

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
Board of Trustees Meeting

at the University College of Bangor
July 14, 2008

Academic and Student Affairs Meeting

Present: **Committee Members:** William Johnson, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee; Marjorie Medd, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee; Jean Flahive, Tamara Grieshaber, Krisandra Horn, Barry McCrum, Paul Mitchell, Wayne Newell, Charles O’Leary, Margaret Weston **Other Trustees:** James Dowe, Norman Fournier, Charles Johnson, Victoria Murphy, and Lyndel Wishcamper
Chancellor: Richard Pattenaude. **Faculty Representative:** Shallee Page.
Student Representative: Chelsey Everest. **System Staff:** Tracy Bigney, James Breece, Eduard Dalide, Tray Elliot, Frank Gerry, Rosa Redonnett, Kelley Wiltbank, Joanne Yestramski

Absent: Susan Gendron

Trustee Marjorie Medd called the meeting to order and introduced UMA President Allyson Handley.

University of Maine at Augusta Update. UMA President Allyson Handley highlighted current and future new initiatives including the reunion of University College and the University of Maine at Augusta. Organizational changes and the continuous quality assessment process at UMA were described and university advancement and institutional research developments were presented.

President Handley shared her presidential activities and priorities which include:

- continuous quality improvement
- organizational alignment
- university advancement
- revenue generation
- academic enrichment

She will be instituting an annual State of the University address, decision making will be data driven, and UMA will conduct an annual “Baldrige Assessment”, which reviews leadership, strategic planning, and process management. Dr. Handley added Chris LeGore, Director of Distance Education; Jon Henry, Dean of Enrollment Services; Kenneth Elliot, Director of Institutional Research; Bob Stein, Director of External Affairs and Joyce Blanchard, Director of University Advancement, to the President’s Executive Committee to promote communication and coordination of major campus initiatives. She discussed the creation of a half-time alumni relations position as part of the university advancement process.

The Board asked for a future update of revenue generation efforts and how distance education fits into the UMA mission. Dr. Handley stated collaboration was important and highlighted discussions between USM and UMA regarding STEM initiatives and how UMA can work collaboratively with other universities in the System. She also outlined the potential for collaboration in the area of critical languages and hopes to have something to demonstrate in two years.

Student Loans – Update from the Campuses. Trustee William Johnson introduced Ms. Rosa Redonnett, Executive Director of Student Affairs, who presented an update on the national student loan situation. Ms. Redonnett said the student loan situation has improved since May and the students will be able to access loans through FFELP or Direct Lending. The universities have started to process and award loans. Legislation has been enacted to support lenders and enhance borrowing capacity since the variety of lenders and/or benefits provided by lenders will be reduced. Ms. Redonnett said the universities are concerned about private lending, which may fall as much as 30%, but all of the universities have well thought-out contingency plans to deal with any problems.

Adjournment

Peter Cook for
J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk of the Board