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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 20, 1977  
Bangor, Maine

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

*Not approved  
Sept. 27-77*

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PRESENT: Chairman Susan R. Kominsky, Ellen W. Platz, Nils Y. Wessell, Elizabeth S. Russell, and Jamie Eves. Also present: James H. Page (part of the meeting), and Daniel J. O'Leary. Staff: Mary Ann Haas, Arthur Kaplan, N. Edd Miller, and Richard Spath.

Chairman Kominsky convened the meeting and the minutes of the Student Affairs meeting of May 24, 1977 were ACCEPTED as circulated.

Student Conduct Code. Dr. Mary Ann Haas presented the final draft of the revised Student Conduct Code and briefly reviewed the reasons for revision. Dr. Arthur Kaplan, Orono Vice President for Student Affairs and a member of the Disciplinary Code Task Force, briefed the Committee on the campus input and preparation that went into the final draft. He made special mention of Dr. Leonard Goldberg, UMPI, who was chairman of the Task Force and who served as coordinator among the campuses. Dr. Kaplan felt that the revised code reflected a great deal of discussion and compromise by the campuses. For the benefit of the Committee members he went on to clarify various points in the code and to answer questions. It was noted that the Review Board hopes to meet annually in order to review the violations and sanctions imposed, for consistency. Dr. Wessell inquired about types and numbers of violations on the campuses and was told that drugs were a minor factor and that alcohol-related incidents were expected to rise in October with implementation of the new state law which raises the drinking age. Dr. Kaplan surmised there was more plagiarism and cheating than was being dealt with, and that the incidence of violations by the CED student was very small. There was discussion of the possibility of developing an official statement on students rights and responsibilities. Chairman Kominsky suggested that the idea be explored and a draft prepared for consideration by the Committee at a future meeting. The Committee discussed student versus parental rights and to what extent the University should involve itself with student behavior. President Miller requested clarification of the last sentence of the section covering violations (Sec. III, p.3). There was consensus that the language was ambiguous and the Committee agreed to reword it as follows: These definitions of violations should not be rigidly construed. Mr. Eves was concerned about the jurisdiction of the Code over organizational and group activities, adequate student representation on the Conduct Committee, and the wording of the provision for legal or other assistance at Hearing Preliminaries. With respect to jurisdiction over organizational activities, Mr. Eves thought that Student Government authority was being usurped. It was explained that there had to be a way to provide campus jurisdiction over such activities. Mr. Eves felt that there was inadequate student representation on the Conduct Committee and that the wording should specify a larger number. It was explained that the provision actually guaranteed that there would be student participation and that each campus would then designate the particular number of students to be involved. Chairman Kominsky stated, however, that with the advent of an annual meeting of the Disciplinary Code Review Board, the matter could be reviewed for abuse and the wording altered if necessary. On the matter of legal assistance at Hearing Preliminaries, Mr. Eves' concern was for student rights in the interpretation of the first paragraph of that section. He felt that either both parties should

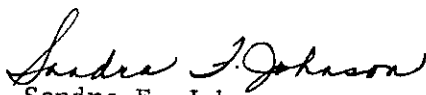
have legal assistance or neither party should. It was noted that the wording had been carefully selected and reflected the best compromise of the Task Force. After considerable discussion, however, a sentence was added to reflect Mr. Eves' concern. On motion of Dr. Wessell, seconded by Dr. Russell, and with Mr. Eves abstaining, the Committee

VOTED: to recommend that the Board of Trustees approve the University of Maine Student Conduct Code as revised and as further amended by the Committee, effective July 20, 1977.

Student Affairs Agenda. Dr. Wessell asked that at future campus meetings the students and Trustees be given an opportunity to discuss "global" questions and the request was agreeably received and noted.

UMOSG Concerns. The Committee reviewed the items in a letter previously submitted to the Committee from UMOSG: student activity fee policies; student representation on University committees; standardized forms; and Freshman use of cars. After general discussion, it was recommended that the policy and procedures for student fees be reviewed and that a report be submitted to the Administrative Council in October. In the case of student appointments to University committees, it was requested that information be gathered from the campuses to be reviewed by the Administrative Council for recommendations. It was noted that the DASH form required by the Orono campus, was optional on the other campuses. The Committee agreed that the form was disagreeably complex. It was noted that there was no Board policy on the Freshman use of cars.

Adjournment.

  
Sandra F. Johnson  
for  
JoAnne R. Magill  
Clerk of the Board