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FINANCE AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEES

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PRESENT: Susan Kominsky, Cynthia Murray-Beliveau, Elizabeth Russell, Nils Wessell, Gretchen Ryder, Robert Masterton, Bernard Carpenter, Artemus Weatherbee, Grattan Murphy, Becky Fisher, JoAnne Magill, Clerk. Other Trustees: Stanley Evans, John Donovan, Francis Brown, James Page. Staff: Chancellor McCarthy, William Sullivan, Russell Smith, Mary Ann Haas, Ford Campbell, Edd Miller, Richard Spath, Arthur Buswell, Howard Neville. Press.

Mr. Masterton chaired the joint session. The minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Finance and Student Affairs Committees of April 27, 1977 were approved as circulated.

Long Range Tuition Policy. Recommendations for revision of the Long Range Tuition Policy, which has been under study by a special task force, were distributed to the Board at the April meeting for discussion and action at this meeting. To initiate discussion, Mr. Sullivan presented the complete series of recommendations. The first three sections in the series were being presented for action. These included recommendations to establish

- 1) the one-third cost concept,
- 2) the basis for setting tuition for resident undergraduate students and
- 3) the basis for setting tuition for resident graduate and professional students.

The last two sections were included for continuity and information only, since these had been adopted at the March meeting:

- 4) established the 100% of operational cost basis for setting tuition for non-resident students and
- 5) established the formula for computing cost.

Mr. Sullivan elaborated on the rationale for the individual recommendations and responded to questions from the Committee members. With respect to the provision adopted in March to assess non-resident student tuition on the full-cost basis, Mr. Sullivan indicated that the staff would recommend that this aspect of the policy be phased in over a four-year period, and he distributed a representative schedule for discussion purposes. Questions were raised about the probable impact of increases on out-of-state students, the distinction between Law School tuition and that for other graduate programs, and the possibility of relating actual costs more closely to programs, especially graduate programs. There was considerable discussion of the proposed 25% differential between

tuition levels for resident undergraduate and resident graduate and professional students. Mr. Weatherbee moved adoption of the series of recommendations subject to review of the 25% differential; Ms. Murray-Beliveau seconded the motion. At the request of Ms. Kominsky, the motion was withdrawn in favor of considering the recommendations individually:

1. On motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to recommend to the Board that tuition rates for all students be set at levels which result in total tuition and fee revenues of approximately one-third of System educational and general expense.

2. On motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to recommend to the Board that tuition for resident undergraduate students be set so as not to exceed one-third of the average System educational and general expense per full-time equivalent (FTE) student.

3. A motion to recommend that tuition for resident graduate and professional students be at least twenty-five percent above that set for resident undergraduates was seconded and failed to carry. Mr. Masterton, Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Weatherbee voted in favor of the motion; Dr. Russell, Ms. Kominsky, Ms. Murray-Beliveau, Ms. Fisher, Dr. Wessell and Professor Murphy were opposed.

As an alternative, Ms. Kominsky offered a motion:

to recommend that tuition for resident graduate and professional students be at least fifteen percent above that set for resident undergraduates in recognition of both higher per student costs in these program areas and higher value to the recipient. The motion was seconded by Ms. Murray-Beliveau and, with Mr. Weatherbee dissenting, it was CARRIED.

Mr. Masterton offered a motion to affirm the two remaining sections of the long range tuition policy which were adopted by the Board at the March Meeting:

4. Non-resident students will be assessed a tuition cost which is representative of 100% of average System operational cost per FTE student.


5. The formula to be used for computing average System operational cost per FTE student will be:

$$\text{Average System Cost Per FTE} = \text{E\&G Budget} \div \sum \text{FTE} \left(\frac{\text{Fall} + \text{Spring}}{2} + \frac{\text{Summer}}{2} \right)$$

The motion was seconded and failed to carry. Mr. Masterton, Mr. Weatherbee and Mr. Carpenter voted in favor of the motion; Dr. Russell, Ms. Kominsky, Ms. Murray-Beliveau, Ms. Fisher, Dr. Wessell and Professor Murphy were opposed.

The Chair ruled that failure of the motion to affirm would not affect the validity of action taken by the full Board and that the provisions remain in force. Dr. Wessell indicated that the votes against affirmation were intended to alert the staff that some Committee members still had reservations about these items.

Adjournment.


JoAnne R. Magill
Clerk of the Board