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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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March 21, 1978  
Orono, Maine

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CLERK: \_\_\_\_\_

EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE

PRESENT: John Donovan, Chairman; Susan Kominsky, Sawin Millett, Patricia DiMatteo, Artemus Weatherbee, Daniel O'Leary, and Frank Doran. Trustee Wessell, absent. Other Trustees: Thomas Monaghan and Elizabeth Russell (part of the meeting). Staff: Chancellor McCarthy, William Sullivan, Robert Binswanger, Mary Ann Haas, Russell Smith, Arthur Buswell, Kenneth Allen, Donald Beattie, Howard Neville, Stanley Salwak, Richard Spath, Summer Bernstein, Thomas Strauss, Henry Hooper, and James MacCampbell. Others: Jamie Eves, Becky Fisher, press and public.

Chairman Donovan convened the meeting.

The Minutes of the January 25, 1978 meeting were APPROVED as circulated.

Graduate Education. Dr. Henry Hooper, Dean of the Graduate School at Orono, briefed the Committee on implementation of the ad hoc Committee on Academic Planning charge on Graduate Education which called for increased system-wide cooperation and coordination. He noted that the purpose of the effort is to promote cooperative efforts among faculties and administrators from the various campuses. As an illustration of the efforts made by the campuses, Dr. Hooper pointed out that there is a general classroom-teacher program based at Portland-Gorham now being delivered to Farmington, and beginning in September, there will be three master's level programs in education at Orono being delivered at Presque Isle. A cooperative effort between Portland-Gorham and Orono on a combined master's in history is currently being finalized for eventual use by other campuses. A committee is now looking at policy and access needs state-wide. They will be maintaining a liaison with the Administrative Council, and an annual report to the Educational Policy Committee on University-wide activities in graduate education is planned.

Members of the Committee were concerned with the cost factors of the Presque Isle program, as well as the proliferation of activities. Dean Hooper assured them that needs assessment is being taken into consideration in the planning of the programs. It is too soon to identify the costs at Presque Isle, however. He added that graduate education before this coordination effort was a hodgepodge of courses. He and his staff have merely reorganized these and new activities will be limited. Further discussion focused on better utilization of faculty, resources available, more needs assessment and access. President Salwak commended Dean Hooper and the efforts made at Presque Isle.

Progress Report on Portland-Gorham. President Spath, academic planner for Portland-Gorham, reported that the internal planning process is on target to date. A final report may be ready for the Board at its' meeting May 24 instead of the scheduled June 30th date.

Library Presentation. James MacCampbell, Director of Libraries, Orono, gave a brief progress report on the work the system-wide librarians have been doing since their report to the Board on April 27, 1977. They expect to have their recommendations for the Board in May. Problem areas identified were: a) salaries (basic salary and compensation scale); b) upgrading acquisitions; and c) staff development.


Program Approval Procedures. Dr. Binswanger reported on the work of a committee composed of academic staff from each campus, and established to strengthen the program approval process. There was extensive discussion on procedures for new program approval. Several Committee members were dissatisfied with the section intitled "Program Approval Procedures" (paragraph 10, page 3) and they indicated that the Board should be advised about programs which are rejected by the Chancellor's Office. Mr. Weatherbee thought the language of the paragraph should be clarified to allow an appeal if necessary by the campus proposing the new program. Dr. Binswanger suggested that the proposals as a whole be kept and that the staff would rewrite the paragraph in question. Mrs. Kominsky indicated concern for new programs funded by such organizations as CETA where the program is written up and funded and the Board notified after the fact. Mr. Weatherbee requested a report on CETA-funded programs for a later date. The Committee members also requested a catalogue of new programs which have been approved, rejected, etc. by the Board. Professor Doran suggested that some clearer definitions of academic programs should be developed.

NEBHE - Law School Tuition. Dr. Binswanger introduced a recommendation providing the retention of the University of Maine School of Law in the NEBHE program and for a maximum of sixteen spaces per incoming class to be allocated for NEBHE students. Mr. Monaghan wished to make it clear that the advantage of this proposal is not to generate more money, but to provide more benefits for the School and ultimately the state. There was a question about the effective date of the new proposal and Chancellor McCarthy informed the Committee that the students would not benefit from this recommendation until the fall of 1979. On motion made and seconded, the Committee

VOTED: to recommend that the University of Maine School of Law remain a program offering in the Regional Student Program with tuition to be established at 25% above in-state tuition; and further, that a maximum of 16 spaces per entering class be established for student enrollments in the NEBHE Program.

Mr. Weatherbee requested an update on the relationship of the VTIs and the Community Colleges to the University per the ad hoc Academic Planning Committee charge.

Adjournment.

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