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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 27, 1977  
Machias, Maine

EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE

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*Minutes were not  
approved  
Nov. 29, 77*

PRESENT: Chairman John Donovan, Susan Kominsky, Sawin Millett, Patricia DiMatteo, Artemus Weatherbee, Nils Wessell, Daniel O'Leary, and Frank Doran. Other Trustees: James Page, Stanley Evans, Bernard Carpenter, Ellen Platz, Elizabeth Russell, Thomas Monaghan and Francis Brown. Staff: Chancellor McCarthy, Robert Binswanger, Thomas Strauss, Mary Ann Haas, Howard Neville, Edd Miller, Einar Olsen, Arthur Buswell, Donald Beattie, Stanley Salwak, Timothy Brooks, Frederick Hutchinson. Others present, Mr. Frank Hussey, press and the public.

Chairman John Donovan convened the meeting.

Center for Marine Studies. At the request of the Chairman, President Neville briefed the Committee on the background of proposal development for a Center of Marine Studies at UMO, and he called attention to the document under consideration which he identified as the revised proposal handed out prior to the beginning of the meeting, wherein the material underlined had been added. He introduced Vice President Hutchinson who chaired the committee responsible for the planning effort. Dr. Hutchinson outlined the concept of system-wide integration of marine studies and touched on the major areas covered in the proposals which included priorities for Center activities, the existing effort in marine studies, and the relationship of the Center to other units within and outside the University. Dr. Binswanger indicated that the planning committee had solicited system-wide response to the proposal which contributed to formulation of the more specific document, as requested by the Educational Policy Committee during its preliminary review of the Center concept.

During discussion of the proposal, President Olsen and President Buswell expressed concern for the lack of a specific provision for representation of each campus on the Advisory Committee for the Center. It was explained that a large committee could be cumbersome and that it would be more important to develop a mechanism for keeping all campuses informed on a regular basis. In response to questions, Dr. Hutchinson and Dr. Binswanger elaborated on the role of the Center for evaluation of marine research proposals for the system. Mr. Millett asked for clarification of the actual operation of the lead campus structure with respect to decision-making within the framework of the policies and priorities of the system. Dr. Binswanger indicated that in terms of governance and responsibility, the Center will be an Orono activity, although it is expected to assume systemic responsibility for graduate level research. Mrs. Kominsky inquired about plans for on-going program evaluation and President Neville replied that the campus would submit an annual report to the Board. After further discussion and on motion of Mrs. Kominsky which was seconded, it was

VOTED: to recommend that the Board of Trustees approve the University Center for Marine Studies at the University of Maine at Orono.

Personnel Appointments. Dr. Donovan presented a request for appointment approvals.

a. On motion of Dr. Wessell which was seconded, it was

VOTED: to recommend that the Board approve the appointment of Dennis E. Donham as Vice President for Student Affairs at the University of Maine at Presque Isle at a salary of \$23,500 per fiscal year, effective October 1, 1977.

b. On motion of Dr. Wessell, which was seconded, it was

VOTED: to recommend that the Board approve the appointment of John Morressy for the Elliott Chair at the University of Maine at Orono at a salary of \$18,000 per academic year, effective September 28, 1977.

c. On motion of Professor Doran, which was seconded, it was

VOTED: to recommend that the Board approve the appointment of William Winter Geller as Vice President for Student Affairs at the University of Maine at Farmington at a salary of \$23,500 per fiscal year, effective October 1, 1977.

Cooperative Extension Service. Dr. Donovan introduced Mr. Frank Hussey who chaired the Task Force to Evaluate Cooperative Extension Service Programs and who had been invited to present the Task Force report on the evaluation. Mr. Hussey briefed the Committee on the composition of the Task Force and outlined its charge which focused on the needs, priorities and fiscal support for the CES. To acquire the necessary information on CES, Mr. Hussey indicated that the Task Force members held public meetings, initiated personal contacts in the counties and polled consumers by questionnaire and telephone. On the basis of this information the Task Force developed specific recommendations in the following areas:

1. Agriculture and natural resources
2. Forestry
3. Marine resources
4. Family living
5. Youth programs
6. Community development

Mr. Hussey reported that the Task Force took note of several other needs: a) for a State Advisory Committee for the Extension Service; b) for better use of the resources of the various campuses; c) for strengthening cooperative self-help programs; and d) for examination of the institutional administrative structure. Finally, Mr. Hussey recommended that CES personnel be accorded the same status as teaching and research personnel.

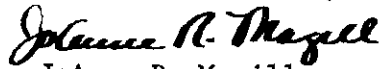
Following Mr. Hussey's presentation there was general discussion of the Cooperative Extension Service and Dr. Hutchinson responded to specific questions about federal support for CES. On motion of Mr. Weatherbee which was seconded, it was

VOTED: to recommend that the Board accept with gratitude the report of the Task Force to Evaluate Cooperative Extension Services and extend appreciation to all the members of the Task Force for their thoughtful, considered and broad based study of Cooperative Extension Service.

MPBN. Dr. Binswanger reported that the Administrative Council had reviewed the report, Maine Public Broadcasting Network Initial Design: A Plan of Action, which constitutes the second phase of a long range planning effort. General Manager Thomas Strauss was present to discuss the report which had been circulated to the Committee in advance of the meeting. Mr. Strauss responded to questions from the Committee members, elaborating on the Central Maine Interactive Television System, televised courses for college credit, and potential for use of facilities for other educational purposes in addition to instruction. Mr. Strauss' report was offered for information only and no action was required.

Planning Committee Reports. Dr. Binswanger reported briefly on the status of Planning Committee reports. In addition to the reports on MPBN and Public Service (CES) which were supplemented by oral presentations at this meeting, several others were circulated for information with the Board mailing, and the Committee and the Board will continue to receive updates on a regular basis. Mr. O'Leary inquired about student involvement on committees dealing with access, transfer and library service. Dr. Binswanger indicated these committees are still in process of formation and, when complete, will provide for faculty and student participation.

Adjournment.

  
JoAnne R. Magill  
Clerk of the Board