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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
Board of Trustees

University of Maine at Fort Kent
September 28, 1987

Physical Plant Committee

PRESENT: Chairman Richard Marshall, David Flanagan, Robert Foster, George Wood, Professor Andrew Anderson, and Student Representative Andrew Hanam. Other trustees: Patricia Collins, Teresa Moore, Richard Morin and James Storer. Staff: Chancellor Robert Woodbury, William Sullivan, Richard Bowers, Richard Eustis, George Connick, Barbara Leondar, Dale Lick, Frederic Reynolds, James Roach, and Patricia Plante.

Chairman Richard Marshall convened the meeting. He reported that members of the Committee had visited Campus facilities on the previous day to enable new members to become familiar with the local Campus and for the Committee to view firsthand any problem areas in the physical plant. Mr. Richard Bouchard, who has staff responsibility for facilities at Fort Kent, escorted the Committee on its inspection. The Chairman thanked Mr. Bouchard and noted that the Committee would tour each Campus's facilities, in conjunction with the meetings of the Board of Trustees.

Chancellor Woodbury reported that the capital planning process was on course in preparation for Board consideration of a bond issue request on the November agenda. He called attention to the background material circulated for the meeting which contained a summary of the information requested from Campus administrations as input for rank-ordering system-wide priorities and subsequent development of the University System's Capital Plan. Mr. Flanagan commended this initiative which he said was most helpful to the Committee and the Board.

In response to a question about progress in obtaining bonding authority for the University, Vice Chancellor William Sullivan reported that the issue was still an important one although the question of enabling legislation had been deferred during the recent change of State administration. He noted that under current law the University has very limited power to borrow money and no authority to pledge the University's assets or to issue bonds. He said the University would not be interested in borrowing money for academic buildings. However, if bonding authority were available to the University, the institution would be eligible for very favorable interest rates and it would then be feasible to borrow for construction of revenue-producing facilities such as dormitories.

Mr. Sullivan said that at the present time a draft bill was being considered by the Audit and Performance Review Committee which is engaged in its legislatively mandated evaluation of the University System. He said he thought the Committee members were sympathetic to the need for legislation of some kind. Audit Committee staff, Mr. Lock Kiermaier, was present and he concurred with Mr. Sullivan's interpretation of the Committee's position, and reported that the matter will be pursued further at its next meeting.

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Mr. Richard Eustis, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities, briefed the Physical Plant Committee on a proposal for leasing office and studio space in Portland for the Maine Public Broadcasting Network, an item of business which had come up too late to be included in materials circulated for the meeting. The matter was referred for action to the meeting of the full Board.

Chancellor Woodbury called attention to the status report on capital construction projects which is presented for information on a periodic basis, noting that projects authorized in the last bond issue are underway and progress on these is included in the report.

Adjournment.

JoAnne R. Magill
Clerk