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APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Date September 24, 1974  
By: Margaret R. Dexter, Clerk

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 21, 1974  
Portland Gorham

Educational Policy Committee

PRESENT: Chairman Jean Sampson, Nils Y. Wessell, Carroll R. McGary, Stanley J. Evans, Susan R. Kominsky, Charles Major and Peter Simon. Staff: Stanley L. Freeman, Mary Ann Haas and Lloyd Jewett.

Mrs. Sampson opened the meeting. Dr. McGary moved acceptance of the minutes of January 22 and February 26, 1974 as circulated. The motion was seconded and VOTED.

NEBHE Program Review. Dr. Freeman reported on the balance of 164 out of state students studying at the University of Maine and 164 Maine students studying at other New England Board of Higher Education institutions. He stated that NEBHE is to be evaluated during 1974/75 and recommended that the Board of Trustees continue to support the Student Exchange Program through June 30, 1976. A complete text of the Program and recommendation is appended to the file of these minutes.

On motion of Mr. Simon which was seconded, the Committee VOTED to recommend Board approval of continuing the NEBHE Program to June 30, 1976.

Faculty Children Tuition Program. Dr. Freeman briefly explained that the faculty children tuition exchange program is through NEBHE but not part of it yet. He said work was going forward to liberalize eligibility.

Missions. Dr. Freeman distributed the format for the new missions statements. It included a description paragraph, enrollment projection to 1980, primary instructional role and secondary role, public service and special assignments. He told the committee that the Chancellor, Mr. Fowle and he were to meet with the seven Presidents individually to complete the mission statements.

Tenure Questions. Mrs. Sampson outlined the following tenure related questions:

1. Is a credible or an outstanding performance the basic requirement for granting tenure?
2. Must the full probationary period be used?
3. Does non-renewal after 5 or 6 years constitute grounds for a lawsuit?

4. Should percentages on tenure go higher each year?
5. Should the trustee guidelines that the tenure candidates ordinarily be at the associate professor level be more strictly followed?
6. Why tenure? Why keep it?
7. Discuss the Keast report.
8. How could understanding of trustee policy on some campuses be improved?
9. Feasibility of having students serve on campus tenure committees.
10. What will be the impact of unionization on tenure procedures?

Campus Visits. Mr. Simon stated his objections to the Machias visit including poor attendance by trustees, lack of data, and no discussion of problem areas.

Adjournment.

Margaret R. Dexter  
Clerk, Board of Trustees