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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
Board of Trustees

University of Maine at Presque Isle
September 25, 1988

Student Affairs Committee

PRESENT: Harrison Richardson, Chairman pro tem; Stewart Smith. Faculty representatives Ralph Jans and Carol-Ann Hall. Student representatives Brian Lajoie and Linda Bartlett.

Mr. Harrison Richardson convened the meeting and introduced Dr. Woodrow Stroble, Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs at UMPI. The Student Affairs Committee has been hearing from the various student service departments and organizations of each System campus. Dr. Stroble began the presentation for the Presque Isle campus by introducing the staff responsible for running day-to-day student services and activities. They were: Jean Goheen, Director of Student Services; John Harrington, Director, Counseling and Career Services; Ken Phelps, Editor of the Prism; James Brown, Coordinator of Television and Media Services; and James Donnelly, President of the Student Senate.

Summer Orientation. Dr. Stroble informed the Committee that UMPI had its first Freshman orientation program this summer. During July and August, four separate orientation sessions were held so that students could meet with their advisors, become acquainted with the campus and register for courses. Campus staff found that in September there was a smoother transition to college life.

Computers. A personal computer was installed in one of the dorms to test how often it would be used. The usage time totaled 18 hours per day. Since then, more p.c.s have been installed in the various residence halls.

Residence Halls. Special advisement sessions for freshman residential students have been put in place to inform students of various services offered to them. In two of the halls, staff have set aside time for student discussion of matters pertaining to their majors.

Communication. Message machines such as those seen in metropolitan airports have been installed in Wieden and Kelly Commons to inform students of important activities taking place on campus. It has been especially helpful to commuters. Closed circuit t.v. sets have been set up in residence halls to broadcast messages of interest.

Other areas Dr. Stroble touched on were student health insurance, which is offered at a nominal cost; student cultural events, which are supported by activity fees; and the cafeteria, which recently employed a new food vendor.

After the presentation, the Committee was invited to ask questions or make comments.

.Ralph Jans, Faculty Representative, UMM, asked if the summer orientation interfered with student's summer jobs. Dr. Stroble said that the sessions were held either on a weekend, as a one-day stint or in the evening. Working students were given every opportunity to make the orientation program.

.With regard to the closed circuit t.v., James Brown noted that the technology has recently advanced enough to allow for video and graphic applications. The system has been wired into not only the residence halls, but into classrooms and the library as well.

.There was a brief discussion of the upcoming bond issue and the need for a student center on the Presque Isle campus.

.Of concern to students attending the meeting was the price of books; the cost of purchasing special equipment for certain courses; updating of library facilities; campus security; and smoking in food service areas.

.Linda Bartlett, UMA Student Representative, raised the issue of lack of space at the Thomaston Center. Currently the bookstore is being used for another purpose which means students must wait for books to be sent from Augusta.

Adjournment.

Sandra F. Johnson for
JoAnne R. Magill, Clerk