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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 14, 1972
at UMP-G (Gorham)

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APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Date Sept. 20, 1972
By: JoAnne K. Magill, Clerk

EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE

PRESENT: N. Y. Wessell, Chairman pro tem, S. J. Evans, R. B. Thomson and F. Stevenson. Staff: S. L. Freeman, A. S. Buswell, L. J. P. Calisti, E. A. Olsen and S. F. Salwak, W. J. MacLeod, W. H. Slavick (late).

Chairman Sampson was unable to attend and Dr. Wessell presided as Chairman pro tem.

The minutes of the meeting of March 14, 1972 were approved as distributed.

Constitutions. Procedures for approval of constitutions and governance documents had been placed on the agenda for further clarification. There was discussion of a recommendation drafted by Chancellor McNeil which had been presented for the reaction of Trustees and Presidents at an informal session of the Board and Administrative Council on June 13th. The recommendation provided for the delegation of authority to the Chancellor for approval of Campus governance documents. It was the consensus of the Committee that the role of the Board should be to set general policy guidelines for documents developed by and for campus governing bodies and that responsibility for application of the guidelines should rest with the administration. After further discussion, the Committee voted to recommend
1) that the Board adopt the Chancellor's statement concerning approval of campus governance documents and,
2) that the constitutions for UMO and UMF student senates and the University Senate at UMPI, which were on the agenda for Committee review, be referred to the Chancellor for approval or disapproval.

It was agreed that the Board should consider the establishment of further broad principles and guidelines for constitutions and the Committee agreed to discuss and define some of these policy areas at a future meeting.

There was consensus that the Board should retain authority to approve governance documents for system-wide groups and the Committee reviewed constitutions submitted for the University of Maine Organization of Student Governments and the Faculty Liaison Council.

UMOSG constitution. Dr. Freeman reported that the Chancellor objected to certain sections of this constitution which provided that UMOSG might make recommendations directly to the Board of Trustees, the Governor and the Legislature, and submitted suggestions for amendments. After extensive discussion, it was moved, seconded and (with one dissenting vote as noted*)

VOTED: 1) to recommend approval of the UMOSG constitution with amendment to Article II, Section a: (addition underlined) ". . . to the Chancellor, and through the Chancellor, to the Board of Trustees. . ." and,

UMOSG constitution. (Cont'd)

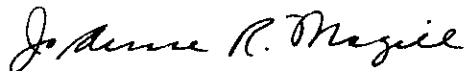
- 2) with the deletion of Article II, section b.
(*Mr. Stevenson cast a dissenting vote on this recommendation.)

Faculty Liaison Council. After review and discussion, the Committee VOTED to recommend Board approval of the constitution for the Faculty Liaison Council.

Transferability of academic credit. There was informal discussion of the current status of in-system transfer of academic credit. Mr. Stevenson commented on some of the problems students face in this area and Dr. Freeman reported that his office was monitoring the continuing efforts of the University faculties to resolve some of these problems. Dr. Freeman will keep the Committee advised of developments and there will be more detailed reports at future meetings.

Adjournment.

From a tape recording of the session.



JoAnne R. Magill
Clerk, Board of Trustees