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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 25, 1973
Bangor, Maine

EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE

PRESENT: Chairman Jean Sampson, Stanley J. Evans, Susan R. Kominsky, Nils Y. Wessell, Charles W. Major, Peter Simon. Staff: Stanley L. Freeman, Mary Ann Haas, Lloyd J. Jewett, Richard J. Spath, Regina Koch, Guilford E. Moreau.

Chairman Sampson opened the meeting. The Committee approved the minutes of the June 27, 1973 meeting of the Educational Policy Committee.

Transfer of Credit. Two papers on Transfer of Credit within the University of Maine were provided for information of the Committee. The more recent paper authored by UMA President Jewett is appended to the file of these minutes. Dr. Freeman reported the Administrative Council had directed the Chief Academic Officers to achieve a workable system for transfer of credit based on the Jewett paper.

Environmental Studies. The Presque Isle, Fort Kent and Machias Campuses are proposing a pooling of resources to offer a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Studies. This would mean a change in mission for the Fort Kent and Machias Campuses according to Dr. Freeman.

A paper entitled Environmental Studies: A Tri-Campus Endeavor was considered by the Committee. It is appended to the file of these minutes. Dr. Haas pointed out that this paper represents only what one of the three campuses, Machias, might offer as curriculum under the program. The Committee agreed that staff should continue to work on the program.

Dr. Freeman reported to the Committee on the status of the New England Regional Studies Exchange of the New England Board of Higher Education. Although the State of Maine is a net gainer in this program, criticism has arisen in other states. Rhode Island has proposed a major change. Dr. Freeman will inform the Committee of new developments before a renewal of Maine's participation must be considered in the Spring.

The NEBHE proposal to build a New England-New Jersey Veterinary School was discussed. The proposal calls for a \$1,019,000 expenditure by Maine as the State's share of construction. Approximately \$2,000,000 would be required annually for operating costs, to be divided among the states on a population basis.

Committee visitations to campuses were discussed with reference to timing, summaries, campus comparisons, discussions with the Presidents.

Mrs. Sampson raised the question as to why the University is not training teachers for the VTIs.

There was a discussion of funding for new programs approved by the Board of Trustees.

Adjournment.

Margaret R. Dexter
Clerk, Board of Trustees

From a tape recording of
the session