

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
Board of Trustees Meeting

at the University of Maine
September 15, 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, Tamera Grieshaber, Barry McCrum, Paul Mitchell, Wayne Newell, Charles O'Leary, and Lyndel Wishcamper. **Other Trustees:** James Dowe, Norman Fournier, Charles Johnson, and Victoria Murphy. **Chancellor:** Richard Pattenau. **Faculty Representatives:** Raymond Albert, Harold Jones, and Shallee Page. **Student Representatives:** Ashley Davis, Chelsey Everest, and Charles Weiss. **System Staff:** James Breece, Rosa Redonnett, Kelley Wiltbank.

Absent: Susan Gendron, Krisandra Horn, and Meg Weston

Trustee William Johnson called the meeting to order and introduced the student and faculty representatives.

University of Maine Update. UM President Robert Kennedy spoke briefly about first-year enrollment being at a record high with 2700 new students this fall. This is the 11th straight year of growing enrollment. In-state enrollment is essentially flat, but there is a 35% increase in out-of-state, first-year enrollment. He spoke about the growth and success of the Honors College, and the plans for expansion. Dr. Kennedy also talked about UM taking the lead in the "green revolution" and what the University is doing in environmental stewardship and how it is on the cutting edge of energy technology research in wind energy and cellulosic ethanol. Dr. Kennedy spoke about the campus master plan, which is built around the concepts of environmental sustainability. In October, the campus will preview a green supercomputer powered by eight bicyclists and the University will host a climate change conference with Scott Pelley, a 60 Minutes Correspondent, as a keynote speaker on Oct. 23-24, 2008.

Dr. Kennedy showed a short video used in Campaign Maine, UMaine's comprehensive campaign, and said the University has reached the \$90 million mark, which is 60% of the campaign goal.

Trustee O'Leary asked about the Fogler Library and any plans for it. Dr. Kennedy commented that there have been discussions around renovation of the facility and at this point in time, the project has to be scaled back, but will be an important part of future campaigns, but doing what's necessary is a daunting challenge.

21st Century Library: Student Usage. Ms. Joyce Rumery, Dean of Libraries at the University of Maine; Mr. David Nutty, University Librarian and Director of Instructional Technology & Media Services at the University of Southern Maine; and Mr. James Jackson Sanborn, Executive Director of Maine InfoNet, spoke about:

- the importance of Fogler Library as the hub of the University of Maine System libraries and to the many research institutions in the state. Working collaboratively with the seven campus libraries, Fogler is the largest research library in Maine and serves as a resource for meeting the science, technology and business information needs of the citizens of state.
- the digital library and related initiatives
- student trends on how students access materials and information

Mr. Nutty spoke first about the changing nature of student expectations from the library, and how they access library information. He said demand for technology services will continue to grow, students will increasingly view themselves as customers and consumers, and that information literacy has not necessarily improved, despite the volume of information available. Mr. Nutty also said that the continued evolution of technology is leading to a rapid digitization of collections, including electronic journals, which has made UMS libraries a web of resources. The seven campuses compliment and collaborate aggressively.

Ms. Rumery spoke about Fogler Library. She said UM students use the Library in similar way as national trends. The Library is a place for wireless connectivity and study spaces. Fogler Library is also the repository for Maine and federal documents and is the state's only patent and trademark depository. Ms. Rumery said staff is always available to help students with technology and research needs since the Library is a place of discovery for the student. She said in that way, the overall mission of the Library has not changed, but the delivery and collection is changing.

Mr. Sanborn spoke about Maine InfoNet and its goal of collaboratively building services and collections to become a statewide source of education and information for Maine citizens. The URSUS system had four million searches in the catalog over the last year and over 53,000 items were loaned between various UMS libraries for patrons to check out. Mr. Sanborn also said InfoNet has made efforts to address the digital divide across the state by offering free internet hotspots in public libraries. Maine InfoNet is now looking to address issues of identity and technical infrastructure.

Trustee Medd called the Academic Affairs portion of the meeting to order.

Master of Fine Arts in Intermedia (Studio), UM. Dr. James Breece, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, outlined the process used to create a new program within the UMS and said all steps were followed and external reviewers were positive about the University of Maine's proposed Master of Fine Arts degree in Intermedia (Studio). This is a creative production degree that includes Art, as well as New Media and other aspects of Business and Innovation Engineering, to contribute to the Maine economy. This program will build upon the existing connections between the Art and New Media

Departments and international institutions, and will focus on international opportunities for teaching, research and study through collaboration with international partners.

On a motion by Trustee McCrum, which was seconded by Trustee Grieshaber, the Academic and Student Affairs Committees agreed to forward the recommendation to the consent agenda for action.

Academic Program Review Summaries. Dr. Breece talked briefly about the purpose and schedule of academic program reviews and noted this is the first time the reviews have been brought to the Board of Trustees.

The Chief Academic Officers for each university summarized all program reviews conducted in the past year and a report was compiled by the office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. The report displays the hard work of the universities to maintain academic integrity and provide a robust educational experience for the students of the UMS.

Trustee Murphy asked about the Boston Architectural College. UMA President Hughes Handley said UMA's program acts as a feeder program for that university's master's programs.

Academic and Student Affairs Planning. A draft Work Plan for the Joint Academic and Student Affairs Committees was circulated and discussed by Vice Chancellor Breece. Trustee Medd asked the committees to review the document for future discussion.

Adjournment.

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