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University Relations Committee

We understand that the legislative leadership is sympathetic to a restoration of faculty positions in the budget so that we can maintain our 15:1 student/faculty ratio and still meet the increased enrollment recommended by the Governor. The situation is a delicate one, but it would seem appropriate to contact members of the State Legislature asking for their support. We expect legislative action within less than a month from this date.

We of the University Relations Committee would suggest that faculty and staff members contact their representatives and senators. We urge you to do so in such a way as to win support. The best way, we feel, is to make a brief factual case for maintaining the quality of our education, perhaps citing the University Senate resolution of February 24 urging that there be no change in the student/faculty ratio. If this is to be done in writing, we think it is better to use your home stationery rather than University. We cannot overstress the importance of maintaing a friendly tone.

If you do not know the names of your state legislators, you may call your city or town clerk, or you may contact John Larner, extension 375. We think it is better to write legislators at the State House rather than at their homes.

Would you be kind enough to let the Committee Chairman, Arthur Martin, know what contacts you make and what reactions you receive?

Karla Bader '74

Paul Boardman '72

Jacob Getson

Grant Development

George Goodwin, Jr. Politics

Richard Hogarty Politics

John Larner Public Relations Catherine Main '72

Arthur Martin Physics

Louis Roberts Theatre Arts

Peter Stavros '73

Jane Winters
Placement & Counseling

Referenda on Constitutions

College I Assembly

Danforth Fellowship Competition

Switchboard

Faculty and staff are reminded by Stanley Remsberg (History), who is coordinating the voting on the University and Collegiate Constitutions that their ballots should be returned by tomorrow (Wednesday)

Students will have until 3 p.m. Thursday to vote, and it is suggested that faculty may remind students of this deadline.

The first meeting for the purpose of discussing recommendations by the Introductory Programs Committee (formerly the College I Curriculum Committee) will be held on Tuesday, March 28th, at 4:15 in Room 222 of the Main Building. The Committee will report on: USP, Foundations Course, Exploratory Programs, and Option B.

A centative second meeting has also been scheduled for April 11 at 4:15 in the same room if our discussions call for additional meetings.

Materials from the Introductory Programs Committee have been distributed.

The nation's colleges and universities suggested 1500 nominees for this year's Danforth Foundation Fellowships, now perhaps the most prestigious of academi award for students with the suspension of the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship awards.

From the list of nominees, some 325 finalists were selected. This year as well as last year UMass-Boston student Enders Wimbush made the honorable mention list, a noteworthy and praiseworthy achievement. UMass-Amherst, with an undergraduate enrollment considerably larger than ours, also had one honorary mention.

Primo Vanicelli (Advising) is ordinately proud of the progress of "our general trend towards excellence and of the fact that we already have a solid and sound undergraduate institution." In advising Mass Media of the Danforth situation, Dr. Vanicelli notes "it should not be difficult of Mass Media readers to tolerate occasional -- indeed rare -- instances of self indulgence."

The University switchboard will now operate from 8:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., Monday through Friday. Try not to make extended long distance calls after 5:30 because the board has to be Plugged out.

International Students Association

"Israel, Zionism and the Palestinians" is the subject of a lecture by Mounir Neamatallah, Egyptian-born doctoral student at Columbia University and former member of the Cairo University Arab Students Council. The lecture in 1-222 will be on Thursday, March 30, at 12:35. It is sponsored by the International Students Association and the Cultural Events Committee. All students, especially Politics majors, are invited to attend.

The election of officers of the International Students Association will be held April 4 at 12:35 p.m. in 1-603.

Advisors are requested to bring to the attention of students that a representative from the Boston College Graduate School of Management will be at Sawyer 425 today (Tuesday) from 12:30 to 1:30 to give students information about graduate programs and opportunities.

The March meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Massachusetts will be held at the Amherst campus.

Byron Drinkwater (Controller) advises:

Out of State - All Out of State Travel Authorizations are encumbered against the Department Travel Funds. If the trip is not taken the traveler should notify the Accounting Office so the encumbering document will be cancelled. Failure to do so will tie up the Department's 10 Account budget, and could make travel funds unavailable for their colleagues in the Department.

Advances - All Travel Advance Funds are required to be turned in to the Treasurer's Office by April 1, 197

As a result, there will be no Funds disbured for Travel Advances after April 1st.

All people planning to Travel in April, May, or June are advised to take note and make their plans accordingly.

Graduate Study

Trustees Meeting

Travel

Recapturing University Authority

The 3/21 Christian Science Monitor has an interesting profile on University of Massachusetts president Robert Wood, authored by Arnold Beichman (Politic.). The article covers Wood's work day, including a teaching schedule at UMass-Boston, the model for a university in the conversion of a country from war and tragedy to peace, politics, and some thoughts about suburbia.

1973 Federal Budget

Professor Barry Bluestone (Economics) recently testified before the Joint Economic Committee of Congress on the 1973 Federal Budget, and gave a "radical guide" to this budget at a College II lecture last Thursday.

Grant and Program Information

Information of any material presented in the Bulletin may be obtained from Mr. Jacob Getson, Director of the Office of Grant Development and Community Service, Room 1221 C, Extension 620.

EEOC Filibuster Delays Higher Education Bill The omnibus higher education bill (S 659) is still delayed in the Senate by a filibuster against a measure to strengthen the Equal Employment Opportunitie Commission (EEOC). The Senate has scheduled a third vote for Feb. 22 on invoking cloture and thus liming the debate. Two earlier votes failed to get the required two-thirds majority.

The EEOC bill (S 2515), as approved by the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee, would have given the commission authority to issue cease and desist orders to halt discrimination in employment. But the Senate on Feb. 15 adopted an amendment deleting this authority and, instead, authorizing the commission to seek a court order to curb discrimination. Another provision in the bill would apply the ban against racial, religious and sex discrimination in Title VII of the Civil Rights Act to educational institutions. They are now excepted from the ban.

More Funds Asked for NSF

Five higher education associations representing state colleges, community colleges, and small private colleges have asked a committee of the House of Representatives to authorize \$60 million more than President Nixon requested for the National Science Foundation's science education programs. The President asked for total budget authority in fiscal 1973 of \$653 million for the foundation, including \$70 million to improve science education and \$12 million to improve institutional science programs.

Equal Employment Bill Affects
Colleges

Congress has passed a compromise bill that extends to colleges and universities a federal prohibition against sex discrimination in employment. Previously Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 had exempted educational institutions. The new bill also authorizes the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to file suit in federal district courts to enforce the ban on job discrimination.

Seven Are Appointed to Humanities
Council

The White House announced Feb. 16 the appointment of seven person to the National Council on the Humanities to serve terms expiring Jan. 26, 1978. An eighth appointment of a woman scholar from the Midwest, is scheduled soon to bring the council to its full membership of 27.

The new members are Jeffrey Hart, Professor of English at Dartmouth College, Martin Luther Kilson, Jr., professor of government at Harvard University; Sidney Hook, professor of philosophy emeritus at New York University; Irving Kristol, professor of urban values at New York University; Richard R. St. Johns, Malibu, Calif., president of Filmways, Inc.; Sheldon H. Solow, an East Hampton, N.Y. builder; and Frank Everson Vandiver, provost of Rice University.

\$1 Billion Attack on Drug Abuse

A comprehensive three-year program designed to launch a coordinated attack on drug abuse in the U.S. has been approved by a Congressional conference committee. The compromise plan would authorize \$1 billion for projects to fight drug abuse in U.S. cities where large numbers of addicts live. It would also bring scattered federal drug-abuse programs into a special temporary office under the President. The bill provides that a National Institute on Drug Abuse will be created after the temporary office ends its activities in 1975.

Humanities Endownment to Stress Continuing Education Adult education programs will account for about 40 per cent of the \$42.5 million the National Endownment for the Humanities wants to spend in fiscal 1973, according to Ronald S. Berman, chairman of the endowment. He told Congressional appropriations committees the endowment will try to help compensate for the "low value placed upon continuing education by our institutions of higher education."