Board of Trustees Meeting


Trustee James Mullen, Chair, convened the meeting.

1. Citizen Comment. Citizen Comment is a time regularly set aside for comments from the public. No one had signed up to speak at this meeting.

2. Acceptance of Minutes: On motion of Trustee Gregory Cyr, which was seconded by Trustee Sandra Prescott, the minutes for May 21-22, 2000, were accepted as presented.

3. Chair’s Remarks and Agenda

   Appointment of Standing Committees to the Board. Trustee Mullen commented that the Standing Committees do the “heavy lifting” of the Board. He said that every item on the agenda at every meeting is the result of work done in committee. He added that because there are faculty and student representatives on the committees, the Board benefits from their input and perspectives. Trustee Mullen thanked his fellow Trustees for their willingness to serve and their commitment to the effort involved in making the committees work.

   On motion of Trustee Albert Glickman, which was seconded by Trustee Cyr, the Board approved the Appointment of the Standing Committees to the Board.

Trustee Mullen stated that the agenda held several items of major importance: a 5-Year Capital Plan involving as much as $400 million which comes out of the Physical Plant Committee; the E&G Operating Budget; Biennium Plan recommendations which come out of the Finance Committee; request for two new masters degree programs and progress reports on the important diversity efforts at each campus which comes after significant work in the Academic Affairs Committee. He said that while the Committees do significant work on their own agendas it is all tied together and interwoven with the multi-year Strategic Direction Plan which focuses on access, quality, economic development, and offering increased educational opportunity for all citizens of the State. Trustee Mullen said it is the end result and not the process that is the ultimate measure of what the Board accomplishes.

Chancellor Terrence MacTaggart emphasized the five themes of the Biennial Request, as well as the specific areas where the System will be seeking funding:

1) Value and quality to citizens. As a number of presidents have observed in their discussions with faculty and constituents around the campuses, the State is setting higher expectations for the quality of what the System offers. In the arguments to legislative colleagues and the Governor, that should be one of the foci.

2) Access. Maine has less than its proportionate share of baccalaureate holders compared to others in New England and in the United States as a whole. Growth in the last couple of years has turned the corner on the educational gap, but has not closed it. The importance of the community college initiative will be emphasized, as well as scholarships, such as the recent Osher Grant, and using technology to reach citizens across the State.

3) Technology to improve both the quality of education through such initiatives as the digital library to reach more Maine citizens to provide them with the information they need to be successful.

4) Partnerships with the State and other capable interests within the State of Maine. It is an approach which applies shared responsibility for funding and does not cast the entire burden upon the taxpayer. For example, private fund raising to match at least some of the funds for all the projects in the capital request. The System will ally with such world renowned institutions as Jackson Laboratory and Maine Medical Center, to mention only two, as part of a research triangle effort to position Maine in a more attractive way to receive federal funds. The plan is also to work with employer groups, business groups, and non-profits in defining what a competent graduate might be.

5) Sufficiency. The System must be scrupulous in seeking enough money to cover core costs, i.e., compensation, increased energy costs, and renewal of the physical plant.

Chancellor MacTaggart reported that five areas are being considered for funding in the Biennial Plan: 1) compensation and health care; 2) increased student financial aid; 3) continuing the R&D initiative; 4) Information technology and the library; and 5) funds for increased energy costs.

5. Committee Matters/Action.

Academic Affairs. Trustee Wickham Skinner, Chair of the Committee, reported.

Diversity Progress Reports. Trustee Skinner reported that the Committee had reviewed the Diversity Progress Reports which included a set of statistics, figures, and accomplishments over the last ten years. The Committee noted the various activities, particularly changes in the curriculum, as well as recruiting efforts. He said it was clear there was a great deal of progress. Trustee Skinner recommended that the Board of Trustees accept the diversity progress reports, acknowledge the ongoing work of the institutions, and charge them to continue their efforts.

Trustee Skinner thanked Dr. Sue Huseman for her competent and thoughtful support of academic affairs work over the last few years and to wish her well on her leave of absence. He said the Committee will be accepting the Chancellor's suggestion to study the office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and future responsibilities of the position.

On motion of Trustee Skinner, which was seconded by Trustee Penny Harris, the Board
VOTED: to accept the diversity progress reports, acknowledge the ongoing work of the institutions, and charge them to continue their efforts.

Finance. Trustee Albert Glickman, Chair pro tem, reported for the Committee.

- FY01 E&G Operating Budgets. On motion of Trustee Glickman, which was seconded by Trustee Skinner, the Board

VOTED: That E&G Budgets for FY2001 be established at the levels shown.

- Gifts, Grants, and Awards. Trustee Glickman highlighted the following gifts:

The Bernard Osher Foundation has donated one million dollars to establish an endowment for system-wide community college scholarships. This gift, along with a matching gift for the same amount received from the State of Maine will assist many Osher Scholars in attending the University System.

The University of Maine at Farmington has received $127,447 from the Estate of Eleanor Wood for a scholarship fund in her name. The income from the fund will be used for tuition and fees, room and board and other expenses for needy students from Mt. Abram High School.

The University of Maine as received a $500,000 pledge payment from the Harold Alfond Foundation for construction of the Harold Alfond Sports Stadium. Including this gift, Mr. Alfond has paid $2.1 million on a $3.1 million pledge for stadium construction.

Trustee Glickman noted gifts have already totaled $3.4 million dollars with the first report of the new fiscal year. He also thanked fellow Trustee Wickham Skinner for his gift of $10,000 in support of the Humanities Prize.

Physical Plant. Trustee Gregory Cyr, Chair of the Physical Plant Committee, reported.

- Five-Year Capital Plan. Trustee Cyr reported that the Committee discussed the Five-Year Capital Plan, including presentations by the University Presidents on capital program priorities for FY 2002 and FY 2003. The Committee also forwarded to the Consent Agenda approval of three facilities items.

6. Consent Agenda. On motion of Trustee Donald McDowell, which was seconded by Trustee Cyr, the following resolutions were approved as presented:

**M.S. in Accounting, UM; M.S. in Accounting, USM.** The Board of Trustees approved establishment of the Master of Science in Accounting at the University of Maine and the Master of Science in Accounting at the University of Southern Maine.

**Acceptance of Gifts, Grants, and Awards.** The Board of Trustees accepted with gratitude all gifts, grants and awards listed under the date of August 7, 2000.

**Approval of Facilities Items.**
Doris Twitchell Allen Village Phase II, UM. The Board of Trustees authorized the planning and construction of a 200-bed Phase II of the Doris Twitchell Allen Village at the University of Maine at a cost of approximately $8.5 million; adopted its Bond Resolution; and authorized the Treasurer to issue revenue bonds for the project, for which debt service will be financed by students fees.

Addition to Scott Hall, UMF. The Board of Trustees authorized the planning and construction of an 80-bed addition to Scott Hall at the University of Maine at Farmington, an expansion of a previously approved project, at a total cost of approximately $3.2 million; adopt its Bond Resolution; and authorized the Treasurer to issue revenue bonds for the project, for which debt service will be financed by student fees.

Naming of Allagash Camp, UMFK. The Board of Trustees authorized the naming of the Allagash Wilderness Camp the Elmer H. Violette Camp in recognition of the contributions made by Mr. Violette toward the creation of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway and the preservation of Acadian culture and language in the St. John Valley.

**Distribution of Supplemental Appropriation.** The Board of Trustees authorized the Chancellor to conclude collective bargaining agreements regarding distribution of the supplemental appropriation and to grant increases for non-represented employees consistent with the principle of parity.

**COLT Agreement** The Board of Trustees authorized the Chancellor to conclude the collective bargaining agreement for the Clerical, Office, Laboratory, and Technical Unit upon receipt of notice of ratification from the bargaining agent.

**Appointments for Trustee Approval** The Board of Trustees approved the appointments to positions at or above the level of Dean or equivalent and appointments with tenure as recommended by the Chancellor as follows:

Francis C. McGrath, Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, USM.  
John R. Wright, Dean of the School of Applied Science and Professor of Technology with tenure, USM.  
Robert L. Woodbury, Acting Dean of the Muskie School of Public Service, USM.  
John W. Bay, Interim Dean of the School of Business, USM.  
John F. Mahon, John M. Murphy Chair of International Business Policy and Strategy and Professor of Management with tenure, UM

7. **Information Items.** Trustee Mullen noted the following items that were included for information only

   - Cultural Diversity Grants
   - Annual Lease Report
   - Construction Status Report
   - Annual Report on Named Chairs and Professorships
   - Board Agenda Calendar
   - Summary of Current Statistics

8. **Date of Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on September 17-18, 2000, at the University of Maine.
On motion of Trustee Mullen, which was seconded by Trustee McDowell, the meeting was adjourned.

Sandra F. Johnson for
Mary Ann Haas, Clerk