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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM  
Board of Trustees

Maine Public Broadcasting Network  
July 20, 1987

Educational Policy Committee

PRESENT: Stewart Smith, Chair; Patricia Collins, Geneva Kirk and James Storer. Absent: Eve Bither. Other Trustees: Stanley Evans, Robert Foster, Thomas Monaghan and George Wood. Faculty Representatives to the Committee: Rodney Cole, Carol-Ann Hall and Sharon Zimmer-Boucher. Student Representative to the Committee: Randy Wormald (absent). Other Faculty Representatives: Douglas Dunlap, Ralph Jans and Jefferson White. Staff: Chancellor Woodbury, Richard Bowers, Barbara Leondar, Dale Lick, Patricia Plante, James Roach and John Edwards, Dean of Student Affairs who substituted for Frederic Reynolds.

Chairman Stewart Smith convened the meeting and introduced new Trustees Patricia Collins and George Wood. The faculty representatives to the Educational Policy Committee for 1987-88 are Rodney Cole, UMA; Carol-Ann Hall, UMPI; and Sharon Zimmer-Boucher, UMFK. Student representative Randy Wormald was absent.

Academic Activities Report. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Richard Bowers reviewed the Academic Activities Report, which had been mailed separately from the Board meeting materials:

-Academic Program Approval and Review. Dr. Bowers noted especially the use of outside reviewers in the academic program review process and said that the cost of the reviewers will be paid by the Chancellor's Office. He drew attention to the Intent to Plan Statements, which were part of the Board backup. In addition to those listed, the following four proposals had been approved for development earlier in the year: 1) Master of Social Work, to be planned jointly by UM and USM. The University of Maine will have the rural mission and the University of Southern Maine will have the urban mission. 2) Ph.D. in Geology, UM; 3) A.S. in Health Information Computer Specialist, UMA; and 4) A.S. in Occupational Therapy, UMA. Dr. Bowers added that each campus is using program reviews when planning their budgets as a way to make sound management decisions. Dr. Smith inquired about the process leading up to the Intent to Plan Statement. Dr. Bowers answered that the Campus initiates a plan after doing a survey to determine its viability. The plan then goes to the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and is considered by the Chief Academic Officers. If it passes these steps, it goes to the Chancellor for approval and subsequently goes back to the Campus for further development. Courses offered at the VTIs are taken into consideration when a plan is being developed.

-UM System Comprehensive Planning Process. Dr. Bowers briefly went over the Comprehensive Planning Process which was outlined in the materials circulated to the Committee. He added that he was confident that the plan would be completed on schedule.

-Course Equivalencies. The equivalent course matrix has been completed and will be published and available by Fall. Dr. Bowers said that there are a significant number of courses that are equivalent, perhaps as many as 40%. Chancellor Woodbury said that currently there is a communication problem with respect to transfer of credits and that the matrix should help in alleviating some of the misconceptions.

-Undergraduate Education Conference. Dr. Bowers noted that the Conference, which was sponsored by the Chancellor and held in Rockland in March of this year, was successful and that the reaction of the participants was positive. It is expected to become an annual event. Professor Hall, UMPI, said that because information was passed along formally, it helped other campuses become aware of what was taking place System-wide.

Professor Dunlap, UMF, concurred that such conferences spur system efforts, such as the cooperative efforts of UMA and UMM in the health sciences professions.

Bachelor of Science in Computer Applications. President Barbara Leondar, UMFK, presented the recommendation. She said that the program was the direct result of State funding to regional campuses for computer equipment. She said the program will contribute a great deal to the St. John Valley. Executive Dean Roland Burns reviewed the steps taken to bring the program to fruition. He said it meets regional and campus needs and that the faculty needed for the program are already in place. He said that there is enough interest from students already on campus, students who are coming in the Fall who know of the program, and from the regional high schools, to make the program a success. The Committee recommended that the program be forwarded to the Board for approval.

Master of Professional Studies in Public Administration. Dr. Bowers said that the program is a modification of the current M.A. in Public Administration program which is offered at Presque Isle by the University of Maine. The credit hours have been decreased from 42 credit hours to 30 credit hours, electives have been cut down and the program is directed toward the student with experience in the work place. He said the Chief Academic Officers have reviewed the proposal and support it. President Roach, UMPI, said that the program is tailored to the needs of the people in the area, especially students at Loring Air Force Base. The Committee recommended that the program be forwarded to the Board for approval.

University of Maine Pulp and Paper Foundation Professorship in Chemical Engineering. President Lick, UM, presented the recommendation. The University of Maine Pulp & Paper Foundation raises a half million dollars a year for the chemical engineering program. The Foundation will fund the Professorship at an annual rate of \$15,000 which will enhance the quality of the department by allowing the Campus to recruit a more experienced individual. Authority over the Professorship will remain with the University and the Board will approve the actual appointment.

Intent to Plan Statements. It was noted that the proposals listed are just starting through the development process.

Adjournment.

Sandra F. Johnson for  
JoAnne R. Magill, Clerk