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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 23, 1975  
Bangor, Maine

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: January 27, 1976

By: Margaret R. Dexter, Clerk

*Margaret R. Dexter*

Educational Policy Committee

PRESENT: Chairman John C. Donovan, Chairman Pro Tem Nils Y. Wessell, Cynthia A. Murray-Beliveau, Winthrop C. Libby, Richard Curtis, John K. Steinbaugh, James H. Page, Francis A. Brown and Stanley J. Evans. Staff: Patrick E. McCarthy, Stanley L. Freeman, Jr., Mary Ann Haas, JoAnne R. Magill, Regina Koch, James Clark and Gordon A. Haaland.

Dr. Wessell chaired the meeting until Dr. Donovan arrived.

The minutes of July 22, 1975 were approved as circulated.

School of Performing Arts. The Committee discussed a UMO proposal for formation of a School of Performing Arts by melding elements from the Department of Music and the Theatre and the Broadcasting/Film segments of the Department of Speech.

On motion of Mr. Libby which was seconded, the Educational Policy Committee VOTED to recommend that the Board approve the formation of the School of Performing Arts at Orono.

Transfer of Credit. Dr. Freeman reported on progress in transfer of credit within the University and on further work needed to fully implement the Trustee policy. An outline of his report is appended to the file of these minutes.

Dr. Freeman announced that the Administrative Council would review priorities for considering transfer applicants and that registrars are working on a new course numbering system which will better identify relationships between courses. A draft of a brochure on transfer of credit is being revised and should be completed before the end of the current semester.

Policy on Program Approval. Dr. Freeman reviewed the policy for approval of programs administratively which are within the approved campus missions and degrees.

There was agreement that unusual new program proposals should be presented to the Board.

Professional Standards Advisory Committee. Dr. Freeman explained the implications to the University of a proposal to the State Board of Education from the Professional Standards Advisory Committee (PSAC) setting Standards for Education Personnel Program Approval (SEPPA). A copy of SEPPA is appended to the file of these minutes.

The University will testify at a hearing on SEPPA November 24 in Augusta.

Joint Meeting. The Committee agreed to meet jointly with the Finance Committee in October to discuss a Financial Exigency Policy.

Adjournment.

Margaret R. Dexter  
Clerk, Board of Trustees