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University of Maine Trustees Authority 17

June 9, 1976

Honorable Richard Davies
53 North Main Street
Orono, Maine 04473

Dear Representative Davies:

This is in reply to your letter of May 17 addressed to the Attorney General, with reference to the authority of the trustees of the University of Maine to make rules and regulations for the control, movement and parking of vehicles on campus.

The matter is covered by the Private and Special Laws of 1865, Chapter 532, as amended by P.L. 1971, Ch. 544, which provides in pertinent part, as follows:

"The trustees may make rules and regulations for the control, movement and parking of vehicles within the limits of the property owned by or under the control of the university. . . ."

Your question is whether this provision gives the trustees exclusive power to make these regulations, or whether the president of a campus may do so. The answer is that the power is exclusive with the trustees.

By P & S 1865, Chap. 532, all power to operate what is now the University of Maine was vested in the trustees. There has been no amendment to those laws pertaining to the subject other than the one quoted above. The campus presidents have had no power in this regard delegated to them, nor do they have any inherent power of regulation.

I am informed that in 1976 the trustees adopted pertinent rules and regulations.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: George Shur, Esq.