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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 24, 1973
Bangor, Maine

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date June 27, 1973
By: JoAnne R. Magill, Clerk

EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE

PRESENT: Chairman Jean Sampson, S. J. Evans, C. R. McGary, N. Y. Wessell and L. M. Cutler; Staff: D. R. McNeil, S. L. Freeman (late), A. S. Buswell, W. P. Fridinger, L. J. Jewett, W. C. Libby (late), S. F. Salwak, M. A. Haas, A. C. McGuinness, G. P. Connick (UMP-G), J. M. Blake (UMO), and D. W. Folts (UMP-I).

Chairman Sampson convened the meeting.

Discussion topics for future meetings. There was informal discussion of the ongoing staff review of admissions policies and procedures and of transferability of academic credit, both of interest to the Committee. The Chancellor expects to have a report on transferability of credit for Committee discussion by late summer or early fall. The Committee will also begin this fall to evaluate the Board-approved tenure guidelines adopted in September 1972 and designated for review after two years experience.

Mrs. Sampson had asked committee members to suggest topics for study and there was discussion of suggestions submitted by Professor Thomson which listed some broad policy questions for consideration:

- 1) Priorities for allocation of new money - should it be used for new programs, to enlarge and/or improve quality of existing programs, or to increase enrollment?
- 2) Extent of University responsibility for welfare of students? Is adequate instruction the limit of the obligation?
- 3) What priority rank for improvement of University libraries? Is there a case for unified direction of all libraries within the system?
- 4) Further discussion of the "open University" or "University without walls".
- 5) Should the University have a single graduate school and a single graduate faculty operating throughout the State?

Chairman Sampson also distributed copies of Professor Thomson's report on the Committee's Farmington visitation which will be discussed at a future meeting.

Community College concept. To initiate discussion of a concept for community college development, the Chancellor asked President Jewett, who is Chairman of the One-and Two-Year Program Screening Committee, to report on the status of this committee, which was established by cooperative efforts between the Board of Trustees and the State Board of Education to provide a mechanism to eliminate undesirable duplication of programs between the two institutions. Mr. Jewett elaborated on the role of the committee which is recommendatory in nature, and on progress achieved since its constitution. He distributed the committee's guidelines and procedures for screening program proposals, a copy of which is appended to the file of these minutes.

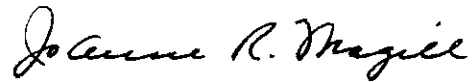
Noting that development of one-and two-year programs is closely related to community college development, the Chancellor requested that Mr. Fridinger, Acting President of the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham describe a proposal for a pilot program which has been designed by the Portland-Gorham staff for the delivery of community college opportunities to selected areas in York County. In essence, the staff proposes to establish learning resource centers in key areas in the County, Biddeford and Sanford initially, where both academicians and technology specialists would combine their talents to package educational programs which could be delivered through the existing facilities of public and private institutions to York County students. As a departure from the traditional concept of separate community college campuses, this program would utilize faculty, laboratories, libraries, etc. in existing public and private educational institutions on a cooperative basis. The proposal was developed at UMP-G in consultation with representatives from Southern Maine Vocational Technical Institute and private colleges which included Nasson College, St. Joseph College, St. Francis College and Westbrook Junior College.

Dr. McGary pointed out that the VTIs were not represented in the organizational structure which would be created to package the programs and monitor delivery and he recommended that this omission be rectified to provide the basis for truly inter-institutional cooperation and during the discussion of the proposal there was consensus that this would be both desirable and feasible. Mr. Fridinger will work out the necessary modifications.

Dr. McNeil inquired whether the Committee would support a recommendation that the Board reaffirm its commitment to community college development with emphasis on the innovative approach utilized in the pilot program as opposed to further physical development of community college campuses, per se. There was consensus that the extension of educational opportunities to service unmet needs through the combined resources of public and private institutions was highly commendable and,

while the Committee was reluctant to specifically preclude future establishment of separate campuses, the Chancellor was instructed to draft a policy statement which would incorporate the inter-institutional concept, for consideration by the full Board in the Public Meeting.

From a taped recording of the session.



JoAnne R. Magill
Clerk, Board of Trustees