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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
Board of Trustees

Ad Hoc Committee on ROTC

107 Maine Avenue, Bangor
July 21, 1985

PRESENT: Chairman Robert Dunfey, James Bowers, Richard Morin.
Other Trustees: Harrison Richardson, Thomas Monaghan,
Faculty Representatives: Harry Kerr, Andrew Anderson,
Ruth Nadelhaft, pro tem. Student Representatives: Robert
Sezak, Dina Merrill, Bradford Payne. Staff: Arthur Johnson.

Chairman Robert Dunfey convened the meeting. He noted that in the interim since the last meeting, the report of the Committee's consultant, Professor Carolyn Stephenson, had been received and circulated to the members of the Committee. To prepare for the Committee's report to the full Board, Mr. Dunfey requested discussion of proposed recommendations which would charge the Administrative Council to

1. establish a schedule and a process for a periodic review of all of the University's ROTC contracts which will include assessment of the contractual obligations and continuing evaluation of the programs' place in the University curriculum.
2. provide the Board with a preliminary proposal at the September meeting, for initiation of an interdisciplinary peace studies program, at the introductory level, which would be developed with full faculty participation on a system-wide basis.

During discussion, Professor Nadelhaft reported on a proposal for a one-year introductory peace studies program which has been developed by a faculty task force appointed by President Johnson. She said the proposal would be forwarded through the Chancellor for the consideration of the Trustees. In response to questions, she indicated that the task force would seek supplemental funding from the Trustees for a full-time coordinator to implement the proposal, and she pointed out that no campus would be able to initiate a new program without additional resources. Mr. Richardson commended the Committee for its work. However, he expressed concern that the Trustees not mandate either curriculum development or the establishment of new programs since the Board, per se, has no funds for implementation of new programs. Mr. Dunfey and Mr. Bowers concurred and indicated that the Committee's objective is to focus on peace studies as a timely issue. President Johnson noted that any

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proposal from UMO faculty would be submitted to the regular Campus process for course approval. Professor Nadelhaft said she thought the Campus would be supportive since there is a relatively long history of discussion and debate at UMO on the various aspects of this issue, and a number of individual faculty members have been interested in peace studies for some time. Mr. Monaghan said that as a personal view, he thought there was no need for a separate program of peace studies and he expressed his support for the ROTC programs. After further discussion, the Committee concurred that the proposed recommendations would be presented to the full Board for discussion and action.

Adjournment.

JoAnne R. Magill
Clerk