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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE

January 18, 1972

Bangor, Maine

PRESENT: Chairman Mrs. Jean Sampson, H. R. Brown, L. M. Cutler, S. J. Evans, C. R. McGary, N. Y. Wessell and Clerk J. R. Magill. Staff: D. R. McNeil, S. L. Freeman, A. S. Buswell, L. J. P. Calisti, L. J. Jewett, W. C. Libby, E. A. Olson, S. F. Salwak, R. J. Spath, A. C. McGuinness and W. N. Robersen. Also present by invitation of the Chairman, three students from the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham, as observers: Beth Singer, Sue Stocker and Kathy Casasa.

Chairman Sampson convened the meeting.

On motion of Mrs. Sampson, which was seconded, the minutes of the meeting of the Educational Policy Committee held November 17, 1971, were approved as circulated.

New programs - approval policy. The Committee reviewed action taken at the November meeting which delegated responsibility for approval of new academic majors and minors to the administration. After discussion of problems which have arisen, the Committee VOTED to recommend that the Board

- a) rescind the November 18, 1971 vote on this subject and,
- b) retain the current definition of new programs and current proposal procedures,
- c) authorize the Chancellor to approve new academic programs when, in his judgment, the proposed programs do not establish a significantly new role for the Campus,
- d) require Chancellor-approved programs to be reported to the Board for their information and records.

Intercollegiate sports. The staff asked the Committee to consider and make recommendations on the question of Board approval of intercollegiate sports and athletic programs. After discussion, there was consensus that total expenditures for athletics should be reviewed through the budget process and that athletic programs should be considered on the same basis as academic programs, but there seemed to be no necessity for Board consideration of proposals to add individual sports to Campus offerings. On motion of Dr. Wessell, the Committee VOTED to amend item c) in its recommendation (above) to the Board concerning approval of new programs to include both academic and athletic programs.

Department title change - UIMP. The Committee discussed and agreed to recommend Board approval of a change of title for the Department of Industrial Arts and Vocational Education, UMP-G, to Department of Industrial Education and Technology.

Chairman Sampson recessed the meeting for the supper hour, and the Committee reconvened later in the evening to consider the remaining items on the agenda.

New Programs

B.A. (Music), UMP-G. The Committee discussed and agreed to report favorably on a recommendation to establish a Bachelor of Arts in Music at the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham.

A.A. (Data Processing) - UMA. The Committee discussed and agreed to report favorably on a proposal to establish an Associate of Arts in Data Processing at the University of Maine at Augusta.

Dr. McGary announced that the Joint Committee of the Board of Trustees and the State Board of Education would delegate full responsibility for screening of new program proposals to the staff committee, and that the Joint Committee would continue to meet occasionally to discuss mutual concerns.

Named Professorships and Chairs. The Committee had delayed reporting to the Board on a policy statement for named professorships and chairs approved September 22, 1971, to permit further discussion of questions raised subsequent to initial approval. The statement had been revised and resubmitted. On motion of Dr. Wessell, the Committee VOTED to recommend that the Board adopt the revised statement as policy for the University.

Governance Documents - approval procedures. Several constitutions for various organizations within the University were on the agenda and prior to discussion of the individual documents, the staff asked the Committee to consider the possibility that procedures for approval of governance documents should be clarified and formalized. There was consensus that the Board should retain responsibility for approval of the governance instruments for system-wide governing or advisory bodies and that responsibility for approval of like documents for Campus organizations could be delegated to the administration. The Committee agreed to recommend that the Board refer the matter to the ad hoc committee on by-laws revision for designation of appropriate areas of responsibility.

UMOSG Constitution. There was informal discussion of the constitution of the University of Maine Organization of Student Governments which is currently being circulated among the Campus student government groups for ratification.

Proposed fraternity - UMPI. A proposal to establish Omega Sigma Beta Fraternity Delta Chapter, at the University of Maine at Presque Isle was declared to meet the Board's general guidelines. There was consensus that responsibility for approval should rest with the local Campus and the Committee VOTED to refer the proposal back to President Salwak.

Constitution - College Assembly, UMEK. During discussion of the document there were further comments on procedures for approval and the staff was instructed to draft guidelines which could be applied by the Chancellor to governance documents for Campus-wide organizations, and to submit these to the Committee for consideration and action. Pending some revision of procedures, the Committee VOTED to recommend Board approval of the constitution for the College Assembly of the University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Adjournment.

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Clerk, Board of Trustees