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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: 7/27/77

July 20, 1977
Bangor, Maine

CLERK: _____

FINANCE AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEES

PRESENT: Robert Masterton, Francis Brown, Artemus Weatherbee, Susan Kominsky, Elizabeth Russell, Ellen Platz, Nils Wessell, Becky Fisher, James Horan, Jamie Eves. Other Trustees: James Page, Stanley Evans, Sawin Millett, John Donovan, Patricia DiMatteo and Thomas Monaghan. Staff: Chancellor McCarthy, William Sullivan, Robert Binswanger, Mary Ann Haas, Russell Smith, Richard Eustis, Ford Campbell, Jeanne Steele, Richard Spath, Einar Olsen, Howard Neville, Arthur Buswell, Edd Miller, Stanley Salwak, Kenneth Allen. Others present: Charles LaVerdiere, Daniel O'Leary, Sumner Bernstein, the press and public.

Mr. Masterton chaired the meeting. On motion made and seconded, the minutes of the joint meeting of the Finance and Student Affairs Committees of May 25, 1977 were APPROVED as circulated.

Tuition and Fees. Mr. Sullivan presented the recommendations for tuition schedules and board and room fees which proposed increases in resident tuition for each of the next two years at each campus, a timetable for implementation of non-resident tuition increases voted earlier, and increases in board and room charges at selected campuses for 1977/78. He noted that provision had been made for a special financial aid fund of \$250,000 to supplement available campus aid funds and minimize the financial impact on needy students. Mr. Masterton outlined a procedure to facilitate discussion of the recommendations wherein motions for action would be held until the proposals had been discussed in turn, with discussion open first to committee members, then to other Trustees and finally to others present who wished to participate. To initiate discussion, Mr. Masterton pointed out that the recommendations were based on the fair share concept and 100% cost for non-residents, in accordance with Trustee policy.

The first recommendation to be considered was resident tuition which provided for increases for each of the next two years in the amount of \$110 per year for full time undergraduate residents on each campus, \$120 per year for graduate residents at Portland-Gorham, \$125 per year for graduate residents at Orono and \$175 per year for resident students at the Law School. No change was proposed for part-time residents or Continuing Education and Summer Session students. During discussion, questions were raised about the effect of the additional funds for student aid, including the special fund of \$250,000 from University monies and additional aid which would become available under the federally supported BEOG program. Dr. Russell pointed out that these extra financial aid funds still would not be sufficient to cover the increases for needy students. Mr. Sullivan responded to questions about the basis for projecting four-year educational costs. Mrs. Kominsky indicated that the amount of the increase was much higher than she had anticipated since she had understood that current tuition charges were already near the fair-share level. Dr. Wessell inquired whether tuition charged to Maine residents was rising faster than net disposable income in the State and expressed concern for the need for public policy which focuses on the value of education. Mr. Sullivan indicated that tuition charges had

probably lagged sharply behind disposable income over the past several years and Mr. Masterton observed that tax dollars rather than tuition revenue was the University's major resource and that it will be important to recognize the taxpayers' concern for equity between payers and receivers. Mr. Weatherbee pointed out that the impact of higher tuition on students should be weighed against the availability of student aid which has risen about 600% in recent years. As a point of reference, Mr. Sullivan compared tuition schedules at other New England land grant colleges with tuition charged at UMO, which was second lowest among that group.

Mr. Masterton presented the second recommendation which specified the out-of-state tuition schedule for 1977-79, based on phasing in full cost over a four year period. An alternate two-year timetable had been prepared at Mr. Weatherbee's request and circulated with other meeting materials in advance of the meeting. Mr. Weatherbee reiterated his concern that four years was too long for the transition period and he suggested that full cost to non-residents be phased in over a two-year period, reserving an additional \$500,000 from the increased revenue for financial aid. Mrs. Kominsky thought that added income might be illusory considering the probable effect of higher tuition on out-of-state enrollment and indicated that a two-year transition period would compound the financial problems for some students. Mr. Sullivan responded to questions from Ms. Fisher concerning an apparent lack of differential between resident and non-resident tuition in Continuing Education. He indicated that there is an out-of-state rate for degree candidates in CED, although no distinction is made in Summer Session due to problems in determining eligibility. Dr. Wessell thought that a reduction in non-resident tuition would function to attract talented people who would likely remain to make valuable contributions to the State. During the discussion Mr. Sullivan provided comparative figures on out-of-state tuition charges in force at the New England land grant institutions; in this group, UMO occupies mid point in the range.

Third in the series of recommendations was room and board fees for 1977/78 which proposed increases of \$50 or less for campuses at Fort Kent, Machias, Portland-Gorham and Presque Isle. During discussion, Mr. Masterton responded to questions from Ms. Fisher concerning the financial impact of any dormitory improvement which may result from the University's application for federal funds under the College Housing Loan Program. Mrs. Kominsky was pleased that the proposed increases were small. President Neville pointed out that Orono's summer program of conferences and institutes helps to subsidize dorm facilities for academic year students.

Action - Resident Tuition:

Mr. Masterton called for motions on the individual recommendations. On motion made and seconded, and with Trustees Wessell, Platz, Weatherbee, Brown, Masterton and Russell in favor of the motion, and Trustee Kominsky, student representatives Fisher and Eves, and Professor Horan dissenting, it was

VOTED: to recommend that the Board of Trustees establish tuition charges for resident students at the University of Maine for academic years 1977-78 and 1978-79, in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>RESIDENT TUITION CHARGES 1977-78 and 1978-79</u>				
	<u>Current Tuition 1976/77</u>	<u>1977/78</u>	<u>1978/79</u>	<u>Annual Increase</u>
<u>UNDERGRADUATE FULL-TIME¹</u>				
UMA	\$550	\$660	\$770	\$110
UMF	550	660	770	110
UMFK	550	660	770	110
UMM	550	660	770	110
UMO-Associate	575	685	795	110
UMO-Baccalaureate	675	785	895	110
UMPG	600	710	820	110
UMPI	550	660	770	110
<u>GRADUATE FULL-TIME¹</u>				
UMO	\$775	\$900 ⁵	\$1,025 ⁵	\$125
UMPG	700	820 ⁵	940 ⁵	120
<u>PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS³</u>				
LAW	900	1,075	1,250	175
<u>PART-TIME CAMPUS</u>				
<u>ACADEMIC²</u>	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$ 0
<u>CONTINUING EDUCATION AND</u>				
<u>SUMMER SESSION⁴</u>	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$ 0

¹Academic year charge

²Per credit hour charge.

³Only professional school at present is Law School

⁴Per credit hour charge.

⁵15% higher than undergraduate rate

Action - Non Resident Tuition:

Mr. Brown moved that the Committee recommend Board adoption of non-resident tuition schedules in accordance with the staff proposal based on a four-year transition to a uniform rate. Dr. Russell seconded the motion. Mr. Weatherbee moved to amend the motion to provide for a two-year transition period, with an additional \$500,000 to be added to the special \$250,000 financial aid fund. Mr. Weatherbee's motion failed for lack of a second. Mr. Brown's motion CARRIED with Trustees Masterton, Russell, Brown, and Platz and Professor Horan voting in favor of the motion; Trustees Wessell, Kominsky and Weatherbee and student representative Fisher dissented; student representative Eves abstained. Herewith, the Brown motion in its entirety which was

VOTED: to recommend that the Board of Trustees establish tuition charges for non-resident students at the University of Maine for academic years 1977-78 and 1978-79, in accordance with the following schedule:

NON-RESIDENT TUITION CHARGES 1977-78 and 1978-79			
Current Tuition 1976/77	1977/78 ⁶	1978/79 ⁶	Average Annual Increase
\$1,751	\$2,038	\$2,325	\$287
1,668	1,976	2,284	308
1,800	2,075	2,350	275
1,800	2,075	2,350	275
1,825	2,093	2,362	268
2,050	2,263	2,476	213
1,800	2,075	2,350	275
1,671	1,978	2,285	307
\$2,050	\$2,335	\$2,620	\$285
1,800	2,148	2,496	348
2,350	2,560	2,770	210
1/10th of Full-Time Non-Resident Semester Rate	\$88	\$92	-
\$30	\$30	\$30	\$ 0

⁶Based on moving to a uniform rate over four years

Action - Room and Board Charges:

On motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Weatherbee, and with Ms. Fisher and Mr. Eves dissenting, it was

VOTED: to recommend that the Board establish room and board charges at the University of Maine for academic year 1977-78 in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>ROOM & BOARD CHARGES</u>			
		1977/78	
	Current Charges <u>1976/77</u>	<u>1977/78</u>	<u>Increase</u>
UMA*	\$ --	\$ --	\$--
UMF	1,395	1,395	--
UMFK	1,395	1,445	50
UMM	1,405	1,430	25
UMO	1,605	1,605	--
BCC	1,550	1,550	--
UMPG	1,395	1,440	45
UMPI	1,410	1,430	20

*UMA has no student housing

Adjournment.

JoAnne R. Magill

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Clerk of the Board