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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM  
Board of Trustees

January 29, 1987  
University of Southern Maine - Gorham

Educational Policy Committee

PRESENT: Patricia Schroth, Chairman; Geneva Kirk, Barbara Sanford, Stewart Smith and James Storer. Absent: Thomas Monaghan and Harrison Richardson.

Chairman Schroth convened the meeting.

Maine Lobster Institute. Chancellor Woodbury asked the Committee to table the Maine Lobster Institute recommendation so that he and University of Maine President Lick could present the item to the new Commissioner of Marine Resources. The Committee concurred.

Program Approval and Review. Chairman Schroth introduced the item stating that new programs would come to the Board twice a year, in January and July. Chancellor Woodbury said that the procedures represented a significant change. Instead of having new programs come up for approval on an ad hoc basis, the Board would receive them in clusters. He also said the Board would be kept informed of the campus's intent to plan and a handout of this addition to the recommendation was distributed to the Committee. The Committee forwarded the recommendation with the amendment to the Board for approval.

Masters Degree in Forestry, UM. President Lick introduced Gregory Brown, Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dean Brown stated that in years past the forestry industry had approached the University to have a non-thesis professional degree and the University could now offer that option. President Lick added that the resources for the program were in place, the demand for the degree was there and that the University could be more responsive to industry. The Committee recommended approval of the program.

Bachelor of Science in Food Science, UM. President Lick informed the Committee that most of the program is in place and that the University can now respond to the demand of Maine industry to provide trained personnel in raw material production, marketing, handling and processing. Alfred Bushway, Chairman of Food Science, stated that the food industry in Maine has few food scientists to develop new products, handle current food production, etc. so there is not only a demand here, but nationwide. He added that students would be prepared for technical as well as supervisory positions. The Committee recommended approval of the program.

Bachelor of Arts in Physics, USM. Interim President Harlan Philippi said the program responds to three requirements: 1) a recommendation by the Visiting

Committee to upgrade college science programs; 2) to continue development, and 3) to prepare science teachers for secondary schools. Trustee Smith was concerned that basic equipment was being purchased from external funds. He was assured that the money for equipment, equipment replacement and faculty slots had been internally funded from the biennium budget. Dr. Philippi added that instrumentation is shortlived, but that the Campus in conjunction with local industry might form a partnership to find a way to keep equipment upgraded. The Committee recommended approval of the recommendation.

Academic Calendar. Questions were raised concerning the fact that the Law School was the only section that was pending on the academic calendar. Dr. Philippi informed the Committee that the school has been requested to produce a calendar at the proper time and that there will be no such omission on future calendars. The Committee briefly discussed tourist industry concerns regarding starting school prior to Labor Day and it was concluded that the University has to do what is academically appropriate.

Adjournment.

Sandra Johnson  
for the Clerk