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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 22, 1974
Bangor, Maine

Educational Policy Committee

PRESENT: Chairman John C. Donovan, Jean Sampson, Susan R. Kominsky, Cynthia A. Murray-Beliveau, Lawrence M. Cutler, John Steinbaugh and Richard Curtis. Staff: Donald R. McNeil, Sally V. Holm, Mary Ann Haas, Paul C. Dunham, George M. Shur, Lloyd J. Jewett, N. Edd Miller, Howard R. Neville, Einar A. Olsen, Stanley F. Salwak, Richard Rice and George Prigmore. Guest Pamela Kelley.

Acceptance of Minutes. On motion of Dr. Cutler which was seconded, the Committee unanimously VOTED to accept the minutes of July 23, 1974 and September 24, 1974 as circulated.

Mission Statements. Dr. Donovan initiated discussion of the revised mission statements for the University of Maine and its individual campuses. Dr. Haas told the Committee that a change had been made in the opening paragraph statements for the University of Maine at Farmington, the University of Maine at Fort Kent, the University of Maine at Machias and the University of Maine at Presque Isle to reflect statewide goals.

Mrs. Sampson asked that Trustees be given descriptive information on processes utilized in developing enrollment goals.

Dr. Cutler suggested that enrollment goals be omitted from the mission statements.

Dr. McNeil told the Committee that enrollment goals and objectives were needed to show the direction the University was attempting to follow. He indicated that he felt the enrollment goals were justified and advocated their retention in the mission statements.

The Committee discussed the advisability of presenting the mission statements at the public meeting on the following day. Dr. Donovan said that exclusion of the enrollment goals should not prevent Board approval of the mission statements. Ms. Murray-Beliveau said that numbers should not become such an issue that they changed the mission of a campus.

On motion of Ms. Kominsky which was seconded, the Committee VOTED to delete the enrollment goals from the mission statements. Dr. Cutler was opposed.

It was agreed that Dr. Donovan present the majority report of the Committee and that Chancellor McNeil present the minority report to the Board October 23, 1974.

Dr. Cutler moved that the mission statements be presented to the full Board for further discussion and that the enrollment goals be excluded. The motion was seconded and unanimously VOTED.

New Program Proposal, UMF. Vice President Rice presented the background for the proposed Bachelor of General Studies program at the University of Maine at Farmington. He explained that the program was not designed to provide specialization in any one area.

On motion of Ms. Sampson which was seconded, the Committee unanimously VOTED to recommend approval of the Bachelor of General Studies program at the University of Maine at Farmington.

Presentation of New Programs. Mr. Steinbaugh suggested that the Committee not take action on new program proposals at the same meeting as their initial presentation and discussion. Ms. Sampson indicated that in the past the Committee had often acted on new programs at the time of their initial presentation and that the Board should feel free to either take immediate action or defer action. Dr. McNeil pointed out that many Universities approved all new programs administratively and merely advised Trustees of action taken. There was consensus that no specific regulation should be developed.

Bachelor of University Studies, UMFK. Dean George Prigmore presented the new program proposal for the University of Maine at Fort Kent. He told the Committee that the program had been endorsed by President Spath on July 3, 1974 and the program had been discussed at the four committee visit to the UMFK campus in September. He explained the philosophy of the open admissions program and the nature of the individualized study program.

On motion of Ms. Kominsky which was seconded, the Committee unanimously VOTED to recommend approval of the Bachelor of University Studies program at the University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Adjournment.

Janet C. Beaulieu

for
Margaret R. Dexter
Clerk, Board of Trustees