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DATE: 7/19/78

May 24, 1978

Bangor, Maine

CLERK: _____

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EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE

PRESENT: Chairman John Donovan, Patricia DiMatteo, Susan Kominsky, Sawin Millett, Artemus Weatherbee, Nils Wessell, Daniel O'Leary and Frank Doran. Other Trustees: Stanley Evans, Bernard Carpenter, Robert Masterton, Thomas Monaghan, Ellen Platz, Joseph Hakanson, James Page, Francis Brown. Staff: Chancellor McCarthy, Robert Binswanger, Mary Ann Haas, Russell Smith, Barnett Shur, Sumner Bernstein, Howard Neville, Arthur Buswell, Donald Beattie, Einar Olsen, Kenneth Allen, Richard Spath. Press and public.

Chairman Donovan convened the meeting.

University of Maine at Portland-Gorham Academic Plan. Dr. Richard Spath, Academic Planner, briefed the Committee on the status of the academic planning which is underway. The staff has been working toward implementation of the institutional objectives approved by the Board at the January meeting and Dr. Spath indicated that the planning report should be completed by the end of June.

Greenbook Activities. Vice Chancellor Binswanger presented a progress report on the implementation of recommendations from the ad hoc Committee on Academic Planning. He indicated that the planning document being developed at Portland-Gorham will be completed by June. In response to questions about a timetable for Board review, Dr. Donovan indicated that the final report would be circulated to Trustees by June 30 which would provide time for study of the document prior to Board discussion which will take place at the July meeting. Mr. Weatherbee inquired about the status of Greenbook recommendations on transfer and University professorships. The Chancellor discussed some of the related problems inherent in the transfer issue and described the work which is underway to bring together the information a subcommittee will need. In response to questions about the need for target dates, Dr. Donovan pointed out that there had been considerable progress in implementation of Greenbook recommendations on the whole, and suggested it would be appropriate for the Board to reassert priorities and establish deadlines wherever it feels insufficient progress has been made. After further discussion and on motion of Mr. Weatherbee, which was seconded, it was

VOTED: to ask the staff to move ahead with the appointment of the Trustee Subcommittee on Transfer and to provide a preliminary report on the scope of the transfer problems by September 1st. The staff may establish a supplementary faculty task force to assist the Subcommittee as soon as is practicable.

Dr. Donovan suggested that Trustees review Greenbook recommendations to identify any other areas of concern for discussion at the July meeting.

University College of Education. Dr. Donovan introduced Dr. Harlan Philippi, UMP-G, and Dean Ross Fearon, UMF, who were invited to present the final plan for the University College of Education in accordance with Board action on the Greenbook recommendations for Teacher Education in May, 1977. Dr. Philippi,

Director of Program Planning for a University College of Education, briefly reviewed the process through which the final report and its recommendations had been developed. After these preliminary remarks, the presentation focussed on the document "University College of Education: Objectives, Structures, Programs and Responsibilities," which had been circulated for Board review prior to the meeting. Dr. Philippi and Dean Fearon further elaborated on the extensive input to the development process by the various constituency groups both from within and outside the University. Dean Fearon discussed the relation of the proposed structure to the existing structure. During discussion, they responded to questions from committee members who were interested in the lead campus concept, the potential for individual initiative within the proposed educational development center, and staffing needs. After further discussion, Committee members commended the staff for proposal development and on motion made and seconded, it was Voted to recommend Board approval of the plan as proposed.

Program Approval Procedures. Dr. Binswanger took note of two new programs which he had inadvertently authorized prior to Board approval: BS in Survey Engineering, UMO, and BS in Health Science, UMF. On motion made and seconded, the Committee Voted to approve both.

Dr. Binswanger further reported that the University Program Planning Review Committee has received eight intents-to-plan. A status report will be available for the Committee at the July meeting.

Adjournment.

JoAnne R. Magill
Clerk of the Board

