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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 1, 1976  
Augusta, Maine

Educational Policy Committee

PRESENT: Nils Wessell, Chairman Pro Tem; Susan Kominsky, H. Sawin Millett, Cynthia Murray-Beliveau, Frank Doran, Maryann Lecompte. Staff: Robert Binswanger, Mary Ann Haas, Thomas P. Strauss. Arthur Buswell, Einar Olsen, Stanley Salwak, Richard Spath (part of the meeting), James Aldrich, Richard Scribner, Thomas McKinney, George Pierce, Richard Grant. Wayne Reilly, Bangor Daily News.

Chairman Pro Tem Wessell opened the meeting.

On motion made and seconded, the minutes of the Educational Policy Committee, October 27, 1976, were APPROVED as circulated.

Monthly Report on Academic Affairs. Items discussed are as follows:

a. MPBN - Thomas P. Strauss, General Manager for MPBN, gave an update on the sale or lease of the station's color mobile unit. The station has two weeks to decide on a six-month lease to the Lincoln Center, New York City, at \$5,000 per month or \$30,000 per year. After six months, it would be decided whether the unit should be sold or the lease extended. Mr. Strauss explained that the unit had been a good investment originally, but that it has since become unwieldy. The station would like to recover its money by the lease or sale of the unit in order to purchase a smaller van with electronic news-gathering equipment.

b. Health Education

c. Faculty Tenure - Dr. Wessell introduced Dr. Frank Doran, faculty representative from Farmington who, in turn, opened the discussion on tenure. Dr. Doran felt that the time had come once again for the committee to take another look at the tenure problem. He suggested that a joint effort of the Faculty Liaison Council and the Administrative Council might produce some recommendations to resolve this issue. After some discussion and questions on the part of the Committee as to how they could help Dr. Doran, it was recommended that the Committee support the motion of Professor Doran that a study of the award of tenure at Assistant, Associate, and full Professor ranks be initiated jointly by representatives from the Faculty Liaison Council and the Administrative Council.

d. University Library Services

e. Maine Talent Search

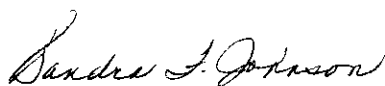
Process for Presidential Search, UMA. In addition to the proposed time schedule for presidential selection which the Committee had received as back-up material, Dr. Binswanger introduced an initial draft for selection criteria. He added that these criteria were for the Committee's review and were open to revision or other choices. Dr. Wessell felt that ability to communicate to the media would make a valid addition. The Committee concluded that a minimum list would be preferable.

Report from UMMachias on Cooperative Education. Dr. Arthur Buswell, president of UMM, introduced Dr. James Aldrich, Dean of Academic Affairs, who, in turn, gave a brief outline of Machias as a small, multi-purpose institution. Two programs which have been developed because of the need for diversification are Recreation Management and Biological Technology. On hand to explain the Recreation Management program was Richard Scribner, an instructor, and Thomas McKinney, a student in the program. Mr. Scribner described the cooperative efforts of the Mt. Jefferson ski slope and the Management program which allows the student to obtain on-the-job knowledge of the ski industry. Mr. Scribner felt it was a good basic course. Several students have shown interest in larger commercial ski areas which would develop higher managerial experience. The school is currently trying to negotiate a similar program on these commercial slopes. Mr. McKinney elaborated on some of the things Mr. Scribner had discussed adding that he had derived a great deal of experience from the program and a desire to further his study in that field. There followed a brief question and answer period.

Dr. Aldrich then introduced Mr. George Pierce, an environmental engineer from Georgia Pacific. Mr. Pierce explained that Georgia Pacific had been involved in cooperative studies with UMO, but this was the first time they had undertaken a project with UMM. It proved to be most beneficial for the company as well as for the student. Mr. Pierce stated that due to the excellent work of the student involved, Richard Grant, the company would like to have him as an employee after graduation. Rick Grant told the Committee of his need for just such a program and that Georgia Pacific had been a great learning experience. There was again a brief question and answer period following the presentation.

Cooperative Extension Service Task Force. Dr. Wessell asked Dr. Binswanger to report on the Cooperative Extension Service Task Force being formed. Half of the task force will come from the University and the other half will come from the public served by Extension. It will be charged with focussing on needs assessment, establishment of priority concerns, and fiscal support necessary for quality extension services. The initial convener would be the President of the University of Maine at Orono. There will be an update on this study in approximately two months.

Adjournment.

  
Sandra F. Johnson  
for  
JoAnne R. Magill  
Interim Clerk  
