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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 31, 1979
Bangor, Maine

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date 3/28/79
By James K. Mayest

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

PRESENT: Chairman Francis Brown, Bernard Carpenter, Patricia DiMatteo, John Donovan, Alan Elkins, Stanley Evans, Joseph Hakanson, Susan Kominsky, Sawin Millett, James Page, Ellen Platz, John Robinson, Elizabeth Russell, Artemus Weatherbee. Absent: Thomas Monaghan. Staff: Chancellor McCarthy, Robert Binswanger, William Sullivan, Mary Ann Haas, Sumner Bernstein, Kenneth Allen, Donald Beattie, Howard Neville, Einar Olsen, Stanley Salwak, and Richard Spath. Press and public.

Chairman Brown convened the meeting. On motion made and seconded, the minutes of the meeting of November 29, 1978 were approved as circulated.

Chairman's Remarks. Before addressing the formal agenda, Chairman Brown reported:

1. that an Executive Committee meeting had been held earlier in the day. During the public portion of this meeting, there was discussion of the Board's committee structure and the manner in which the Trustees deal with major policy issues. The Board will be examining its operations in an on-going study which will enable Trustees to express their views. In executive session, the Committee received a briefing from Legal Counsel on the status of pending litigation.
2. that University officials had participated in a hearing in Augusta before the Governor's Advisory Committee on the Budget, which was established to assist the new Governor in developing his budget. The University was represented by Chancellor McCarthy, Vice Chancellor Sullivan, Trustees Weatherbee and Brown. Mr. Brown noted that the University was given a full hearing with adequate time for presentation of the budget figures and supporting rationale. Additional materials have been forwarded to the Committee.
3. that Trustee Elizabeth Russell has been appointed to membership on the Maine Committee on Research Resources sponsored by the National Science Foundation which seeks to stimulate competitive research in states which in 1974 received the least support from NSF. Dr. Russell added that Dr. Frederick Hutchinson and Dr. Arthur Fricke, both from UMO, are also serving on the Committee. The Committee will develop recommendations for use of NSF funds to increase the effectiveness of state research.
4. that the Faculty Advisory Committee mechanism is in place and he introduced the individuals who have been appointed to serve as representatives to four standing committees of the Board:

Robert L. Brandon, Professor of Mathematics, UMPI
John D. Coupe, Professor of Economics, UMO
Walter Lichtenstein, Associate Professor of French, UMFK
J. Albert McDaniel, Associate Professor of Chemistry, UMF
Steven Morang, Professor of Business & Economics, UMA
John A. Peirce, Professor of Political Science, USM
Robert Sloan, Professor of History, UMM

Chancellor's Report. Chancellor McCarthy presented his observations of trends in higher education which will affect the state of Maine, directly or indirectly. His remarks focussed on the decline of the rapid growth which characterized the 1950's and 1960's, and he discussed the implications this will have for the University of Maine. He took note of the increase in part-time learners and the higher ratio of women, and he said that these trends would help to bring about different imperatives for the institution as it meets its need to support the changing student body and to maintain quality in a period of stabilized enrollment.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Student Affairs Committee. Mrs. Kominsky reported that the Committee had met with Dr. Hays Bowne, Director of the Health Center, Farmington and Dr. Robert Graves, Director of the Cutler Health Center, Orono for a discussion of student health services. The Committee recommended that more information be gathered for the benefit of the full Board and on motion of Mrs. Kominsky which was seconded, it was

VOTED: that the appropriate instrument of the University examine the level and support of health delivery services at the various University campuses.

Personnel & Employee Relations Committee. Dr. Donovan reported for the Committee.

1. Appointment of Dean of University College of Education. On motion of Dr. Donovan which was seconded, it was

VOTED: to approve the appointment of Dr. Carolyn F. Steel as University Dean of the University College of Education at a salary of \$35,000 (FY), effective June 15, 1979.

2. Appointment of Director of Development, UMO. On motion of Dr. Donovan, which was seconded, it was

VOTED: to approve the appointment of George H. Baughman, Jr., as Director of Development and University Relations at a salary of \$28,000 (FY), effective March 1, 1979.

3. Appointment of Dean of Nursing, USM. On motion of Dr. Donovan, which was seconded, it was

VOTED: to approve the appointment of Dr. Audrey J. Conley as Dean of the School of Nursing at a salary of \$35,000 (FY), effective July 1, 1979.

Mrs. Kominsky pointed out that letters to candidates should indicate that any offer is being made subject to Board approval. The Chairman concurred that such stipulation is essential and that whenever final authority for approval rests with the Board, that approval should not be construed as pro forma.

4. Collective bargaining. Dr. Donovan reported that the Committee had been briefed on the status of collective bargaining activity.

Finance Committee. Mr. Weatherbee reported for the Committee.

1. Gifts, Grants and Awards. On motion of Mr. Weatherbee, which was seconded, it was

VOTED: to accept with gratitude all gifts, grants and awards filed under the date of January 31, 1979.

2. Information items:

- a. Mr. Weatherbee reported that the Committee had received a status report on the staff's review of refund policy issues, in general, and that recommendations for some revisions are being developed for future Board consideration.
- b. Mr. Weatherbee reported that representatives from Putnam Capital Companies had briefed the Committee on the investment portfolio. It is expected that the investment objectives will be evaluated in the near future.

Audit Committee. Mr. Weatherbee briefed the Trustees on the auditor search which has been underway. He indicated that eight firms, including the present audit firm, had expressed an interest in the appointment. Each firm prepared a presentation for Committee evaluation and the field was eventually narrowed to three finalists who were subjected to a further, more comprehensive review before the Committee made its final selection. On motion of Mr. Weatherbee which was seconded, it was VOTED to authorize the reappointment of Arthur Anderson & Company.

Physical Plant Committee. Mr. Carpenter reported for the Committee.

1. Release of Rights Under Land Lease. Mr. Carpenter briefed the Trustees and moved the Committee's recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded and it was

VOTED: to authorize the release of rights held under the lease with the City of Bangor to the land within the right-of-way of the proposed extension of Maine Avenue and further that the Board of Trustees authorizes the demolition of the building located in this right-of-way subject to staff review and approval of the appropriate documents.

2. Information items:

- a. Heating problems, BCC. The City of Bangor has advised that it may decide to discontinue generating heat for several buildings. The Office of Physical Facilities is exploring alternatives and will have recommendations for the next meeting.
- b. Land-taking by Department of Transportation - Old Town. Mr. Carpenter reported that an extension planned by the State Highway Department would modify a small parcel of University-owned land, which will have no detrimental effect on the University, in this instance.
- c. Capital Improvements. Mr. Carpenter took note of several projects which have been completed, including a new boiler for Wieden Hall, UMPI, and safety modifications to dormitory fire alarm systems, among others.

Educational Policy Committee. In the absence of Mr. Monaghan, Dr. Donovan reported for the Committee.

1. USM Update. Dr. Donovan reported that the Committee received a progress report from Acting President Allen and from Dr. John Bay on the development of 1) the core curriculum and 2) demand scheduling. Mr. Weatherbee inquired about the status of administrative appointments. Chancellor McCarthy indicated that except for the Dean of Nursing position, which was on the agenda for this meeting, all other major appointments have been deferred until a new president has been selected; recruitment to fill the presidency is underway.
2. New Program Proposal. On motion of Dr. Donovan which was seconded, it was

VOTED: to authorize the University of Maine at Machias
to grant the Bachelor of Science degree in
Biological Technology.
3. Tenure Case Study. Dr. Donovan reported that discussion of a hypothetical tenure case had proven informative and valuable to committee members and other Trustees in attendance.
4. Music Task Force. Dr. Donovan reported that the Committee received a report as requested on the scope of the music scholarship program at UMO, and a status report on planning for implementation of Task Force recommendations.

Subcommittee on Public Broadcasting. Mrs. Platz reported for the Committee.

1. Cooperative Agreement, MPBN-WCBB. Mrs. Platz reported on the successful conclusion of negotiations to improve relationships between MPBN and WCBB. She took note of the major provisions in a Memorandum of Understanding signed by both parties which include joint use of certain programs, the sharing of fund raising information, exchange of programs on a no-fee

basis and co-production of programs of important public events. On behalf of the Subcommittee, Mrs. Platz commended the leadership of MPBN and WCBB for their accomplishment.

2. Satellite Antenna. Mrs. Platz reported that the Committee had discussed and approved a recommendation to erect an antenna at USM to improve the reception of radio transmissions.

Ad hoc Committee on Structure. Mr. Page reported that the Committee has received a great deal of background material and has held initial conversations with the Presidents of both campuses under review, UMPI and UMFK. Plans have been made for on-site visits in March. After interviewing a number of qualified candidates, the Committee unanimously selected Mr. William Logan to serve as consultant to the Committee. Mr. Logan, formerly Maine State Commissioner of Education, is presently the New England Regional Administrator for the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Mr. Page outlined the Committee's charge to its consultant:

1. that existing data be analyzed and the Committee informed of areas needing additional inquiry or research;
2. that the mission of both campuses be analyzed in terms of the written statement versus the actual program, and areas of commonality and difference be highlighted in discussions with the Committee;
3. that the overall structure of each of the two campuses be analyzed, examining existing mechanisms as well as options that would be desirable;
4. that the Committee receive an assessment of the potential of each campus for future contributions to public higher education in Maine.

Other Business. Mr. Carpenter inquired about the timetable for addressing the Greenbook recommendation pertaining to relations between the University and the private colleges. Chairman Brown requested a progress report for the next meeting.

Mr. Brown announced that the next meeting would be held at the University of Southern Maine on March 27 and 28, 1979.

Adjournment.

JoAnne R. Magill
Clerk of the Board