Board of Trustees Meeting


Trustee Sally Vamvakias, Chair, convened the meeting.

1. Citizen Comment. Citizen Comment is a period during the Board meeting regularly set aside to receive input from the public. No one had signed to speak at this meeting.

2. Acceptance of Minutes. The minutes for May 17, 18, and June 16, 1998 were ACCEPTED as written.

3. Chair’s Remarks and Agenda. Trustee Vamvakias thanked the faculty and student representatives to the Board, Dr. Mary Ann Haas, Clerk to the Board, Chancellor Terry MacTaggart, and the members of the Board for accepting the leadership positions they hold and for the exceptional job they do in carrying out their responsibilities. She also commended outgoing Trustees James Caron, Bennett Katz, and George Wood for their high level of public service while members of the Board. Trustee Vamvakias said that it was a privilege to work with them, and to serve the Board as its Chair.

   • Appointment of Standing Committees to the Board. On motion of Trustee Vamvakias, which was seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Standing Committees, as presented.

   • Correction of Typographical Error. At the May, 1998, Board Meeting, the Board approved the Revenue Bond Request. A correction of a typographical error was made to the bond resolution whereby a double negative was removed.

4. Chancellor’s Report and Agenda. Chancellor MacTaggart commented on the success of the campuses in strengthening their enrollment base. He said that too many Maine institutions are under enrolled and that capable Mainers do not go on to college. The Chancellor said that the increase in enrollment figures is something for which the campuses can be proud.

5. Consent Agenda. On motion of Trustee Mullen, which was seconded, the following resolutions were adopted as presented:

   Associate in Science in Financial Services, UMA. The Board approved the establishment of the
Associate of Science in Financial Services proposed by the University of Maine at Augusta.

**Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Fine Arts, UMM.** The Board approved the establishment of the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Fine Arts at the University of Maine at Machias for delivery in the UMM region.

**Master of Social Work, USM** The Board approved the establishment of the Master of Social Work program at the University of Southern Maine.

**Establishment of The Trustee Professorship Program and Revisions to Libra Professorship Program.** The Board approved the revisions to the Libra Professorship guidelines and approved the establishment of The Trustee Professorship Program in the University of Maine System as presented.

**Revised Policy for Named Chairs and Professorships.** The Board approved Policy Section 309 Named Chairs and Professorships as presented.

**Appointment of Libra Professors for 1998-1999.** The Board approved the appointments to Libra Professorships submitted by the University of Maine at Farmington, the University of Maine at Presque Isle, the University of Southern Maine, and the University of Maine as presented.

**Acceptance of Gifts, Grants and Awards.** The Board accepted with gratitude all gifts, grants, and awards listed under the date of July 13, 1998.

**FY99 Educational & General (E&G) Operating Budgets.** The E&G Budgets for FY99 were approved at the levels presented.

**Gift of Land, Hirundo Wildlife Refuge.** The Board accepted with gratitude, the generous donation by the Hirundo Wildlife Trust of a land parcel of approximately 57 acres for addition to the Hirundo Wildlife Refuge.

**Lease of Public Reserved Land.** The Board authorized the University of Maine System to enter into a lease of a 2.3 acre parcel located on Public Reserved Land in T13-R12 W.E.L.S. from the State of Maine, Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands, contingent on the prior approval of the lease and any associated documents by the University’s Legal Counsel and Treasurer.

**Purchase of 19 Chamberlain Street, Portland, USM** The Board authorized the purchase of property at 19 Chamberlain Street, Portland, from Steven A. and Kathryn B. Fenner for $126,000, with funds for the purchase coming from USM campus reserves.

**Title Change.** The Board approved Dr. Robert C. White’s change in title to Dean of the Division of Lifelong Learning, Director of the Continuing Education Division and Summer Session, and Associate Professor, effective July 1, 1998.

**Appointment of Dr. Eric Brucker as Dean of Business, Public Policy and Health and Professor of Business with Tenure in the Maine Business School, UM.** The Board approved the appointment of Dr. Eric Brucker as Dean of the College of Business, Public Policy, and Health for a five-year term and Professor of Business with immediate tenure in the Maine Business School at the University of Maine, effective September 1, 1998.

**Appointment of Mr. Mark W. Anderson as Interim Vice President for Student Affairs, UM.**
The Board approved the appointment of Mr. Mark W. Anderson as Interim Vice President for Student Affairs at the University of Maine for the period September 16, 1998, through August 31, 1999.

**Appointment of Mr. Vincent M. Pellegrino as Vice President for University Advancement, USM.** The Board authorized the appointment of Mr. Vincent M. Pellegrino as Vice President of University Advancement at the University of Southern Maine for a two year term effective August 15, 1998.

**Appointment of Professor Colleen Khoury, Dean of the University of Maine School of Law, as an Edward S. Godfrey Professor of Law, USM.** The Board authorized the appointment of Dean Colleen Khoury as an Edward S. Godfrey Professor of Law for a five year term effective June 30, 1998, at an annual stipend of $5,000.

**Compensation Adjustment for Chancellor and Presidents.** The Board approved a three (3) percent salary increase effective July 1, 1998, for the Chancellor and Presidents.

6. **Academic Affairs.** Trustee Wickham Skinner, Chair, reported for the Committee.

   - **Establishment of The Trustee Professorship Program and Revisions to Libra Professorship Program.** Trustee Skinner reported that the Board wished to recognize outstanding faculty within the System by establishing the Trustee Professorship Program. It is designed to assist the Campuses in recognizing, rewarding, and retaining exceptional scholars. It will be used solely for honoring and supporting UMS faculty. The Libra Professorship Program will be used to attract outstanding individuals from outside the System. To that end, the current policy will need to be revised. On motion of Trustee Skinner, which was seconded, it was VOTED: to approve the revisions to the Libra Professorship guidelines and approve the establishment of The Trustee Professorship Program in the University of Maine System as described above.

7. **Finance.** Trustee James Mullen reported for Trustee DiMatteo, Chair of the Committee, who was absent.

   - **FY99 Educational & General (E&G) Operating Budgets.** Trustee Mullen commented that the process for establishing next year’s operating budget began in 1996 with the establishment of a two-year financial plan. He said the major ingredients in that plan have become a reality: the State increased appropriation by 3%; tuition was held to a 3% increase; a new Model for Distribution of Resources was discussed across the State and will become a reality starting next year; reasonable collective bargaining contracts have been agreed to by all parties and a new classified retirement plan is in place July 1, 1998. He added that, in addition, the Legislature has approved an additional $4 million for Research and Development next year, which will benefit both the University and the State of Maine.

     On motion of Trustee Mullen, which was seconded, it was

     VOTED: That E&G Budgets for FY99 be established at the levels shown.

8. **Personnel & Employee Relations.** Trustee James Mullen reported for Trustee Penny Harris, Chair of the Committee, who was absent.
• **Proposed Revisions to Human Resources Policies.** The Office of Human Resources and the Chair of the Personnel and Employee Relations Committee have reviewed all Board policies and procedures in Section 400 (Human Resources) of the Policies and Procedures Manual. Modifications resulted from the review and the policy revisions were presented for information. They will be presented in September for actual approval.

9. **Information Items.**
   - Biennium Plan
   - Appointment of University Counsel
   - Annual Report on Pluralism/Diversity
   - Summary of Current Statistics
   - Board Agenda Calendar

10. **Date of Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the Board will be held on September 27-28, 1998, at the University of Maine at Fort Kent.

On motion of Trustee Vamvakias, which was seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Sandra F. Johnson for
Mary Ann Haas, Clerk