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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 29, 1975 Bangor, Maine

Educational Policy Committee

PRESENT: Chairman John C. Donovan, Lawrence M. Cutler, Cynthia A. Murray-Beliveau, Susan R. Kominsky, Jean Sampson, Richard Curtis and John K. Steinbaugh. Staff: Stanley L. Freeman, Jr., Mary Ann Haas and Paul C. Dunham.

The minutes of the December 3, 1974 meeting were approved without reading.

Political Activity. Dr. Donovan opened the meeting by introducing a paper on political activity. On motion of Ms. Kominsky which was seconded, the Committee unanimously VOTED to reaffirm the Trustee policy on political acitvities. A copy of the policy is appended to the file of these minutes.

Ms. Kominsky moved that the Chancellor and Administrative Council be asked to formulate guidelines for implementation of the political activity policy. The motion was seconded and VOTED.

Tenure. The Committee discussed faculty concerns about its review of tenure. There was general agreement that the Committee supported tenure and were seeking ways to improve the procedures for granting tenure.

1968 AAUP. Dr. Freeman listed three areas in which Trustee policy deviates from the 1968 Recommended Institutional Regulations on Academic Freedom and Tenure.

- Legally guaranteed rights of persons in the former state colleges on continuing contract status
- 2. Appeals and Grievances procedures provide for different sequential steps for due process
- The amount of previous service at another institution which may be credited to the probationary period

There was discussion of whether or not the Trustee policy should specifically note these deviations.

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Other subjects for continuing discussion include the seven year up or out policy, promotion of associate professors and the place of tenure in collective bargaining.

Adjournment.

Taken from a tape recording of the session.

Margaret R. Dexter Clerk, Board of Trustees