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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEESDATE: 3/21/78 013January 25, 1978
Bangor, Maine

CLERK: _____

EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE

PRESENT: Chairman John Donovan, Patricia DiMatteo, Susan Kominsky, Artemus Weatherbee, Nils Wessell (part of meeting), Daniel O'Leary, Frank Doran. Other Trustees: Thomas Monaghan, Ellen Platz, Elizabeth Russell. Staff: Kenneth Allen, Robert Binswanger, Arthur Buswell, Mary Ann Haas, Patrick McCarthy, Howard Neville, Stanley Salwak, Richard Spath. Others Present: Sandra Bovard, Jamie Eves, Becky Fisher, William Julavits, Mike McGovern, Wayne Reilly, Roger Teachout, Debby Strumello.

Mr. Donovan convened the meeting. Minutes of the November 29, 1977 meeting were ACCEPTED as circulated.

Progress of the Implementation of the December Board Recommendations for UMP-G
Dr. Binswanger briefly recounted for committee members, information regarding the appointments of Kenneth Allen and Richard Spath to the UMP-G campus and he distributed a Statement of Objectives proposed for that campus, with an attached letter of explanation by Dr. Spath, for committee review. Dr. Donovan recognized Drs. Allen and Spath, as well as William Julavits of the UMP-G Law School. He requested that committee members react to the Statement of Objectives, and address any questions to any or all of these three individuals. Several brief questions and answers followed. In response to a question concerning the reason why "suburban environments" were included in item 1 of the statement, where primary emphasis was thought to be urban, Dr. Spath explained that many towns have constellations which involve quasi-urban problems, and it was thought that these should be regarded as sub-urban, and of necessary consideration for the Portland-Gorham campus. It was also noted that, while some members felt a reference in item 2, referring to persons "with diverse backgrounds" was superfluous, in fact, a large number of potential students at UMP-G are indeed from very diverse backgrounds, encompassing far more than the usual 18-22 year age span. Dr. Binswanger remarked that the questions derived from this discussion would provide the Academic Planner with an opportunity to further refine the Objectives. In response to a question as to whether this Statement of Objectives was, in fact, a mission statement, the committee was informed that it was not, and that a full mission statement was to be written by June of this year. The Objectives were unanimously accepted by the Committee; Dr. Donovan expressed his appreciation to the committee responsible for their formulation.

NEBHE Resolution. Chancellor McCarthy briefly explained the purpose of the NEBHE Regional Student Program, and described how the surcharge is based on the tuition of the particular institution the student is attending. Because tuition from this program represents considerable income to various University of Maine campuses, and since it assists in underwriting the cost of the program itself, the Chancellor indicated his support of the tuition raise. Mr. Weatherbee asked why the proposed surcharge was not more than 25%. The Chancellor explained that there was considerable negotiation between the states involved to arrive at

the 25% figure. The committee formed to study the issue believed that 25% would be an effective inducement to maintain program and faculty uniqueness. Although some committee members favored an increase as high as 80%, the 25% raise was felt to be the best compromise. In response to Trustee Weatherbee's question as to whether there had recently been a significant effort to review program courses, the Chancellor informed the committee that these courses had been reviewed from both uniqueness and cost perspectives. Mr. Weatherbee also stated his concern that these programs not be expanded; the Chancellor responded by stating that the programs philosophy was to "buy rather than build." A wide variety of opportunities are thereby attained for the student. The Chancellor proceeded to further describe the NEBHE program, noting its contributions to education in the region. He informed the committee that the program is run at a slight deficit, as it must depend on student demand. He maintained that the surcharge is needed to insure its viability. In response to a question as to whether or not a follow-up study is made of students who remain in Maine after participation in the program, the Chancellor said that there is no attempt to enhance inward migration. On motion of Mr. Weatherbee and seconded by Mrs. DiMatteo, with Mrs. Kominsky and Mr. O'Leary opposing, it was

VOTED: to recommend that the Board approve the NEBHE resolution for a 25% tuition surcharge for students in the NEBHE Regional Student Program.

Director, UMO Center for Marine Studies. After brief discussion of the recommendation that Malvern Gilmartin be appointed to the Directorship of the Center, it was moved by Mr. Weatherbee, seconded by Dr. Neville and

VOTED: to recommend that the Board approve the appointment of Malvern Gilmartin as Director of the UMO Center for Marine Studies.

Progress Report - "Improving the University of Maine, 1977". Dr. Binswanger briefed the Committee on the January 20, 1978 Joint Meeting of the University Council and the Management Council in which the Orono proposal for coordinating University Teacher Education and the University College of Education Interim Report were discussed. He read aloud to the Committee members a letter from Harlan Philippi concerning this meeting, which delineated the motions taken and the course of discussion at the meeting. The University Council passed the following motion: 1) Supporting the College of Education for the University of Maine; 2) Supporting the position of University Dean of Teacher Education; and 3) Supporting the shared authority model as the recommended method of locating authority in the University of Maine. The vote on this motion was unanimous of those present. Dr. Binswanger stated that Dr. Philippi is scheduled to speak before this Committee later in the year.

Other. Daniel O'Leary informed the committee that the listing "FK2-97" on the MPBN paper under Tab S should be corrected to read "KK2-97." Dr. Donovan suggested that the Board more closely monitor the activities of MPBN, and Chancellor McCarthy concurred, stating the need for a subcommittee to investigate and review network activities. On motion of Mrs. Kominsky and seconded by Dr. Donovan, it was

VOTED: to recommend that the Chairman of the Board
appoint a subcommittee to oversee the
activities of MPBN.

Adjournment.

Mary E. Phillips
for
JoAnne Magill
Clerk, Board of Trustees