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BOARD OF TRUSTEESDate: 5/1
By: *JoAnne R. Magill* 001January 30, 1979
Bangor, MaineSTUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

PRESENT: Chairman pro tem Elizabeth Russell, Patricia DiMatteo, Alan Elkins, John Robinson, Susan Kominsky and student representative Jamie Eves. Faculty representatives: J. Albert McDaniel and Walter Lichtenstein. Staff: Mary Ann Haas, Einar Olsen, Howard Neville, Thomas Aceto and Roger Snow. Guests: Dr. Robert Graves, UMO and Dr. Hays Bowne, UMF.

The minutes of November 29, 1978 were approved as circulated.

Health Services. Assistant Vice Chancellor Mary Ann Haas briefed the Committee on a report compiled in the early 70's by people associated with Health Services. Many of the recommendations included in that report were never implemented due to budget cuts; others, however, survived and in some cases grew. Dr. Haas introduced Dr. Robert Graves, Director of the Cutler Health Center, UMO and Dr. Hays Bowne, Director of the Health Center, UMF, who had been invited to discuss the kinds of things that are now taking place with regard to services to part-time students, escalation of costs, insurance packages offered, and special services. Dr. Graves opened the discussion by giving the Trustees background information on the Cutler Health Center at Orono. The Center is a licensed, 18-bed hospital which provides on-campus medical care to students and also serves as a health information and education center. He said that budget cuts gave rise to a voluntary health fee of \$14 per semester which covers the student for clinic visits, laboratory work, x-rays, etc. Students who opt not to pay the fee are charged one-half the cost of services rendered. The current percentage of students enrolled under the health plan at Orono is 67.76%. This figure does not include CED students, although the service is available to CED students also. In answer to questions about availability of information on birth control and abortions, Dr. Graves replied that the clinic has a family practice nurse associate who is available for advice on family planning. Dr. Bowne reported that UMF offers out-patient care only. There are 'round-the-clock nurses, a part-time physician and the R.A.s have had first-aid training. Prescriptions are issued for birth control products; psychiatric counselling is available on campus, but serious cases are handled by the Tri-County Mental Health in the Farmington area. He added that UMF also offers a good insurance program in which 720 students, out of 800 resident students, are enrolled. After much discussion and comparison of the various health services offered, Trustee Elkins suggested that an appropriate instrument of the University examine the level and support of health delivery services. Trustee Robinson seconded the motion, and it carried.

Adjournment.

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for
JoAnne R. Magill
Clerk of the Board