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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE

November 17, 1971

Gorham, Maine

PRESENT: Chairman Mrs. Jean Sampson, H. R. Brown, S. J. Evans, N. Y. Wessell and Clerk J. R. Magill. Staff: D. R. McNeil, S. L. Freeman, L. J. P. Calisti, E. A. Olsen, W. J. MacLeod, A. F. Mayo and delegation of faculty from P-G.

Chairman Sampson convened the meeting.

On motion of Dr. Brown, it was

VOTED: to approve the minutes of the meeting
of September 22, 1971, as distributed.

Non Trustees membership on Board Committees. Dr. Freeman reported that he had contacted the University of Maine Organization of Student Governments and the Faculty Liaison Council on the matter of faculty and student representation on Board committees. UMOSG was receptive and requested that students be appointed in numbers to equal the Trustee membership. The Faculty Liaison Council made no commitment pending the constitution of a new Council early in 1972. After discussion, it was agreed that the Educational Policy Committee should be expanded to include one student and one faculty member. There was further consensus that the Committee should present the question of student and faculty representation on other standing committees, to the full Board for discussion and guidance.

Social fraternities at former State Colleges. In response to questions from Dr. Freeman, the Committee indicated that the charter of social fraternities established at the former State Colleges prior to the merger should be reviewed for conformity to University policy prohibiting racial or religious restrictions. Dr. Freeman will have a report for a later meeting.

New Program - UMO. It was moved, seconded and

VOTED: to recommend Board approval of an M.Ed
(Student Personnel Work in Higher Education)
for the University of Maine at Orono.

Psychology minor - UMF. After discussion, there was consensus that the question of additional minors is a matter to be delegated to the Presidents, with a provision for review and approval by the Chancellor.

Disciplinary Code - UMP-G. The Committee agreed to report favorably on a recommendation to designate a single disciplinary code for the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham.

Faculty Delegation - Portland-Gorham governance procedures. At the request of the Chancellor and the Chairman of the Board, Mrs. Sampson had agreed to reserve time on the agenda to hear statements from a Portland-Gorham faculty delegation. The group requested clarification of the Board's intent with respect to the role of the faculty in university governance. A copy of a statement prepared by the delegation is appended to the file of these minutes. Following a discussion of the group's concerns, Mrs. Sampson assured the delegation that the Portland-Gorham administration had been faithful to the intent of the Board in the implementation of governance procedures. The Committee was agreed that the delegation should have the option to address a meeting of the full Board, however, and on motion of Dr. Wessell, it was VOTED that a representative of the group be allocated a limited amount of time on the agenda of the public meeting to make a statement to the Board of Trustees, if they wished to do so.

The delegation thanked the Committee and departed with the understanding that they would notify the Chairman of the Board if they decided to accept the invitation to make a statement in the public meeting.

Leave of absence. There was discussion of the Chancellor's recommendation that a leave-of-absence be granted to Professor Allen Pease, UMP-G, to enable Professor Pease to accept an appointment in the Governor's Office for the remainder of his term of office. On motion of Dr. Brown, the Committee VOTED to report favorable on the recommendation.

On motion of Dr. Wessell, the staff was directed to review current policies pertaining to leaves-of-absence and to present recommendations for necessary revisions to the Committee at the next meeting.

Endowed Chairs and Professorships. The policy statement on endowed chairs and professorships will be reviewed again before the Committee makes a final report to the Board and this matter was referred to the January meeting for further discussion.

Indian Scholarships. The Committee discussed a staff recommendation designed to broaden opportunities in higher education for North American Indians living in Maine. The recommendation provided for waiver of tuition and University fees at any campus of the University for eligible Indians. The Committee endorsed the program and expressed interest in the inclusion of a waiver of board and room charges if this could be subsidized by the University rather than absorbed by other dormitory students. On motion of Dr. Wessell the Committee VOTED to recommend Board approval of the Indian Scholarships, and that some provision for the subsidization of room and board fees be incorporated into the program.

Policy on equal opportunity. On motion of Dr. Wessell, the Committee

VOTED: to recommend that the Board of Trustees approve the policy statement on equal opportunity, as submitted.

Adjournment.

JoAnne R. Magill
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Clerk, Board of Trustees