Board of Trustees Meeting


Trustee Sally Vamvakias, Chair, convened the meeting.

1. Citizen Comment. Citizen Comment is a period during the Board meeting regularly set aside to receive comments from the public. One person had signed up to speak.

   Suzanne Moulton, a classified employee from the University of Maine campus, spoke to the perceived discrepancy in retirement benefits between professional and classified employees of the System. She urged the Board to consider the plight of classified employees and their request for a higher percentage match in retirement benefits.

   Trustee Vamvakias responded that while the issue is one which will be settled during contract negotiations, she said that the Board joined Ms. Moulton and the people who had accompanied her to the meeting in hoping that progress will be forthcoming.

2. Acceptance of Minutes. The minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held on March 23-24, 1997, were ACCEPTED as written.

3. Chair's Remarks.

   Report of Nominating Committee. Trustee Skinner, Chair of the Nominating Committee, proposed the following slate of officers for the period July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998: Sally G. Vamvakias as Chair and George W. Wood III as Vice Chair. On motion made and seconded, it was

   VOTED: to approve the slate of officers as presented.

   Trustee Vamvakias thanked the Board for their support for her second term as Chair.

   Appointment to Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation Board. On motion made and seconded, it was

   VOTED: That Bennett Katz be appointed to the MPBC Board.
Memorial to Constance Carlson. Trustee George Wood read the following memorial in honor of Constance Carlson, former President of the University of Maine at Presque Isle:

Those of us who had the honor and the privilege to know Constance H. Carlson were saddened by the news of her death this past week.

Dr. Constance H. Carlson was a very special kind of educator, and we are very fortunate that so much of her professional life was spent with the University of Maine System. In the classroom, she was a creative and dedicated professor who brought out the best in her students; as an academic administrator, she was a talented and astute leader who set high standards and inspired people to work together. As a member of the boards of the Bangor Public Library, Husson College, the Bangor YWCA, Wellspring Inc., and the Maine Community Foundation, she willingly shared her experience and energy.

We can also aptly describe her as a woman of many famous “firsts.” In 1971 she was the first woman to be selected as the outstanding professor of the year at the University of Maine. She was the first woman dean at University College in Bangor, a post she held from 1972 to 1979. She went on to become the first woman president in the University of Maine System, serving as the president of the University of Maine at Presque Isle from 1981 to 1986.

Connie Carlson’s life was rich in academic and civic accomplishments and contributions. She was a true professional who got the job done and immensely enjoyed doing it. More importantly, she made it fun for those who worked with her, and her sense of humor endeared her to all who knew her. She will be missed by her students, her colleagues, and those of us who were fortunate enough to be her friend.

Departing Trustees. Trustee Vamvakias took note of the departure of Trustees Patricia Collins and Frederic Reynolds whose terms were to expire on May 26.

Trustee Vamvakias stated that Trustee Reynolds offered a unique perspective during Trustee negotiation because of his extensive knowledge of the campus environment. She said the Board acknowledges his participation with gratitude and extends to him its appreciation for his years of service to public higher education.

Trustee Vamvakias stated that some people are destined to leave their community and State a better place than when they first became involved and for a decade the University of Maine System has been privileged to have had such an individual in its midst. She said Trustee Collins was a force for education and social progress from one end of the State to the other and everyone has benefitted in one way or another from her tireless work. Trustee Collins guided with integrity, served with honor, and led with conviction. Trustee Vamvakias said the Board is grateful to have had her leadership.

4. Chancellor's Report. Chancellor Terrence MacTaggart thanked President Pattenaude and his colleagues for hosting a successful Board meeting.

President Pattenaude said he was delighted to have the Board and reported that USM has broken ground for an ice arena and field house which should be completed by January.

Telecommunications and Information Technology. President Pattenaude shared the final report of the Task Force on Telecommunications and Information Technology noting that it was one year in the
making. He said he worked with a delightful group of people who visited all campuses and centers, including ENM and CAPS. He also expressed gratitude for the support from the System Offices. President Pattenaude said the recommendations contained within the document can be implemented as the Chancellor sees fit.

Chancellor MacTaggart thanked President Pattenaude and the Task Force for their work and the resulting report.

**Appointment of President Emeritus, Education Network of Maine.** Trustee Penny Harris read the following recommendation. On motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to endorse the appointment of Dr. George P. Connick as President Emeritus of the Education Network of Maine.

**Appointment of President Emeritus, University of Maine.** On motion of Trustee Harris, which was seconded, it was

VOTED: to endorse the appointment of Dr. Frederick E. Hutchinson as President Emeritus of the University of Maine.

**FINANCE.** Trustee John DiMatteo, Chair, reported for the Committee.

5. **FY98 Student Fees.** The material on FY98 Student Fees was included for information only and will come to the Board for action at the July Board meeting.

6. **Gifts, Grants and Awards.** Trustee DiMatteo reported that gifts and bequests received since the last meeting totaled $4,062,610.00. The total for FY97 gifts of cash submitted to the Board of Trustees for acceptance exceeded $12.9 million, which is the highest yearly total ever reported.

   Trustee DiMatteo said there were two notable issues to be reported and they are as follows:

   Trustee Harris reported that she had the privilege of attending the celebration of a successful capital campaign at the University of Maine at Farmington for the campus and community libraries. One hundred and eighty volunteers were honored, along with 2300 contributors who raised $1.5 million. Trustee Harris said that it was an excellent example of what good philanthropic work can produce along with community support.

   President Pattenaude thanked Trustee Albert Glickman for his generous gift of real estate valued at over $1 million which will go toward the completion of the Campus library. He said the Campus is most appreciative of both Trustee Glickman and his wife Judith.

   On motion of Trustee DiMatteo, which was seconded, it was

   VOTED: to accept with gratitude all gifts, grants and awards listed under date of May 19, 1997.

7. **FY98 Tuition Rates.** The FY98 Tuition Rates were included in the agenda for information only.

**PHYSICAL PLANT.** Trustee Albert Glickman, Chair, reported for the Committee.

8. Memorial Union Expansion and Renovation, UM. UM President Frederick Hutchinson presented the
recommendation to expand and renovate the Memorial Union. He noted that the students concurred that they would have to help pay a portion of the cost. On motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Trustees authorize an $8.8 million project to renovate and expand the Memorial Union building at the University of Maine, with $800,000 coming from Campus Living/Dining Services Reserve and the Bookstore Reserve and the balance from issuance of University Bonds, the debt service on bonds to be provided by private fund raising and student fees. Further, that the Board of Trustees approve and adopt the Declaration of Official Intent pursuant to Treasury Regulations subsection 1.150-2 as amended.

9. Sports and Recreation Stadium and Field Project, UM. President Hutchinson presented the recommendation to build a sports and recreation stadium and field project. He reported that the total cost of the project will be $5 million. The Campus has received a $2.5 million gift and there is a $1.5 million gift from the Moss family. On motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to authorize a Sports and Recreation Stadium and Field Project at a cost of $5 million, with all costs to be covered by private funding. Any temporary funding pending receipt of private funding is to be provided by either an internal loan or the issuance of University bonds. Further, in the event bond funding is required, that the Board of Trustees approve and adopt the Declaration of Official Intent pursuant to Treasury Regulations subsection 1.150-2 as amended.

STUDENT AFFAIRS. Trustee Bennett Katz, Chair pro-tem, reported for the Committee.

10. Revised Student Conduct Code. On motion of Trustee Katz, which was seconded, it was

VOTED: to approve the proposed revisions to the University of Maine System Student Conduct Code.

PERSONNEL & EMPLOYEE RELATIONS. Trustee Penny Harris, Chair, reported for the Committee.

11. Appointment, Cooperative Extension Program Administrator, UM. On motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to approve the appointment of Mr. Douglas G. Babkirk, Extension Professor, as Program Administrator for Cooperative Extension at the University of Maine for a five-year term, effective April 1, 1997, and that Mr. Babkirk retain, for the duration of his administrative term, the $10,000 base salary increase which he began receiving when he was appointed Acting Program Administrator on September 19, 1994, therefore leaving his base salary for this full-time, fiscal-year appointment unchanged at $63,777. At the time Mr. Babkirk returns to his faculty appointment his salary will be reduced by $10,000. If the difference between the salary increases approved for represented faculty is greater than that for non-represented faculty during his administrative term, Mr. Babkirk’s salary would be adjusted accordingly.

12. Appointment, Chair, Department of Communication Disorders, UM. On motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to approve the appointment of Dr. D. Kimbrough Oller as Professor and Chairperson of the Department of Communication Disorders at the University of Maine effective August 1, 1997, at an
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academic-year salary of $70,000 plus an annual administrative stipend of $2,000 resulting in a total salary of $72,000. Dr. Oller’s appointment as chair will be for a five-year term. His appointment as Professor will be for two years with tenure consideration during the 1998-1999 academic year.

13. **Appointment, Director, MBA Program, UM.** On motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to approve the appointment of Dr. John K. Ford, Professor of Finance, as Director of the MBA Program in the College of Business Administration at the University of Maine for a three-year term, effective September 1, 1997, with an annual stipend of $6,000 resulting in an academic-year salary of $83,085.

14. **Appointment, Assistant Professor of Accounting, UM.** On motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to approve the appointment of Ms. Darlene Bay as Assistant Professor of Accounting in the College of Business Administration at the University of Maine for a one-year term, effective September 1, 1997, at an academic-year salary of $68,000.

15. **Personnel Actions for Trustee Approval** On motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to approve the list of salary adjustments as submitted.

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS.** Trustee George Wood, Chair, reported for the Committee.

16. **Libra Professor of Environmental Economics, UM.** President Hutchinson presented the recommendation of Dr. Kevin Boyle as Libra Professor of Environmental Economics at the University of Maine. During discussion, Trustee DiMatteo questioned whether or not an appointment such as Dr. Boyle’s could be renewed and when President Hutchinson answered that he assumed it could Trustee DiMatteo said he was not sure that was what the donor intended. He asked that a meeting be scheduled at some point to consider the terms of the Libra professorships, especially the responsibility of the Board in overseeing them.

On motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to approve the appointment of Dr. Kevin Boyle as Libra Professor of Environmental Economics in the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture at the University of Maine for a five-year term, commencing September 1, 1997, with an annual stipend of $10,000.

17. **Libra Professor of History, UM.** On motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to approve the appointment of Dr. Scott See as Libra Professor of History in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Maine effective September 1, 1997, for a three-year term, with a stipend of $10,000 per year and an additional $1,000 per year for research and professional development activities.

**GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS.** The following items were included for information only.

- Third Quarter Maintenance Expenditures
- Construction Status Report
- Summary of Current Statistics
- Board Agenda Calendar
DATE OF NEXT MEETING. The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be July 14, 1997, at the System Offices in Bangor.

Adjournment.

Sandra F. Johnson for
Mary Ann Haas, Clerk