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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 29, 1977
Farmington, Maine

PHYSICAL PLANT COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: 11/25/78

CLERK: _____

PRESENT: Chairman Thomas Monaghan, John Quinn; James Page. Other Trustees: Patricia DiMatteo, Ellen Platz. Staff: Chancellor McCarthy, William Sullivan, Richard Eustis, Robert Binswanger, Mary Ann Haas, Einar Olsen, Howard Neville, Stanley Salwak, Arthur Buswell, Donald Beattie, Kenneth Allen, Russell Smith, Barnett Shur, Sumner Bernstein. Also present, Daniel O'Leary, Becky Fisher, press and public.

Chairman Monaghan convened the meeting. The minutes of the Physical Plant Committee meeting of September 27, 1977 were APPROVED as circulated.

University Facilities Presentation. At the request of Chairman Monaghan, President Olsen introduced a film prepared under the sponsorship of the UMF Alumni Association to attract support for the classroom/laboratory building in the upcoming referendum. After the film presentation, President Neville and Vice Chancellor Sullivan briefly reviewed facility projects for Orono and Portland-Gorham, respectively, which are also included in the bond issue.

Storage Building, UMPI. Mr. Eustis elaborated on the details of a recommendation to acquire two small surplus metal storage buildings from Loring Air Force Base which would be moved to the Presque Isle campus and used for storage of campus equipment. After discussion and on motion of Mr. Page, seconded by Mr. Monaghan, it was

VOTED: to recommend Board approval for the project.

Witter Animal Science Center, UMO. Mr. Sullivan presented a proposal to construct and equip an addition to the Witter Center to facilitate research on the development of a dry lobster bait. On motion of Mr. Page which was seconded, it was

VOTED: to recommend Board approval of the proposal.

Washington County Recreational Complex. Mr. Eustis briefed the Committee on progress in the concept planning for a Washington County Recreational Project. He reported that Board action is needed to make available land for the project for which a local committee is seeking 100% funding through federal grant programs. The Committee requests that the Board take formal action to indicate that the University would provide up to two acres of land for the proposed facility. Questions were raised about the details of University involvement with the Complex on completion. Mr. Sullivan explained that the project is still in the planning stage and there is no assurance yet that the proposal will attract the necessary funds. He indicated that there are many questions which will have to be resolved before the concept could become a reality but the Committee needs to show it has access to the land before it can proceed with the grant application. After further discussion and on motion made and seconded, it was

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VOTED: to recommend that the Board endorse the concept of Washington County Regional Recreational Complex and commends the planning already completed. It is further resolved that the Board of Trustees pledges to grant a long term, no cost lease of two acres of land adjacent to the existing Health and Physical Education Building on the Machias Campus as a location for this Regional Complex.

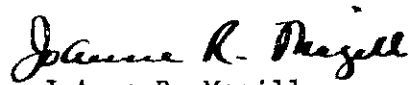
Student Housing. As background material for the discussion on student housing, the Orono administration had proposed an assessment of campus housing problems and a description of three possible alternatives which could meet their needs. President Neville briefly reviewed the Orono housing situation in terms of demand on available facilities, and elaborated on the three alternatives:

- 1) Off-campus housing - managed and built by private interests;
- 2) On-campus housing - built by private interests, managed by the University;
- 3) On-campus housing - built, financed and managed by the University.

President Neville noted that the alternatives identified are essentially concepts for discussion and the Campus hoped the Board would direct them to develop one or more of the concepts into a formal proposal. During discussion of the concepts, Committee members asked about the legal requirements for such projects. Chancellor McCarthy indicated that the legal implications are one of several questions which need to be explored. In addition, the staff should investigate options for financing and evaluate the housing needs on other campuses in the system. Mr. Sullivan reported that there has been no detailed analysis as yet on the preliminary figures compiled for the presentation of the alternatives, and he pointed out that the national forecast of declining enrollments will affect future housing needs. President Salwak requested that the Committee review the housing situation on the Presque Isle campus, and he indicated that overcrowding and aged facilities have created problems since 1969. President Olsen asked to have Farmington included in any study which may be forthcoming in order to determine the extent of any problems on that campus and President Beattie suggested that any evaluation of housing needs be rendered in terms of the system as a whole.

After further Discussion, Chairman Monaghan requested that the momentum generated by the discussion of the concepts be maintained and that additional information be prepared for the next meeting. Specifically, the staff was asked to 1) have University counsel explore the legal implications; 2) develop a more specific proposal to address the problems at Orono; 3) identify housing problems, if any, on other campuses in the system.

Adjournment.


JoAnne R. Magill
Clerk of the Board