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JOINT COMMITTEE
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION/BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 19, 1974
Augusta, Maine

PRESENT: Jean Sampson, Sylvia Lund, Inge Foster, John Ezhaya, Donald McNeil, Carroll McGary, Stanley Freeman, Elwood Padham, Sally Holm, and Clerk Margaret Dexter.

Mrs. Sampson opened the meeting by calling for a report on developments for Lewiston. Mr. Padham responded that President Jewett had called a meeting for April 26, at 12:30 at UMA at which time the counselling component for the Lewiston project will be discussed.

Screening Committee. Dr. McGary referred to an apparent disagreement between the University of Maine at Presque Isle and a recommendation of the screening committee. Dr. Freeman explained that the screening committee had recommended that a Criminal Justice program for UMPI be fielded from Bangor. He said that after reviewing the problems in complying, it was his judgment that UMB could not deliver the program so he had authorized UMPI to offer their own Criminal Justice Program for an experimental three year period. Dr. McGary asked what procedures should be followed in the case of disagreement over a Joint Screening Committee decision.

On motion of Mr. Ezhaya, which was seconded, the Joint Committee VOTED:

That in case of a disagreement over a recommendation of the Joint Screening Committee the matter would be settled administratively by the Chancellor and the Commissioner and if the issues were still unresolved it would be brought to the Joint Committee of the Board of Trustees/State Board of Education.

Purpose. During the discussion, Mr. Padham outlined the charge of the Joint Screening Committee as

1. to eliminate undesirable duplication of programs between the University and the Vocational Technical Institutes
2. to guide new programs into those units best equipped to handle them
3. to encourage cooperation between schools and agencies with an interest in common programs
4. to exercise judgment of quality of the program proposals which it reviews.

He described the process as two staged:

1. approval of "intent to plan" statements
2. approval of the completed draft of proposals for new programs.

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Commendation. Dr. Freeman commended the Screening Committee on their accomplishments over the past 4 to 5 years.

Membership Change. It was decided to defer a decision on any change in membership of the Joint Screening Committee until the vote of a 1202 Commission is more clearly defined.

Staffing. Mr. Padham asked the Joint Committee if they would authorize a staff member for the Joint Screening Committee. It was decided that the Chancellor and Commissioner would work on this proposal.

Holding Pattern. There was general agreement that a list of approved programs could be formulated on a long range projection and then held until such time as funding becomes available.

YCCCS Review. Review of the York County Community College Service will take place April 22, 1974. The Chancellor and the Commissioner will visit York County on May 1, 1974.

1202 Commission. It was reported that the Governor had created a Committee by Executive Order to include the members of the State Board of Education, a proprietary school administrator, two Trustees of the University of Maine, one private school administrator, one private school trustee and the Chancellor. The Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services will serve as staff person for the Maine Postsecondary Education Commission. The Commission tentatively plans to meet May 16, 1974.

The Joint Committee members discussed the role of the Commission in planning, in allocation of federal money; the effects on proprietary schools, private schools and public postsecondary schools.

STEP Program. The State Tuition Equalization Program which provides student aid for private school students was discussed. It was pointed out that enrollment in private schools had declined 17% since STEP was started. It was also stated that there is controversy over a rule that a person must be a graduate of a Maine high school to qualify for STEP assistance.

The Joint Committee will meet again in the Fall.

Adjournment.

Margaret R. Dexter
Clerk, Board of Trustees
University of Maine