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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 24, 1974
Bangor, Maine

Student Affairs Committee

PRESENT: Chairman Stanley J. Evans, Robert L. Jalbert, Carlton D. Reed, Walter Schoenberger, Pamela Kelly, Cynthia Murray-Beliveau, Jean Sampson. Staff: Donald R. McNeil, Mary Ann Haas, Paul C. Dunham, Sally V. Holm, Robert Davidson, Howard R. Neville, Einar A. Olsen and guests Richard Curtis and Kathy Doheny.

Dr. Evans opened the meeting. The minutes of March 27, 1974 and April 23, 1974 were approved as submitted.

No-Need Athletic Scholarships. Dr. Evans called for discussion of a scholarship policy recommended by the Administration and Administrative Council as follows:

1. The University of Maine at Orono be allowed to grant, under Yankee Conference rules, the equivalent of ten (10) student-athlete scholarships per year. The awarding of these scholarships shall not be based on financial need. The funds to support the scholarships are to be derived from private sources.

The implementation of this policy is to be evaluated by the Chancellor as a result of detailed annual reports submitted by the campus. A report of the results of the evaluation shall be made to the Student Affairs Committee.

2. The Chancellor and the Administrative Council shall determine and report to the Student Affairs Committee the desirability of establishing a non-need athletic scholarship program for other campuses. The report shall include a detailed examination of all intercollegiate programs, male and female, for each campus. Particular attention will be given to the implications of Title IX of the Higher Education Amendments of 1972.

3. The Chancellor and the Administrative Council shall determine and report to the Student Affairs Committee the desirability of establishing a non-need scholarship program for all campuses in all areas of excellence. The report shall include a detailed examination of scholarship programs with recommendations.

Dr. Neville referred to his letter to Dr. McNeil in asking that the no-need scholarships for athletes at Orono be recommended by the Committee. A copy of the letter dated August 6, 1974 is appended to the file of these minutes.

Dr. Schoenberger reported that a sampling of 450 faculty members at Orono had yielded 279 replies of which 170 indicated support, 89 were opposed and 10 were undecided about non-need athletic scholarships. He stated that he would support the recommendation for this reason.

The Chancellor told the Committee that UMOSG had passed a resolution against no-need athletic scholarships because there is not enough student aid money at present to meet the full needs of students. The Chancellor stated that new money which would not have been available for any other purpose would fund no-need athletic scholarships. Other questions on the scholarships included athletic scholarships for women and awarding of 10 scholarships a year for 21 sports.

Ms. Kelly asked whether unrestricted gifts to the Orono campus could be used for athletic scholarships. Since it was possible under present conditions to use unrestricted funds for this purpose, Dr. Schoenberger offered an amendment to insert the following at the end of the first paragraph ending "private sources":

specifically earmarked for athletic scholarships.

The motion to amend was seconded.

The Committee VOTED to recommend to the Board acceptance of the scholarship policy as amended. Ms. Kelly was opposed.

Adjournment.

Margaret R. Dexter
Clerk, Board of Trustees