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University Governance

The University of Massachusetts' Board of Trustees established a new policy of governance of the University that for the first time gives the faculty and students significant responsibility in the decision-making process.

The new policy statement was drafted by a committee of faculty, students, and administrators from the University's three campuses, including Professor Thomas Brown, History, and Professor James Broderick, English.

The policy, while reaffirming the authority of the Board in governing the three-campus university, recognized "that the faculty, the students and other groups within the University have the right, responsibility, and privilege of advising on policies affecting the University".

The policy is a first big step toward accomplishing Pan-University management. It was endorsed by Robert Wood, President of the University, as "a very significant and constructive change in governance that will require suitable changes within the committee structure of the Board and in the President's Office. The policy ensures that major interest groups will participate in the decision making process of the University and will test the ability of campus representatives to evolve a University-wide perspective."

The policy specifies areas of authority and responsibility for component groups on campus as follows:

--the faculty will have primary responsibility for "aspects of University life which directly relate to the educational process: such as faculty status, curriculum, subject matter, research, and libraries;

--Students will have initial responsibility for services and activities which are designed to serve students or those which are financed primarily by students, and may participate in the evaluation of a faculty member's effectiveness;

--The Chancellor of each campus will be responsible to the President for administering the various schools, colleges, divisions, departments, and other units;

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University Governance (continued)

University Chorus Concert

College I Constitution

College II Governance Open Hearings

Psychology Film

Biology Seminar

--The President is the principal academic and executive officer of the University, and will ensure that all appropriate components of the University have the opportunity to make recommendations prior to the establishment of policy.

The policy statement also provides for creation of two multi-campus committees, one for budget and one for long-range planning. Both will be composed of faculty members, students, and a representative of the President and the Chancellors.

A key concept in the new policy is a limit on the time for administrative review of actions by campus governing bodies before they take effect. The statement also endorses in principle the 1966 statement on government of colleges and universities adopted by the American Association of University Professors, the American Council on Education and the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges, and the 1970 statement on student participation in college and university government issued by the three academic organizations.

The University of Massachusetts at Boston Music Department will present a concert by the University Chorus, directed by Joel Cohen, on Palm Sunday, April 15, 1973 at the Old West Church, Cambridge St., Boston, at 4:00 p.m. The featured work will be Mozart's Coronation Mass. Admission is free.

Open hearings will be held by the College I Constitution Committee to consider the two proposed models for a new constitution for the College. All interested students, faculty and staff are urged to attend. Tuesday, April 10th at 12:30 -- Room 564 of the Statler; Wednesday, April 11th at 3:00 -- Room 564 of the Statler.

The Governance Review Committee of the College II Senate will hold open hearings on Wednesday, April 11 at 4 p.m. and Thursday, April 12 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 564 of the Statler. All member of College II are welcome to informally discuss their views on College governance - specific issues and general philosophy with the Committee. The Governance Review Committee is responsible for drafting and proposing amendments to the College II Constitution; the first amendments will be considered in the fall of 1973. The Committee welcomes the views of the entire College community.

The Psychology Department will present a film entitled: Psychoanalysis on Thursday, April 12th at 12:30 in Room 215 of the Main Building.

Dr. Dabney Caldwell of the Geology Dept., of Boston University will speak at the Biology Department's seminar on Thursday, April 12 at 12:30 in Room 406 Main Building. Dr. Caldwell will speak on "Dendrochronology & Revision of the C_{14} Calendar. The Presidents of the New England Land-Grant Universities announced their intention to greatly intensify and strengthen the coordination among the land grant universities in New England, especially in these areas:

--graduate education;

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--region-wide professional schools;

-- joint programs of extension and continuing education;

--common international programs;

-- the open university.

The Presidents met last week to review the study, to make comments and suggestions for its revision, and to authorize the preparation of a final analysis and set of recommendations.

This month they expect to distribute the final report to appropriate bodies of their respective universities for review and comment. On the basis of these evaluations, they plan to take further action in getting specific common programs underway at their next regular meeting on May 21.

They note with approval the endorsement of a thorough review of our graduate programs and we are glad that the deans of the respective graduate schools have taken the initiative to begin that crucial examination.

They said they are also encouraged by the common activities of the continuing education and extension services and their meetings in response to the Durham Declaration.

A report of a joint working group proposing a regional open university, pooling the efforts of the six institutions, has also been received.

"While we look forward to many useful suggestions from our university communities as to how to strengthen our collaborative efforts, we believe that we should establish a basic operating structure now to ensure that we begin work in selected areas in the next academic year," the Presidents said. First we need to appoint an individual to represent the Presidents' concerns and to coordinate our efforts. Next, we need to develop a pattern of continued interaction in our faculties and staffs. Further, we plan vigorously to seek foundation support to supplement the resources we have committed to this endeavor."

Dean Walter Rosen, will be moderator of two discussions at the Annual Meeting of the American Institute for Biological Sciences to be held at UMass-Amherst this June. The discussions will focus upon the topics of "Graduate Education" and "Environment: Reason, Regulation, and Resolution."

The Elections Committee of College II requests all College II Departments to elect their representative to the College II Senate and to inform the Governance Office of their choice by April 13th, The Governance Office is Room 557 of the Statler, extension 233 or 236.

Dean Rosen to Moderate Amherst Conference

epartmental Representatives to the College II Senate Faculty Volunteer Speaking Abroad for USIA

Class Lists

Faculty planning to be abroad who would be willing to lecture to various groups may be interested in the U.S. Information Agency's Volunteer Speakers Service. To be eligible a faculty member must be travelling abroad privately or on sponsorship other than a U.S. government grant. Some compensation is provided. Candidates should contact U.S.I.A. at least three months before commencing travel. Additional information, including U.S.I.A. office to contact, is available from Bette Davis in the Advising Office (Sawyer 439, extension 531, 532.)

The most up-to-date copies of class lists will be distributed to faculty. They reflect changes made through the Registrar's Office during the student schedule update period. At that time students received a copy of their schedule and were given an opportunity to make corrections if errors existed. The accuracy of grade lists would be greatly improved if faculty would take the time to update these lists and return them to the Registrar's Office by Tuesday, April 17.

All students who have withdrawn from class after the first two weeks of the semester appear on the list with a "W" in the parentheses. Students who dropped the course within the first two weeks will continue to be listed at the bottom with the "dropped" notation.

If a student has been attending class since the beginnir of the semester, but his/her name does not appear on the list, print the name and student number clearly at the bottom of the list in order for the student to receive credit.

If a student not considered to be a member of a class appears on the class list, put an asterisk to the left of the student's name. This will indicate the students whom the Registrar's Office will notify to withdraw from class. Any student who has not been attending class but who does not withdraw by the May 11 deadline will receive an "F" for the course. No faculty member will be able to give a grade of "W".

This update is very important in preparing grade lists. Your cooperation in helping us meet the deadline of April 17 would be greatly appreciated.

Taffee Tanimoto, Chairman of Mathematics in College II, recently announced that the Mathematics Dept. of College II will offer their services to Roxbury Community College which is scheduled to open this fall. Students enrolled at Roxbury will be able to receive credit at their own institution for courses which they take at UMass-Boston. No difficulty is expected in absorbing such students int the regularly scheduled program.

Math Courses for Roxbury Community College