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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 15, 1980
Bangor Civic Center

PRESENT: Chairman Stanley Evans, Severin Beliveau, Francis Brown, Patricia DiMatteo, Alan Elkins, Joseph Hakanson, Thomas Monaghan, Richard Morin, Ellen Platz, Harold Reynolds, Harrison Richardson, John Robinson, Elizabeth Russell and Thaxter Trafton. Staff: Chancellor McCarthy, Robert Binswanger, William Sullivan, Mary Ann Haas, Sumner Bernstein, Presidents Arthur Buswell, Constance Carlson, Einar Olsen, Richard Spath, and Robert Woodbury. Press and Public.

Chairman Evans convened the meeting. On motion made and seconded, the minutes of all meetings held on October 27 and 28, 1980, were approved as distributed.

Chairman's Remarks. Dr. Evans presented the proposed calendar of Board meetings for the coming year, noting that the February date may need to be changed later. On motion made and seconded, the calendar of Board meetings for 1981 was approved as follows:

January 26	-	Regular Meeting
February 24	-	Special Meeting - Tenure
March 23	-	Regular Meeting
April 27	-	Regular Meeting (UMPI)
May 18	-	Annual Meeting
July 27	-	Special Meeting - Budget
September 28	-	Regular Meeting (UMA)
October 26	-	Special Meeting
December 7	-	Regular Meeting

Chairman Evans reported that campus student government organizations had selected representatives to serve on the standing committees of the Board, in accordance with action taken by the Trustees at the last meeting. He introduced the new student representatives who were present:

Cheryl Keep - UMFK
Maxelle Smith, UMM
Elaine Nadeau, UMPI
Jeffrey Ellis, USM
David Spellman, UMO

Dr. Evans reported that the other two student representatives are: Dana Murch, UMA and William Parenteau, UMF.

Mr. Hakanson moved ajournment to executive session for discussion of personnel and collective bargaining items. The motion was seconded and voted. Following the executive session, Chairman Evans reconvened the meeting.

Personnel - Senior Executive Salaries. Mr. Brown presented a recommendation for increases in compensation for four senior level executives. He noted that the performance of each of these individuals has been outstanding and accorded special recognition to President Robert Woodbury, USM. On motion of Mr. Brown which was seconded, it was

Voted: that effective December 1, 1980, the annual salaries of the individuals listed below be set as follows:

Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	\$47,960
Vice Chancellor for Administration	47,960
President, University of Southern Maine	\$50,000
President, University of Maine at Machias	38,623

Mr. Brown moved a recommendation for an increase in compensation for Chancellor McCarthy, in recognition of his excellent performance. The motion was seconded and it was

Voted: that effective December 1, 1980, the Chancellor's salary be set at \$60,500, and his housing allowance be set at \$8,000 annually.

Chancellor's Report. Chancellor McCarthy announced that President Buswell will be taking early retirement after ten years of service in the presidency at the University of Maine at Machias. He commended Dr. Buswell for his loyalty and leadership of the institution. Among the many accomplishments, the Chancellor cited President Buswell's work on the special collective bargaining committee to which, he said, he brought a valuable academic perspective. Dr. Buswell expressed his appreciation for having had the opportunity to serve in the presidency. He said he would be leaving the Campus on a very positive note and that he and Mrs. Buswell looked forward to other challenges while they were still in good health.

In order to provide an opportunity for the Presidents to bring ideas of special interest to the Board, the Chancellor called on each President to talk informally about their institution.

- President Spath, UMFK, reported that the Campus is implementing the baccalaureate nursing program and that a fundraising campaign initiated by the Fort Kent community is expected to provide sufficient money to fund the first year of the program.

- Dr. Carlson, Acting President at UMPI said she has been impressed with the quality and dedication of the faculty and the commitment of the students on that campus. She reported that the Campus is moving on two fronts to provide quality degree opportunities for non-traditional

students through programs at the Associate Degree level in Nursing and in Medical Health Technology. She indicated that the nursing program is particularly noteworthy and that it has been determined that virtually all of the first class of graduates (June 1980) are practicing in Aroostook County hospitals.

- President Buswell, UMM, reported on the major planning effort underway with the Title III planning grant, which is involving all segments of the institution in setting the course for its future. He took note also of two special programs: the Mobile Graduate Program under the aegis of the University College of Education which is scheduled to begin in January, 1981, and for which a coordinator has been appointed; and the study program conducted for the Chancellor's Office by Professor William Phillips, which is moving toward implementation.

- President Olsen, UMF, reported on the status of the planning which is underway with the Title III planning grant. He touched briefly on the major aspects of the project which include strengthen the academic program, improving instruction, student advising, new students/new services, and a planning process.

- President Woodbury, USM, reported that ceremonies had been held recently to dedicate the Bernard Langlais rhino sculpture acquired by the Campus as the first gift under Maine's unique law which allows artists' estate taxes be paid with gifts of art. Mrs. Langlais was a guest of the Campus for the ceremonies.

- Vice President Frederick Hutchinson, UMO, reported that Orono is involved with planning for the upcoming inauguration of President Paul Silverman. Activities include cultural events and symposia in addition to the inauguration ceremonies.

Physical Plant.

1. Acceptance of Property. Dr. Elkins presented a recommendation for acceptance of a heath bog on Mt. Desert Island for purposes of peat bog research. After discussion and on motion of Dr. Elkins, which was seconded, it was

Voted: to accept the gift of the Stony Brook
Heath Bog located on Mt. Desert Island.

2. Taylor Estate. Dr. Elkins presented a recommendation for acceptance of property in Kittery, Maine from the Estate of Dr. Paul Taylor. After discussion and on motion of Dr. Elkins, which was seconded, it was

Voted: to accept title to the property located
at 147 Rogers Road, Kittery, Maine, under
the terms of the will of Dr. Paul E. Taylor.

3. Acceptance of Gift Property. Dr. Elkins presented a recommendation for acceptance of a parcel of land in New Sweden offered by the donor, Mr. Albert Crawford, as an unrestricted gift. On motion of Dr. Elkins, which was seconded, it was

Voted: to accept the gift of the Crawford land in
New Sweden, Maine.

4. Sale of Land - UMF. Dr. Elkins moved adoption of a recommendation to dispose of a small parcel of land in Farmington which is no longer needed for the purpose for which it was acquired in 1974. The motion was seconded and it was

Voted: to authorize the sale of the property in Farmington acquired in 1974 from Franklin Farms Products Company, subject to right-of-way granted to the Town of Farmington, with 25% of the proceeds reserved for future land acquisitions and 75% of the proceeds being dedicated to providing a storage facility adjacent to the existing Physical Plant building.

5. Naming of Facilities. On motion of Dr. Elkins which was seconded, it was

Voted: to name three buildings on the Bangor Community College Campus as follows:

210 Texas Avenue - Katahdin Hall
214 Texas Avenue - Schoodic Hall
216 Texas Avenue - Acadia Hall

6. Renovations to Powers Hall, UMM. Dr. Elkins presented a recommendation for improvements to the auditorium in Powers Hall at UMM. Mr. Brown pointed out that this project was made possible through the generosity of an anonymous donor who contributed \$108,000 to upgrade facilities at Machias for the performing arts. On motion of Dr. Elkins which was seconded, it was

Voted: to authorize the expenditures of \$108,000 for alterations to the UMM Powers Hall Auditorium to provide improved facilities for the performing arts.

7. Elevator Installation - UMO. On motion of Dr. Elkins, which was seconded, it was

Voted: to authorize the installation of an elevator in the UMO Memorial Union building, and further authorize the transfer of funds to an appropriate Plant Fund Account to cover the costs of this installation.

8. Naming of Alumni Center - UMO. On motion of Dr. Elkins which was seconded, it was

Voted: to approve the recommendation from UMO for the renaming of the North Hall Alumni Center, as submitted.

9. Energy Conservation Projects. Dr. Elkins presented a recommendation for approval of energy conservation projects to be funded from proceeds of the Bond Referendum approved in November. On motion of Dr. Elkins, which was seconded, it was

Voted: to authorize the energy conservation modifications as follows:

UMO - Extension of Central Energy Management System to 9 additional buildings - \$91,000

Economizer at Central Heating Plant - \$62,000

USM - Replacement of obsolete oil burners in ex-private residences in Portland \$40,000

Economizer at Central Heating Plant - \$41,000

10. Renovations to Machine Tool Lab - UMO. On motion of Dr. Elkins, which was seconded, it was

Voted: to authorize the renovation to the Machine Tool Lab Building on the Orono Campus and further authorize the transfer of \$44,224 to an appropriate Plant Fund to cover the costs of this project.

11. Summary Status Report. Dr. Elkins called attention to the summary report on the status of capital construction and plant repairs which was circulated with materials for the meeting. No action was required and a copy is appended to the file of these minutes.

Educational Policy.

1. Air Force ROTC Program Proposal - UMO. Mr. Monaghan presented a recommendation for initiation of a U.S. Air Force ROTC program at the Orono Campus. He noted that the program would provide opportunities for a projected 50-60 students per year to participate in the national ROTC scholarship program. He moved approval of the recommendation and the motion was seconded. To initiate discussion, UMO Vice President Frederick Hutchinson briefed the Trustees on the development of the program which has been under consideration for three years, and which has been reviewed and approved by the Campus Council of Colleges. Dr. Hutchinson indicated

that the program would be given departmental status in the College of Engineering and Science. He reported that questions have been raised about academic credentials prescribed for ROTC instructors, since the Air Force requires only Master's level training, and he pointed out that there are a number of other programs at Orono which require only Master's level training, as well. He added that any contract with the Air Force would provide for Campus approval of instructors' credentials and that ROTC appointments would be subject to review by a faculty committee, as other academic appointments are. In response to questions from Trustees, Dr. Hutchinson reported that determination of the specific courses which would meet degree requirements would be made on a course by course basis by the faculty of the College. He also reported that women students are eligible to participate and that about one-third of the students in the Army's ROTC program at UMO are women. During discussion, Mr. Beliveau said he thought the designation of the program as the "Department of Aerospace Studies" was not appropriate since the title did not accurately reflect the proposed course matter. He suggested that an amendment might be in order. Vice President Hutchinson responded that the detailed contract had not been worked out and he was confident a change in designation could be negotiated. Dr. Elkins expressed reservations about the intellectual content of the program and strongly urged that counselling be made available to students before they make their final decisions on the advanced course, to insure that students are fully informed of the obligations for senior-level participation. He said some Orono faculty and students thought there had not been sufficient discussion of the program or of the philosophical issue of increased military science on Campus, and he suggested that the proposal be referred to the Educational Policy Committee for further study. During further discussion, it was pointed out that participation in the program would be voluntary and that it had been discussed and approved in the Council of Colleges by a vote of 25-8. Mr. Brown and Mr. Monaghan said the program would offer additional scholarships and career options to those who were interested. There being no further discussion, the Chair called for the vote and with Dr. Russell dissenting, it was

Voted: to approve the Air Force ROTC Program as submitted by the University of Maine at Orono.

2. Voting Degrees. On motion of Mr. Hakanson, which was seconded, it was

Voted: to authorize the awarding of degrees in course for the Fall commencement 1980 and the Spring and Summer commencements for 1981 to those students fully recommended by the appropriate faculties and the Presidents of the respective institutions and/or divisions of the University of Maine.

Student Affairs.

1. Report on the Campus Learning Environment. President Robert Woodbury briefed the Trustees on the status of the administration's review of living conditions and learning environments on the University's campuses, which was requested by the Board at the last meeting. Dr. Woodbury reported that the committee appointed by the Chancellor to coordinate the study has held its first meeting. The committee is chaired by President Silverman and also includes Presidents Olsen, Carlson and Woodbury, and Vice Chancellor Robert Binswanger. Student affairs personnel will attend the next meeting of the committee which will focus on three issues: 1) clarification of the legal issues; 2) nature of contracts between students and the University; and 3) joint stance of the Presidents on the ways residence life is fundamental to and supportive of the educational purposes of the institution. Dr. Woodbury indicated that the Presidents are making major efforts to become more involved with residential life issues and to better understand the dimensions of the problem. During discussion, there were questions about plans for assessing conditions in view of the conflicting information about the scope of the problem. Trustees reiterated that serious problems do exist and that many students are reluctant to speak out for fear of harassment by their peers. Dr. Woodbury said the committee will be trying to obtain an accurate assessment of the situation and will be using such mechanisms as the pulse survey, for instance, to reach students who would be unlikely to express their views publicly. Mr. Reynolds suggested that the committee involve the communities in the process since the local promotion of adult activities tends to complicate some of the campus problems. Chairman Evans thanked the committee for a good start and Chancellor McCarthy said the Trustees would receive regular reports on the Committee's progress.

Finance.

1. Gifts, Grants and Awards. Mr. Brown presented the recommendation for acceptance of gifts, taking note of the large number of gift scholarships. Dr. Elkins suggested that the Trustees be provided with an update on the performance of the no-need athletic scholarship program which was revised in 1978. On motion of Mr. Brown, which was seconded, it was

Voted: to accept with gratitude all gifts, grants
and awards listed under date of December 15,
1980.

Employee Relations.

1. Collective Bargaining Agreement. Mr. Morin moved approval of the collective bargaining agreement with the police unit. The motion was seconded and it was

Voted: to approve the collective bargaining agreement
negotiated by the University with police
unit employees represented by Teamsters Local
Union No. 48, and to authorize the Chancellor
or his designee to conclude the agreement
on behalf of the University.

Other business.

1. Student Activity Fees. Mr. Robinson presented for consideration a resolution he had drafted concerning the assessment of student activity fees. To initiate discussion of the proposal, Mr. Robinson said it would be important to understand that his resolution was not intended to change the authority the Trustees had vested in campus administration to control what takes place on a campus, or to change the availability of dissent in discussion of differing ideas. He indicated that the intent of the proposed resolution was to change the funding of student activities in order that students are not required to support ideas with which they are in disagreement, as a matter of principle. Mr. Robinson moved his resolution:

Effective July 1, 1981, funds received from Student Activity Fees, assessed as a part of the privilege of attending any college or University which is included in the University of Maine system, will be expended for Student Activities other than activities which intend to or tend to propagandize or politicize. Such activities, to the extent they are not in violation of any law, regulation or Campus rule, or rules, will be permitted, at the discretion of the Campus Administration, on a self-funded or voluntarily funded basis.

The motion was seconded. During discussion, Mr. Robinson responded to a request for specific examples of problems that would be resolved by adoption of his resolution, by suggesting that the Distinguished Lecture Series at UMO, for instance, should be funded on a voluntary basis by charging students admission. He also suggested that activity fee revenue possibly is not being used in accordance with the Board's intent. Specifically, he reported that despite the Board's decision two years ago not to allow the Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) to be financed by involuntary contributions from students, he had learned that PIRG is funded on a least one campus by activity fees which he pointed out are collected on an involuntary basis. Chancellor McCarthy suggested that the PIRG issue should be explored briefly since it would illustrate the complexity of the situation, and he asked President Woodbury, on whose Campus PIRG is funded by activity fees, to elaborate. President Woodbury reported that PIRG is a recognized student organization at USM and that it receives funding through the regular student government budget process in competition with other recognized student groups. He said he realized that the Board had decided not to authorize PIRG to have its fee listed on student bills although he had not been aware that this decision would have implications for PIRG's being recognized as a duly constituted student organization by the USM student government. Mr. Robinson reiterated that PIRG funding was not a motivating factor in the development of his resolution and that the question to be considered was wholly one of whether students should be required to involuntarily support activities to which they are opposed. Mr. Brown pointed out that it would be difficult for students to maintain the level of activities currently funded if they were obliged to use voluntary funding and he said these activities are an important part of the

total learning environment of a campus. Mr. Brown spoke further to the difficulty of identifying which activities tend to politicize or propagandize, given the plurality of interests among the students. He said he thought the students should be able to make their own judgements through their duly elected government and that student budget decisions are made through discussion and debate, which he described as a healthy learning experience. After further discussion, Mr. Robinson said it might be desirable to see what changes have taken place over the last ten years in the use of activity fee revenues. He suggested that the resolution be tabled and the staff instructed to provide information on activities which are now financed by activity fees, that weren't so financed ten years ago. On motion of Mr. Richardson, which was seconded, the resolution was tabled until the next meeting.

Chairman Evans called attention to the Chancellor's Report, December 1980, an annual publication containing highlights of University activities and financial statements for the year ending June 30th.

Dr. Evans announced that the next meeting of the Board will be held in Bangor on January 26, 1981.

Adjournment.

JoAnne R. Magill
Clerk, Board of Trustees