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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 26, 1977
Bangor, Maine

Educational Policy Committee

PRESENT: Chairman John Donovan, Nils Wessell, H. Sawin Millett, Susan Kóminsky, Maryann Lecompte, Frank Doran. Other Trustees: Thomas Monaghan. Staff: Robert Binswanger, Jeanne Steele, and Stanley Salwak. Wayne Reilly, Bangor Daily News.

Chairman Donovan convened the meeting.

On motion made and seconded, the minutes of the December 1, 1976 meeting were APPROVED as circulated.

Summary Report of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Items discussed are as follows:

1. Guideposts for the Future of the University of Maine.
2. AHEC Activities - Dr. Binswanger informed the group that he would have a full report from Dr. Kenneth Allen in February. Dr. Wessell mentioned that the ad hoc committee had not addressed health education, including nursing and nutrition, and that these were important considerations.
3. Committee on Patents & Copyrights - Dr. Binswanger mentioned that the committee hadn't met in the past as regularly as might be desired, but with new federal regulations on patents and copyrights, the committee has been called to meet in early February. Dr. Donovan questioned if any report had been done on the Center for Research and Advanced Study. Dr. Binswanger replied that none had been submitted during his tenure with the University and offered to have a status report on the subject at a future date.
4. Presidential Search Process - UMA - Mr. Monaghan questioned the lack of Trustee involvement in the presidential search. Dr. Binswanger explained that the Screening Committee, composed of faculty, non-teaching professionals, a student, a classified employee, a member of the Chancellor's office, and a community representative will review the written applications and submit a list of acceptable candidates to the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee which consists of a president, the Vice Chancellor, and three Trustees, will review the credentials of the most likely candidates. Campus interviews and visitations will follow. There will then be a second review of the candidates before the final processing.
5. Fund Raising Report
6. Faculty/Administrator Review Committee Regarding Tenure for Assistant Professors - A list of names of those on the committee, and the specific charge were presented. Ms. Lecompte asked if student evaluation of professors was taken into consideration and Professor Doran answered that it did at the campus level. Ms. Lecompte asked what levels a candidate for tenure must go through. Dr. Binswanger replied that each campus has its own format and that he would send her tenure criteria so that she could study it. There was further

discussion of the reasons for and against tenure at the assistant and associate levels. It was concluded that the Committee was established to raise just such questions and present solutions.

7. Program Approval Procedures

Appointment of Henry O. Hooper as Dean of the Graduate School. On motion of Dr. Donovan and seconded, the committee

VOTED: to recommend that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Henry O. Hooper as Dean of the Graduate School at the University of Maine at Orono, effective January 26, 1977, at a salary of \$29,925 per year.

Dr. Wessell added that Dr. Hooper is a good example of a Maine resident who has left the state and returned to contribute to the community and to the University. Dr. Binswanger stated that he hoped to invite Dr. Hooper to be a guest of the Committee.

Other Business. At the request of Mr. Monaghan there was discussion of admission standards at the various institutions in the system. Questions were raised about the practice of admitting some students who have low reading and writing skills and the current decline in SAT scores. Mr. Monaghan thought that the situation merited further investigation and the Committee requested that the staff evaluate admissions standards and report back. Dr. Binswanger expects to have a preliminary report ready for the February meeting.

Adjournment.

Sandra F. Johnson
for
JoAnne R. Magill
Interim Clerk