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DATE: Feb 23, 1977January 26, 1977
Bangor, Maine

CLERK: _____

Executive Committee

PRESENT: Chairman James Page, Stanley Evans, John Donovan, Robert Masterton, Kenneth Ramage, Susan Kominsky, and Francis Brown. Staff: Chancellor McCarthy, William Sullivan, Robert Binswanger, Richard Eustis and Barnett Shur.

Honorary Degree Nominations. At the request of the Chairman, Vice Chancellor Binswanger briefly reviewed Board-established criteria for designation of nominees and presented the slate and the Chancellor's recommendation for approval. It was suggested that the list with full documentation be shared with the rest of the Board by mail for review and comment and, if there are no objections, the Board would take action on the slate, without specification of the names, at the public meeting in February. After discussion of individual nominees and on motion of Mr. Brown seconded by Mr. Ramage, the Committee

VOTED: to recommend the slate for Board approval.
The Clerk was instructed to circulate the nominations and supporting materials to the Trustees.

Right-to-Know Law. Vice Chancellor Sullivan briefed the Committee on the staff's exhaustive study of the present statute. He noted that it is clear there was no legislative intent to include the Committees of the Board in the law despite an Assistant Attorney General's ruling to the contrary. The staff suggested that the Board take no action to change existing procedures since the Board's By-laws already provide a mechanism for open meetings as appropriate, and recommended that the Committee consider presenting a statement at the public meeting to reiterate the Board's position. A statement drafted by the University's Legal Counsel was presented for consideration. The statement was discussed and, except for Mr. Ramage who did not favor a public announcement, there was consensus among the other Committee members that the statement was acceptable and it was agreed that Dr. Evans would present it in the public meeting.

Liability Insurance Coverage. Mr. Eustis briefed the Committee on the University's Liability Insurance program and outlined the liability protection currently available. Mr. Shur reported briefly on pending litigation. There was brief discussion of the problem areas and of the need to explore possibilities for indemnification. The staff was instructed to set up further discussions where this matter could be discussed in detail by the full Board. Tentative plans were made for an executive session at a future meeting to pursue the matter further.

Adjournment.

JoAnne R. Magill
Interim Clerk