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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

University of Southern Maine  
March 28, 1983

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRESENT: Chairman Thomas Monaghan; Patricia DiMatteo, Stanley Evans, Joseph Hakanson, Richard Morin and Harrison Richardson. Other Trustees: Severin Beliveau, Peter Johnston, Richard Marshall, Elizabeth Russell and Ellen Wasserman. Faculty Representatives: Douglas Allen, Rodney Cole, Carol-Ann Hall, Ralph Jans, Harry Kerr, Kenneth Rosen and Sharon Zimmer-Boucher. Student Representatives: Thomas Hamilton, Mark Higgins, Kathleen Hunt and Ronald Woodworth. Staff: Chancellor McCarthy, William Sullivan, Harlan Philippi, Samuel D'Amico.

Chairman Monaghan convened the meeting which is regularly scheduled to brief faculty and student representatives on the Board's agenda.

Mr. Monaghan introduced Peter W. Johnston, newly appointed Trustee. The Chairman announced that the computer presentation scheduled for the public meeting had been given on the previous evening to provide time in the public meeting for Lewiston City officials to discuss their proposal for a University campus to be established in that city.

Mr. Monaghan summarized the substance of other items on the agenda, and asked for discussion of some of the pending legislation which would effect the University. Specifically, there was discussion of the bills which would mandate the appointment of one or more University faculty and students to the Board of Trustees, and of the proposal before the Legislature that would require the Board to set aside some time on its agenda for citizen input. Chancellor McCarthy said the Board may want to consider having a specified period at the beginning of the meeting to receive public comments, and he offered to develop an appropriate format. In response to a question from Mr. Monaghan about the possibility of providing time in the public meeting for the representatives' agenda briefing, Ms. Hunt expressed a preference for maintaining the separate session. Professor Allen said the public meeting would be a better option, particularly if the schedule were tight. Professor Rosen said the separate session would enable the faculty to make a more valuable contribution. Several Trustees spoke to the need for ground rules to insure that the mechanism for public comment would not become a forum for those who have litigation pending against the University, or for discussion of matters subject to collective bargaining.

On the issue of faculty and student trusteeship, Mr. Woodworth said he thought there were enough avenues to the Board, although more effort should be made to educate students to use the avenues that are available. He repeated that the Fort Kent Student Government has taken a position against the student trustee bills. Mr. Higgins reported that USM students would like to have a student Trustee and also have the existing representative structure retained. He asked about the reasons for the Trustees' opposition

to the bill. Several Trustees spoke to the issue of faculty and student trusteeship, noting that they believed Trustees should represent the citizens of Maine as a whole rather than the narrower constituent interests of the faculty or the student body. Professor Allen said he thought the Orono Student Senate would support the bill. He said that while there is no single faculty or student viewpoint, he thought that any faculty or student appointed to the Board would meet the responsibilities of their trusteeship in the broadest sense.

The faculty representatives expressed their concerns for the establishment of a Campus in Lewiston, in view of the scarcity of funds for existing institutions. Mr. Monaghan said he would recommend a feasibility study before any action is considered by the Board and suggested that the representatives communicate their questions and comments to the Chancellor for incorporation into the study.

Mr. Hamilton reported that he would like to share with the Trustees a position paper prepared by the UMA Student Government covering issues raised in the Student Forum held on the Augusta Campus on March 14th. The position paper identifies goals and objectives for improvement of Augusta's academic program, and supports the need for increased tuition revenues to achieve the goals. Mr. Monaghan directed the Clerk to circulate copies to all Trustees.

Professor Allen reported that Orono faculty are concerned about the University's financial crises. He said the effects of inflation have diminished the capacity to operate academic programs to critical levels, and the Orono faculty would like to work with the Chancellor and the Board to lobby for the University's needs. Chancellor McCarthy said the support of the faculty will be very valuable in soliciting Legislators' support. He concurred that the University urgently needs money for the general support of academic programs and he said he proposes to gear the union settlement to appropriated funds, and use a prospective increase in tuition wholly for support of non-salary needs in the academic program. He pointed out that this proposal can be clearly stated in a straight forward way, which will enable all the University's constituents to communicate with Legislators about the institutions needs.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

JoAnne R. Magill  
Clerk