Capital Budget Policy and Guidelines. On motion of Mr. Weatherbee which was seconded the Board VOTED to adopt the capital budget as a device to provide a vehicle for financing all alteration and improvement projects costing \$10,000 or more, acquisition of major items of equipment valued in excess of \$2,500 per item, acquisition of property and financing long term leases and lease-purchase agreements.

A copy of the Capital Budget Policy as adopted by the Board is appended to the file of these minutes.

Personnel Payroll System. Mr. Weatherbee informed the Board that the Finance Committee had reviewed a report on the Personnel Payroll System which will be in operation in 1977.

Gifts and Funds. On motion of Mr. Weatherbee which was seconded, the Board VOTED to accept with gratitude all gifts and funds filed under the dates of January 27-28, 1976. A complete listing is appended to the file of these minutes.

Reappointment of Auditor. Mr. Weatherbee moved that the Board of Trustees approve the reappointment of the audit firm of Arthur Andersen & Co. of Boston, Massachusetts to audit the books and records of the University of Maine for fiscal year 1975/76. The motion was seconded and CARRIED.

Reappointment of Investment Managers. On motion of Mr. Weatherbee which was seconded the Board VOTED to continue Putnam Capital Management, Inc. as investment managers of the pooled investments of the University of Maine endowment funds with an annual net income goal of \$350,000 within the established agreement and investment objectives subject to annual review and approval.

Budget Status. Mr. Weatherbee reported that the Finance Committee had reviewed the six month report on the status of unrestricted funds. A copy of the report is appended to the file of these minutes.

Criminal Justice Tuition Waiver. On motion of Mr. Weatherbee which was seconded the Board VOTED to authorize President Howard Neville to waive tuition in the approximate amount of \$3,000 for those students who completed the course, Criminal Investigating, in the fall semester 1975 at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and further, that assurance be given that such students will receive credit for work completed.

Sale of Securities. Mr. Weatherbee moved the Finance Committee's recommendation that the Treasurer be authorized to sell the following securities:

129 shares of Merrill Bankshares Company. Received as a bequest under the will of Mott F. Wilson upon the death of his widow, to be added to the Mott F. Wilson Scholarship Fund established in 1946, and the proceeds of the sale to be added to the Investment Pool.

10 shares of Marathon Oil Company. Received as part of a gift from Ms. Hilary Smith to be used for current expenses of the Maine Public Broadcasting Network.

The motion was seconded and VOTED.

Finance and Student Affairs Committee.

Tuition Increase. On motion of Ms. Kominsky which was seconded the Board VOTED that in order to help fund wage and salary adjustments for University of Maine personnel, the Board of Trustees approves a tuition increase of \$100 per year, effective July 1, 1976. This recommendation represents the first step for obtaining necessary funding for wage and salary adjustments.

Long Range Tuition Policy. After discussion of the proposal and background information by Dr. Freeman, Ms. Kominsky moved the following resolution:

That tuition (including all academic fees required to earn a degree) for Maine residents shall represent no less than twenty percent (20%) and no more than forty percent (40%) of educational costs per student for the campus at which the student is enrolled in credit courses. For out-of-state students, the corresponding policy shall be seventy-five to ninety percent (75-90%). The base for determining educational costs shall be the most recent fiscal year for which complete data are available.

For the present time, this policy does not apply to continuing education or summer session students.

The motion was seconded and VOTED.

Finance and Educational Policy Committee.

Financial Exigency. Dr. Donovan reported that the Committees had received Financial Exigency Policy progress report and that the Committees suggested that a report of substantial progress be made by the March 1976 meeting.

Educational Policy Committee.

Health Sciences Institute. Dr. Donovan reported that the committee will discuss the Health Science Institute at the March meeting.

Named Professorship, UMO. On motion of Dr. Donovan which was seconded the Board VOTED to approve establishment of the named professorship, the Maine Blueberry Professor of Horticulture, at the University of Maine at Orono, to be financed by the Maine Blueberry Industry Advisory Committee by an annual grant of \$5,000 for five years.

A copy of the proposal and background data are appended to the file of these minutes.



Executive Committee.

Honorary Degrees. On motion of Dr. Evans which was seconded the Board VOTED to award eight honorary degrees to be awarded at: the University of Maine at Augusta, one; University of Maine at Orono, four; University of Maine at Portland Gorham, one; University of Maine at Presque Isle, one and University of Maine at Farmington, one.

Legislative Plans. Dr. Evans and Chancellor McCarthy initiated a discussion of plans for the Special Session of the 107th Legislature. The Trustees and Presidents presented their views. There was consensus that the Presidents under the coordination of the Chancellor would outline to the people not just the financial needs of the University but the service both to students and the citizens of Maine which the University provides. It was further agreed that Trustees would become more involved in speaking before civic groups, to legislators and to the press.

Discharge of ad hoc Medical Education Planning Committee. On motion of Dr. Evans which was seconded the Board VOTED that the ad hoc Committee for Medical Education Planning, having completed the work to which it was assigned, be discharged. Duties of the Committee for Health Sciences Education programs shall be assigned to the Educational Policy Committee.

Discharge of ad hoc Committee for Collective Bargaining. Mr. Ramage moved that the ad hoc Committee on Collective Bargaining, having completed the work to which it was assigned, be discharged. The motion was seconded and VOTED.

The next meeting will be March 23 and 24, 1976.

Adjournment.

Margaret R. Dexter  
Clerk, Board of Trustees