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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 11, 1983
University of Maine at Orono

JOINT SESSION
PHYSICAL PLANT AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

PRESENT: Patricia DiMatteo, Ellen Wasserman, Joseph Hakanson, Robert Dunfey, Richard Morin, Richard Marshall. Other Trustees: Francis Brown, Thomas Monaghan, Harrison Richardson. Faculty Representatives: Carol-Ann Hall, Ralph Jans, Harry Kerr, Sharon Zimmer-Boucher. Student Representatives: James Bowers, Kathleen Hunt, Paul Tyson. Staff: Chancellor McCarthy, William Sullivan, Mary Ann Haas, Richard Eustis, Russell Smith, Constance Carlson, Roland Burns, Frederic Reynolds, Paul Silverman, Judith Sturnick, Helen Greenwood.

Mrs. DiMatteo, Chair of the Physical Plant Committee, presided over the joint session which was scheduled for discussion of physical plant items on the Board's agenda. The items included, among others, proposed request to the Legislature for a capital appropriation, which was circulated earlier by mail to Trustees and subsequently filed prior to the legislative deadline, subject to formal discussion and final approval by the Board at its December meeting.

Chancellor McCarthy presented for discussion a Capital Facilities Plan designed to address the major capital needs of the University over the next five years. The Plan consisted of two phases: Phase I projects were those recommended for funding by the State at this time and submitted in the tentative capital request; Phase II included somewhat less urgent projects which were recommended for formal recognition by the Trustees as slated for future funding. The Chancellor pointed out that the capital requests are long overdue and that the University has forestalled such requests for the last two biennia. He indicated that projects requested would provide for new construction, maintenance of the existing physical plant, and for technological readiness. Campus representatives were invited to elaborate on the specific projects in the capital request.

New Construction

- UMO. Chemical Engineering Building \$3,000,000

President Silverman reported that the proposed addition to Jenness Hall, which would improve teaching and research functions in chemical engineering, has been the top capital priority at Orono for more than a decade. He noted that the Pulp and Paper Foundation annually requests action on this project, and that the pulp and paper industry has pledged \$1.5 million for equipment, once the facility is available.

There was discussion of the need for the Foundation and the industry to take an active role in securing passage of a capital bond issue for the University. It was pointed out that the University's last bond issue in 1978, which failed passage by a narrow margin, was not supported at the polls either by the paper-mill towns or by the Orono student body.

- UMO. Biological Sciences Wing. \$3,000,000
President Silverman said the proposed addition to Hitchner Hall would meet urgent needs for additional space and improved laboratories. There was discussion of the possibilities for identifying and activating support for a bond issue from among the groups who would benefit from expanded and improved facilities.
- USM. Classroom Building. \$3,500,000
Provost Helen Greenwood and Mr. Samuel Andrews, Executive Director for Budget and Institutional Research, provided information on the proposed project. Mr. Andrews reported that classroom space on the Portland Campus is already utilized at maximum capacity. A new building would provide needed classroom and office space for the nursing and allied health programs. In addition, consolidation of the health programs in a new building would release space in other campus facilities which are also seriously overcrowded.

Renovations and Alterations. All Campuses. \$4,000,000

- Mr. Richard Eustis, Assistant Vice Chancellor and Director of Physical Facilities, reported that each Campus had identified its highest priorities and these projects were reviewed to determine where needs could be met through building alterations rather than new construction. Funding for this category would be used to meet OSHA requirements, improve access for the handicapped, and improve space utilization. President Carlson elaborated on the need for modification to Weiden Hall at Presque Isle to accommodate the requirements of the Campus's diverse student population. Executive Dean, Dr. Roland Burns, reported that the priorities for UMFK include renovation of the science laboratory and greenhouse facilities, and expansion of the library to provide more space for the collection and for student study areas.

Computer Facilities. All Campuses. \$3,000,000

- Mr. William Schmidt, Chairman of Mechanical Engineering, and Mr. Gerald Dube, Associate Director, CAPS, described