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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE Date _____ By _____ Clerk

May 23, 1979
Bangor, Maine

Educational Policy Committee

PRESENT: Thomas Monaghan, Chairman; John Donovan, Alan Elkins, Joseph Hakanson, Elizabeth Russell, Artemus Weatherbee, Student Representative Dennis McCannell, absent. Faculty representatives: Walter Lichtenstein, Robert Brandon, Robert Sloan and Stephen Morang. Other Trustees: Susan Kominsky, Sawin Millett and Ellen Platz. Staff: Robert Binswanger, Kenneth Allen, Donald Beattie, Roland Burns, Arthur Buswell, Howard Neville, Einar Olsen, Stanley Salwak, Samuel D'Amico, and Paul Frinsko.

Chairman Monaghan convened the meeting. The minutes of the March 27, 1979 meeting were APPROVED as circulated.

New Programs.

Bilingual - Bicultural Studies, UMRK. Dr. Roland Burns, Executive Dean at UMRK, briefed the Committee on the development of the bilingual-bicultural program. He stated that the population of the St. John Valley is 90-95% Franco-American and that nearly half the population in Maine is Franco-American. Federal funds have been available to the elementary schools for teaching bilingual-bicultural studies. Once the federal monies run out, however, the University will be under pressure to finance the training of staff. A needs assessment was done and received good response. Chairman Monaghan asked about the cost factor. Dr. Burns replied that there are existing faculty and courses and for the first five years the program can be offered within the existing budget. Additional faculty may be added later. After a brief discussion, and on motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to approve a Bilingual-Bicultural Major as part of the Bachelor of Science in Education as submitted by the University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Master of Arts in Liberal Studies, UMO. President Neville briefly described the program which is designed for part-time students. It is composed of three-core seminars plus individual courses on and off the Orono campus, culminating in a Master's level project. On motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to approve the Master of Liberal Studies as submitted by the University of Maine at Orono.

Master of Science in Medical Technology, UMO. After a briefing in which the Committee was told that there is a need for such a program and that it would be supported through Continuing Education, a motion was made and seconded and

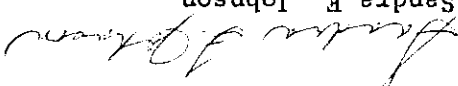
VOTED: to approve the Master of Science in Medical
Technology as submitted by the University of
Maine at Orono.

Development of Nursing Programs. There was general discussion of the informa-
tion item. Trustee Russell pointed out that there are two needs in the State:
1) to provide additional opportunities to obtain the associate degree in the
northern part of the state and 2) to provide more opportunities for baccalaureate
degrees for nurses who already have some training. Trustee Elkins mentioned the
telelecture program which had been demonstrated and viewed by many trustees at
the University of Southern Maine campus. Dr. Kenneth Allen, Coordinator of
Health Science Education, said the program could help, but it is complex and
difficult to handle. The Nurses Association will be pursuing the concept further.
President Stanley Salwak briefed the Committee on the two-year program that UMA
delivers to UMPI. He said there has been good cooperation dovetailing the Arts
and Science courses at Presque Isle with the nursing courses at Augusta. He
stated it is an excellent example for transferring the parts of one campus to
another. Trustee Elkins suggested that the program eventually could be expanded
and that perhaps later a Master's degree could be added.

Faculty Symposia. The faculty symposia was an information item. Dr. Binswanger
briefed the Committee on the need for faculty even from the smallest departments
to come together and discuss problems and areas of cooperation. The faculty who
have attended such symposia thought the meetings were constructive. Private colleges
have been invited to attend in order to promote more cooperation in the future.
In the mathematics area, an international symposium has been scheduled in
New Brunswick. The faculty present urged the Trustees to encourage these
endeavors.

Other business. Trustee Monaghan requested a report for the next meeting on the
Criminal Justice programs within the University. Faculty representative
Steven Morang requested that the Committee explore avenues of assistance for a
graduate program at UMA. It was suggested that Professor Morang present his ideas
through campus procedures leaving it up to President Beattie as to what if anything
should be presented to the Committee.

Adjournment.


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