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November 28, 1978
Augusta, Maine

Date: 11/30/79
By: _____ Clerk

EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE

PRESENT: Thomas Monaghan, Chairman; Joseph Hakanson, Artemus Weatherbee, Dennis McCannell, Elizabeth Russell (part of meeting); Other Trustees: Francis Brown, Stanley Evans, Bernard Carpenter, Ellen Platz and Sawin Millett. Staff: Robert Binswanger, William Sullivan, Mary Ann Haas, Donald Beattie, Howard Neville and Arthur Buswell. Faculty Representatives: Walter Lichtenstein, Steven Morang and Robert Sloan. Guests: Miles Morgan, James Armstrong, Richard Jacobs, Alden Wilson and Roswell Rudd. Roger Snow.

Chairman Monaghan convened the meeting and welcomed the new faculty representatives to the Committee. The Minutes of the September 27, 1978 meeting were APPROVED as circulated.

University College of Education Dean Search. Vice Chancellor Binswanger briefed the Committee on the status of the search for a Dean of the University College of Education which is underway. Dr. Binswanger reported that recruitment began in August and that there were nearly one-hundred completed applications. The Screening Committee has completed its work and interviewing has begun. It is expected that the names of three finalists will be forwarded to the Chancellor for his consideration within the next six weeks, and the Chancellor will present a recommendation to the Board in January.

Teacher Assembly. Dr. Binswanger presented a brief synopsis of the Teacher Assembly which was held on November 17-18 in Rockport, Maine, for which delegates were selected during regional meetings which were held throughout the state. Discussion papers on priorities for teacher education and many other topics stimulated discussion among the participants.

The keynote speaker for the Goals Assembly was Dr. Terrell H. Bell, Utah Commissioner of Higher Education. Other guests represented the Maine Teachers Association, the Education Committee of the Maine State Legislature, and the Maine State Superintendents Association. Discussion at the Goals Assembly was stimulating and it was generally agreed that the meeting was a positive one. A report of the meeting will be published in December. An agenda for the UMO College of Education is due in January.

Programming Planning. Dr. Binswanger reported on the activities of the University Program Planning Review Committee noting that at the October meeting, the Committee reviewed three program proposals: one each from Machias, Augusta, and Orono. It was decided that one should go forward for Board action and that the remaining two would be returned to the respective campuses for revision or further action. Dr. Binswanger reiterated that the purpose of the Review Committee is to strengthen the program offerings which can be accomplished through the sharing of intentions. In response to questions from Mr. Monaghan,

Dr. Binswanger elaborated on the program planning process and procedures. There was discussion of costs, timing, and sources of funding for these program plans and Dr. Binswanger described for the Committee the procedures recently instituted which require the planners to identify costs and needs for personnel, equipment, etc.

Individualized Ph.D., UMO. Dr. Binswanger briefed the Committee on the proposal for the individualized Ph.D. at the University of Maine at Orono. He explained that the program is designed to afford a limited number of qualified graduate students an opportunity to pursue study where no departmental degree programs exist, but where there are outstanding faculty available to aid doctoral research. The campus submitted an Intent to Plan in 1977 which listed the title, general objectives and documented evidence of need. It was noted that the required facilities and equipment were adequate, and that funding would be acquired through grants and contracts. After discussion, the Intent to Plan was approved by the Program Review Committee with several reservations. The Committee a) thought there should be a limit on the number of individual doctorates awarded in any one year; b) that the degree should be of value to the student; c) that the new program should be reviewed by the individualized degree committee; d) that there should be a name change for the degree and e) that one member of each advisory committee must be a scholar from outside the University of Maine. The Graduate faculty incorporated the suggestions and formally endorsed the program.

During discussion, Mr. Weatherbee asked about funding and Dr. Binswanger indicated that funds were in hand for the initial trial period, after which the Committee would have an opportunity to evaluate the program on its merits and determine whether it should be continued or terminated. Professor Lichtenstein questioned the intent of certain language on page 8 in the Proposal which referred to "unqualified . . ." students being discouraged from the program due to the strictures of the requirements. Dr. Binswanger will explore the matter with the Graduate Dean to determine whether the language should be modified or deleted. There was further discussion of funding and procedures for review and cancellation of programs no longer deemed viable. On motion of Mr. Weatherbee, which was seconded, the Committee

VOTED: to recommend that the Board authorize the University of Maine at Orono to grant a Doctor of Philosophy Degree for those students meeting the requirements of the individualized study program. This new degree program, open to a wide range of disciplines, will be limited to 5 to 7 admissions per year for each of the next 5 years.

Music Task Force. Mr. Miles Morgan, Director of the Bangor Symphony Orchestra, was invited to discuss the general philosophy of the report of the Music Task Force, which he chaired, and which has been at work for more than a year developing recommendations for improving the University's service to the public in terms of music education. Accompanying Mr. Morgan and assisting with the presentation were Task Force members Dr. James Armstrong, Chairman of the Colby College Music Department, and Dr. Richard Jacobs, Professor of Music, UMO. Mr. Morgan highlighted the most significant issues and summarized the major recommendations contained in the report which were designed to 1) improve music education in the elementary and secondary schools; 2) increase participation in University credit programs; 3) expand services to the greater Maine community; and 4) to strengthen University facilities. Following the presentation, Task Force members responded to questions of interest from the Committee. The Committee requested that the Task Force be commended and that Mr. Morgan be formally thanked. On motion of Mr. Weatherbee which was seconded, the Committee VOTED to recommend that the University of Maine at Orono be asked to report on its music talent scholarships program. On motion of Mr. Weatherbee which was seconded, the Committee further VOTED to recommend that an implementation plan be developed for Board review.

Adjournment.



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for
JoAnne R. Magill
Clerk of the Board