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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Executive Committee

October 26, 1981
Bangor Civic Center

PRESENT: Chairman Stanley Evans, Francis Brown, Richard Morin, Elizabeth Russell, Harrison Richardson. Other Trustees: Richard Marshall, Thomas Monaghan, and John Robinson (for part of the meeting). Faculty representatives: Doris Baker, UMA; Steward Doty, UMO; Ralph Jans, UMM; Kenneth Rosin, USM alternate; Rebecca Wanbaugh, UMPI; and Sharon Zimmer-Boucher, UMFK. Student representatives: Robert Haenssler, UMFK; Donald Harris, UMA; Maxelle Smith, UMM; and David Spellman, UMO. Staff: Chancellor McCarthy, William Sullivan, Robert Binswanger; Presidents Carlson, Power, Reynolds, Silverman, Spath and Woodbury. Press and public.

Chairman Evans convened the meeting which is regularly scheduled by the Executive Committee to brief faculty and student representatives on the Board's agenda. Noting that nominations of representatives to serve for the current year have not been completed by all Campuses as yet, he introduced student representative Donald Harris, UMA, and Professor Kenneth Rosen, alternate from USM, who were attending their first meeting. Dr. Evans also extended best wishes to Professor Rebecca Herrick Wanbaugh on her recent marriage.

During discussion of agenda items, Mr. Spellman spoke in support of the recommendation for a change in title for Mr. Alden Stuart who currently serves as Director of Budget and Fiscal Services at UMO. Professor Jans requested a status report on negotiations with the faculty union and inquired whether the Board would entertain comments from the representatives on this subject during the Board meeting, as they had in September. He was informed that there had been no substantive change in the negotiations since the last meeting and that the Board would maintain its regular procedure with the public meeting. Professor Doty announced that the Orono faculty had asked him to transmit two documents to the Trustees, the first being a petition encouraging the Board to request a supplemental appropriation from the Legislature for faculty salaries, and the second a letter signed by faculty who have long-term service at UMO, which urged the Trustees to complete negotiations with AFUM for a suitable contract. On accepting the petitions and the letter, Dr. Evans reported that the University had already submitted a request for a supplemental appropriation, and that this action would be formally announced in the public meeting. Professor Doty said he thought no one realized how large the State surplus would be when the budget request was made originally. Chancellor McCarthy pointed out that the level of the State surplus is irrelevant to the salary issue since any surplus constitutes one-time dollars which cannot be appropriated for continuing expense, such as salaries. Mr. Spellman said he was concerned that the problems over money would become a recurring issue in the future, which he said would be counterproductive. He proposed that the Trustees establish

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an informal committee composed of representatives from the Board, the administration, faculty and student body, to 1) consider the needs of the University, 2) identify available resources, and 3) recommend how these resources could best be tapped. Professor Doty expressed support for this proposal, and Mr. Richardson suggested that it be reported to the Board. Mr. Spellman was asked to commit the proposal to writing and Chairman Evans said he would present it in the public meeting.

Adjournment.

JoAnne R. Magill
Clerk of the Board