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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM  
Board of Trustees

University of Maine at Presque Isle  
March 26, 1987

Joint Session  
Student Affairs and Finance Committees

PRESENT: Geneva Kirk, Chair, Student Affairs; Richard Marshall, Teresa Moore, Patricia Schroth, Stewart Smith. David Flanagan, Chair, Finance; Robert Dunfey, Harrison Richardson. Other Trustees: Eve Bither, Thomas Monaghan, James Storer. Faculty Representatives: Rodney Cole, Douglas Dunlap, Carol-Ann Hall, William Little, Julia Watkins, Sharon Zimmer-Boucher. Student Representatives: David Angotti, Kenneth Fredette, Daniel Tremble, Paul Warren.

Student Life Fee, UM. President Dale Lick, UM, presented the item for discussion. The Campus wants to offer programs and services to students that would enrich their educational experience. Currently, funds for such activities are drawn from the E&G budget. Dr. Lick pointed out that sister land-grant universities charge a fee for such programs while the University of Maine draws from the E&G budget. The fee would allow the freed E&G monies to be spent on other urgent needs. The proposed Student Life Fee would provide:

- free admission to athletic events
- free basic health service
- additional Student Union programs
- music/art/dance programs
- four admissions to the Maine Center for the Arts.

Trustee Geneva Kirk asked if the fee proposal was presented to the students prior to coming to the Board. Dr. Lick answered that the proposal was presented campus-wide involving the athletic services, the health-care services, and the Memorial Union. The Student Senate approved the original concept. An informal poll was taken on campus and students favored an optional rather than mandatory fee. In addition, the Maine Campus newspaper, which has wide campus circulation, had reviewed the fee concept. He added that the current proposal, as presented, had not been as widely circulated.

Trustee Monaghan asked in what areas of the E&G Budget would money be saved and if such savings could be used for financial aid. Dr. Lick answered that savings would occur in the areas of health and athletics and the undesignated funds could be used for financial aid.

Daniel Tremble, UM Student Representative, said that the mandatory fee on top of the proposed Fall tuition and room and board increases would come as a hardship to low and moderate income students. He mentioned the Visiting Committee recommendation on keeping student costs low. He said

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that other land-grant institutions charged a higher student life fee, but they also paid higher faculty salaries. He said the University of Maine was playing catch-up in the wrong area. He went on to say that aside from child-care services, the off-campus/non-traditional student would not benefit from the fee. It was pointed out that the student community as a whole would benefit, however.

John O'Dea, an off-campus UM student, reiterated Mr. Tremble's observations and added that the review committee had not considered whether the fee should be proportional for part-time students, nor had the use of the undesignated funds been firmly established. He also questioned why the administration would control the funds generated by the fee and was informed that only certain fees are administered by the student government.

Matthew Kimball, a USM student, said that the students at his campus were interested in the outcome of this proposal, since such a mandatory fee concept could be introduced on other campuses of the System. It was his observation that the UM student body had not had much input into the proposal; that commuter students would benefit from the fee the least; and that the money saved from the E&G budget should be clearly assigned.

Dwight Rideout, UM Assistant Vice President and Dean of Student Services, who was Chair of the Mandatory Fee Committee, stated that many campus committees had been involved in the development of the fee proposal. He stated that the fee offered students the opportunity to enhance their educational experience.

Athletic Fees, USM. USM Interim President Harlan Philippi presented the proposed fee. He explained that the fee would improve the Gorham Campus fitness center, bring intramural sports up to par, and provide some fitness activities to off-campus personnel.

Adjournment.

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