Board of Trustees Meeting


Trustee Sally Vamvakias, Chair, convened the meeting.

1. Citizen Comment. Citizen Comment is a time regularly set aside to hear from the public on issues of concern. No one had signed up to speak at the meeting.


3. Chair’s Remarks And Agenda. The Board approved the following slate of officers for 1999-2000 as presented by the Nominating Committee: James D. Mullen, Chair; and Donald L. McDowell as Vice Chair.

Appointment of Trustees to UMPI Presidential Search Committee. The Chair appointed the following Trustees to the UMPI Presidential Search Committee: Penny S. Harris, Chair; Gregory G. Cyr and Charles L. Johnson.

Trustee Vamvakias announced that Faculty Representative Ivan Fernandez and Student Representatives Brad Coull, Richard Fecteau, and Absalom Dow were attending their last meeting and she thanked them for their service. She also announced that President Michael Easton, who will be retiring June 30, was attending his last meeting.

4. Chancellor’s Remarks And Agenda. Chancellor Terrence MacTaggart thanked USM President Richard Pattenaude for hosting the Board meeting. He also thanked the members of the student panel, who were heard at the Academic Affairs Committee, for their candor and genuiness. He said the Campus Presidents should be proud of the caliber of their students. Lastly, the Chancellor reported that there have been no substantive changes to the System’s Legislative Budget Request.

Student Affairs. Trustee Donald McDowell, Chair, reported that the Student Affairs and Academic Affairs heard from USM students who spoke to their academic experiences. The students were not drawn from the traditional student population and brought a new perspective on student life. He thanked President Pattenaude and Vice President Judy Ryan for having them speak to the Committee members.

Academic Affairs. Trustee Wickham Skinner, Chair, reported that the Academic Affairs Committee decided several months ago to revamp its agenda. As a result, several themes have emerged from discussions and input from the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and the System Chief Academic
Officers. The proposed agenda would encompass more than one year and would include such broad headings as Faculty, Teaching and Learning Environment, Community College, Distance Education, and Life Work and Citizenship.

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

**FY2000 Mandatory Fees.** The Board approved the FY2000 Annual Mandatory Fees as presented.

**Gifts, Grants and Awards.** The Board accepted with gratitude all gifts, grants, and awards as listed under the date of May 17, 1999.

**Kessock Softball Field Complex Construction, UM.** The Board authorized the two-phase construction of Kessock Softball Field Complex at a cost not to exceed $1,000,000, with the costs being provided by private gifts, and with start of each phase of construction contingent upon completion of funding.

**Acquisition of Buildings and Land, Former Loring AF Base, UMPI.** The Board authorized the acquisition of three duplex housing units, known as Buildings 801, 803 and 805, together with 1.53 acres of land in Presque Isle, from the United States of America, at no cost, for use as student, faculty or staff housing.

**Revisions to Facilities Policies.** The Board approved the revisions to the Facilities Policies as presented.

**Authorizing Chancellor to Conclude Appointments, UM.** The Board authorized the Chancellor to approve appointments as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Vice President for Student Affairs at the University of Maine, upon the successful conclusion of the search process, with the appointments to be reported to the Board of Trustees at the next meeting.

**Guidelines for Establishing Department Chair/School Director Compensation, UM.** The Board approved the Guidelines for Establishing Department Chair/School Director Compensation at the University of Maine, effective immediately.

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

- Dr. Daniel J. Dwyer as Vice President for Research, UM
- Dr. Brangwyn Foote as Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, UM
- Dr. Nancy H. Hensel as Interim President, UMPI
- Dr. Larry K. Matthews as Dean of Engineering and Professor of Mechanical Engineering with tenure, UM

At the conclusion of the Consent Agenda, Trustee Mullen announced that he was very honored to be named as Chair of the Board for 1999-2000.

Trustee Vamvakias congratulated Dr. Nancy Hensel on her appointment as Interim President of the University of Maine at Presque Isle.

6. Information Items. Trustee Vamvakias listed the following items, which were included in the Board materials for information only:

- Year 2000 Progress Report (#VI)
7. **Date of Next Board Meeting.** The next Board meeting will be held on July 12, 1999, at the System offices in Bangor.

Adjournment.

Sandra F. Johnson for  
Mary Ann Haas, Clerk