Personnel Policy for Professional Non-Academic Staff

Dr. William R. Hamilton, Jr., announced a campus committee will be named to recommend implementation procedures for a new personnel policy voted by the University's Board of Trustees for the Professional Non-Academic staff at UMass-Boston.

Briefly, the policies provide an opportunity for longer-term contracts for professional non-academic staff after proper evaluation and approvals; a restructuring of the classification system; and the establishment of the principle of professional and educational leave for professional non-academic staff.

A formal process of evaluation of individual staff members before contract negotiation or renewal would be provided under this policy.

UMass-Boston has approximately 65 members of the professional non-academic staff.

Secretary Cronin

Secretary of Educational Affairs, Dr. Joseph Cronin, will visit the UMass-Boston campus on Tuesday, February 20, at 2 p.m., in the Faculty Club to review his proposals for reorganization of educational affairs in the Commonwealth. It is an open meeting and a question period will follow his remarks.

Emerson Lecture

Adam Yarmolinsky, Ralph Waldo Emerson University Professor, in the inaugural lecture commemorating the establishment of the University Chair, had some observations about the role of the American scholar in Emerson's day and in current history, especially during the Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon administrations. He also observed the role of the public university today, stating that: "The public university has a special responsibility to the scholar whose vocation includes service as well as scholarship. The ancient trend of teaching, research, and service is the foundation of which public higher education has been built in the United States. The need for enlightened, detached constructive social criticism has never been greater. Yet universities everywhere are on the defensive, and each element of the triad is under attack.

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"Teaching is forced by some critics through the sieve of relevance, or the even finer sieve of authenticity. Research is subject by other critics to narrow tests of practicality and immediacy of results. And service is regarded with suspicion by a national government, that, in the words of the second inaugural, wants every American to ask only what he can do for himself. And all this is likely to get worse before it gets better.

"The proper response to these attacks, it seems to me, is for universities to reaffirm the values for which we stand. Without teaching and learning we human beings lose our place in the stream of history and become strangers in our own age and in our land. Without research, the frontiers of learning contract as the universe continues relentlessly to expand. Without service the perspectives of scholarship do not illuminate the problems on which the survival of our society may depend."

Dr. Margaret Nelson, Professor Psychology at Brandies University, will speak at the Biology Department's seminar on Thursday, February 15th at 12:30 in Room 406, Main Building. Dr. Nelson will speak on "The Dancing Flies." The seminar is open to the University Community.

F. Donald Costello, Dean of Admissions, has announced that by the end of January 2086 men and women have made applications for the Fall semester. Of this total 1143 are men, and there are 943 women. In acceptances, 318 men have been approved for admission and 351 women. Some 513 men and women have also applied for transfer studies.

Interested staff and faculty members are invited to attend a meeting to discuss proposals for a University-wide Computing Service on Tuesday, February 13, 1973. The meeting will be held in Room 518W of the Statler Hilton. Time: 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

The College I Elections Committee announces that four faculty members are to be elected to the College's Student Affairs Committee by the student body. Nominations of faculty candidates - by students or faculty - are now being accepted in the Governance Office, 557 in the Statler Hilton.
Moynihan, Nixon--and Robbins

In the lead review of the Sunday Herald Advertiser's Book Guide, February 4th, Professor Richard Robbins (Sociology) analyzes Daniel Moynihan's new epic "The Politics of a Guaranteed Income: The Nixon Administration and the Family Assistance Plan." Robbins cites the philosophy of the plan of fundamental social change as "balanced absorbing, persuasive." Yet, in the politics of implementing the philosophical rationale of the plan, Robbins points out that when President Nixon made perhaps "the most moving and eloquent speech of his life" supporting the Family Assistance Plan proposal, the words came after the bill was "irretrievably lost" in the Senate Finance Committee. The Moynihan book has its villains and heroes, and to Professor Robbins there is both an old and new Pat Moynihan in the book.

Art Gallery

The University Cultural Events Committee is sponsoring an exhibit in photography at the Art Gallery, February 12 through February 28, Mondays through Fridays, from 10 a.m., to 4 p.m. The imageworks photographers are Pam Edwards, Lyn Gardiner and Macy Lawrence.

Visitors

Three trade unionists, one from Liberia and two from Gambia, were visiting the UMass-Boston campus last week to get some orientation on the American Labor Movement. Arnold Beichman and Thomas Kanza (Politics) reviewed the role of Labor in America's economy and political spheres. This was the first step for the visitors on a nationwide tour sponsored by the State Department.

Professor Beichman in the February 11 New York Times Magazine rebuts a January 8th article by Arthur Scheinker, Jr., on the role of the presidency and the use of "war powers."

Strand Theater

Gloria Negri of the Boston Evening Globe, is the author of a first class new feature story in the February 8th edition, bringing forward the hopes, dreams, and plans of Dorchester community groups to acquire the now shuttered Strand Theater at Uphams Corner. In her interview with Edward Grimes, Chairman of the Board of the proposed M. Harriet McCormack Center for the Performing Arts, the community plans and their associations with UMass-Boston are revealed. Incidentally, Robert Evans, Chairman, Theatre Arts I, is vice-chairman of the committee for the Performing Arts Center, and has been active in the community's planning programs. In the Globe article, Paul Brennen, Director of the UMass-Boston Field Office in Dorchester, is highlighted.

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Strand Theater

The Jones Hill Association which is spearheading the campaign to purchase and renovate the Strand is one of the many Dorchester groups with whom the University is cooperating in civic and community projects.

Gregory Anrig

This Friday marks the last day of Gregory Anrig's formal association with UMass-Boston. Next Monday he assumes the growingly important task of being Commissioner for Education for the Commonwealth. As Director of the Institute of Learning and Teaching here, he contributed greatly to the prestige of this University through the programs the Institute has sponsored and nurtured in Boston schools and for the Archdiocesan School System. His talents and skills have long been recognized by the U.S. Office of Education, Ford Foundation, and this University. As he moves on to a new and difficult frontier in education, he leaves UMass-Boston with our highest esteem and sincere good wishes.

Faculty Meeting

The Faculty Meeting for Wednesday, February 14th at 4:15 will be held in the Faculty Club (Library). The meeting is open to faculty and professional staff. The agenda includes reports by Acting Chancellor Hamilton, the Dean of Faculties, the Faculty Co-Chairman of the University Assembly, and remarks by President Robert C. Wood.

College II Senate

A special meeting of the College II Senate Executive Committee will be held today (Tuesday) at 12:15 in the Faculty Club (Library) for the purpose of discussing a proposal for the Religious Studies Program.

On the Conference Circuit

Several faculty members in recent weeks have given papers or have been prominently involved in national and international professional conferences. Ann Michellini (Classics) gave a paper that caused much discussion at the American Philological Association on "Euripides and Misogyny." Howard J. Rotblat (Sociology) presented a paper at the Middle East Studies Association Meeting on "The Social Organization and Development in an Iranian Provincial Bazaar." Susan Gassner (College of Public and Community Service) was the co-author with Jean Lau Chin of the Douglas A. Thom Clinic for Children of the paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Association of Psychiatric Services for Children on "College Students As Cognitive Tutors in a Child Guidance Setting." Ritta Jo Horsley (German) participated in a workshop at the Modern Language Association and presented materials on "Teaching About Women in German Literature." Spencer DiScala (History) delivered a paper on "The Socialists in Parliament" at the American Historical Association's annual conference. He was chairman of a session on the Italian Parliament before World War I.