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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 12, 1972
Augusta

EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE

PRESENT: Chairman Jean Sampson, S. J. Evans, N. Y. Wessell, R. B. Thomson. Staff: D. R. McNeil, S. L. Freeman and W. N. Robersen.

Chairman Sampson convened the meeting which had been called to discuss the federal Educational Amendments of 1972 and to formulate, on behalf of the Board, an appropriate response to Governor Curtis' invitation to comment on his proposal to institute a 1202 Commission.

Chancellor McNeil reviewed the legislative history and requirements in the law. He explained the difference of opinion between Governor Curtis and Senator Katz as to the method of creating a Maine 1202 Commission. He indicated there is no immediate prospect for funding the Educational Amendments of 1972 and the 1202 Commission. Chancellor McNeil reported Commissioner McGary wants to see a coordinating board responsible for kindergarten through graduate school.

After extended discussion, the Committee agreed on the following:

1. The Chancellor should reply at an early date to the Governor expressing the committee opinion and indicating that the full Board will be given a briefing and may make a statement in November.
2. The Board should consider the matter in November. Dr. McNeil should report the Governor's reaction to EP before November meeting.
3. The proposed membership of the Commission should be changed to give more weight to enrollment of Maine students.
4. The membership should have staggered terms with representation as follows:

University of Maine	2	VTI	1
Private	2	Ex Officio	2
Proprietary	1	General Public	7
5. The Board should keep silent on Maine Maritime Academy.
6. The Board should keep silent on the question of large vs. small private institutions.
7. We should find out the numbers and enrollments of proprietary and private institutions before final decision on distribution of membership.

8. There is objection to the proposal that the state plan and the advisory council members have Governor approval before being transmitted to Washington.
9. The Commission should make "comments and recommendations" on specific applications. This is to conform to language of the law.
10. The Commission should be administratively located in the State Planning Office for fiscal management purposes.
11. The role of the Commission should be restricted to planning.
12. The language should be changed to remove the difference in who may represent an institution between public and private. (Draft states "operating head" of public institution.)
13. We take no stand on the Executive Order vs. legislation issue.
14. The Board should be invited to suggest candidates for the "general public" membership.
15. There should be further discussion of representation of the diploma nursing schools.

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