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 the meeting.

2. Acceptance of Minutes. The minutes of September 17 and 18, 2000, were accepted as written.

3. Chair’s Remarks and Agenda. Trustee Mullen thanked President John Joseph for his hospitality and that of the campus community in hosting the Board of Trustees meeting. He also mentioned that with the use of the Consent Agenda, more discussion takes place on various items in Committee than at the Board Meeting, but it did not mean the Board is not being responsive. Trustee Mullen also mentioned the various items that were discussed and to be voted on and made special mention of a presentation by UM Dean Elaine Albright on the digital library, funds for which are a major component of the System’s appropriation request to the legislature.

4. Chancellor’s Remarks and Agenda. Chancellor MacTaggart also thanked President Joseph for hosting the Board’s meeting. He mentioned the lively discussions elicited from presentations to committees and meetings with the faculty and student representatives to the Board.

5. Committee Matters/action

   Audit Committee. Trustee Edward Fox, Chair of the Audit Committee, reported that the external audit firm of KPMG gave the System an unqualified opinion on its FY2000 Financial Report. He said he was pleased to announce the System was given a clean bill of health.

   Academic Affairs Committee. Trustee Wickham Skinner, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, reported that Dean Albright had given an excellent report on the digital library and the ways in which it would benefit not only academics, but also business and political constituents.

   Student Affairs Committee. Trustee Wick Johnson, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, reported on the presentation on globalization and international affairs and programs of the System’s institutions. He said the Committee heard about the cultural exposure of exchange students studying in the United States and those going to foreign countries. He thanked the members of the panel for their work and the insights they brought to the meeting.

6. Consent Agenda. On motion of Trustee Donald McDowell, which was seconded by Trustee Gregory Cyr, the following resolutions were adopted as presented:
Adjustment in Distribution of Previously Approved Increases for Classified University Supervisors and Confidential Employees. The Board resolved that the 1% wage increase previously authorized by the Board of Trustees effective January 1, 2001 for non-represented classified employees be distributed as a 1% increase for all eligible employees.

Appointment of Members of Retirement Plan Committee for UMS Retirement Plan for Classified Staff. The Board appointed as members of the Retirement Plan Committee of the UMS Retirement Plan for Classified Staff, Tracy Bigney and Roger Spear, effective January 1, 2001 and that the successor Treasurer of the University of Maine System be appointed a member of this committee ex officio upon appointment as Treasurer.

Revision to Board Policy on Emeritus Status. The Board approved the revision to the policy on Emeritus Status as recommended.

Acceptance of Gifts, Grants, and Awards. The Board accepted with gratitude all gifts, grants and awards listed under the date of November 13, 2000.

Establishment of Center for Excellence for Research in Math and Science, UM. The Board approved the establishment of the Center for Excellence for Research in Math and Science Education at the University of Maine.

Awarding of Degrees. The Board authorized the awarding of degrees in course for the Fall Commencement 2000 and the Spring and Summer Commencements 2001 to those students fully recommended by the appropriate faculties and the Presidents of the respective institutions and/or divisions of the University of Maine System.

Sale of Land to Old Town. That the Board of Trustees approve the issuance of a letter of intent to sell 16.59± acres in Old Town as a site for a new elementary school, with an appraised value of $355,000 and with proceeds to be used to purchase additional property. Final sale will be contingent upon an acceptable price, approval of documents by University Counsel, and conformance with System requirements.

7. Information Items. Trustee Mullen listed the following items, which were included in the agenda materials for information only:

▸ Report of Joint Gender Equity Committee
▸ Update on Collective Bargaining
▸ Investment Committee Update
▸ Highlights of FY2000 Annual Financial Report
▸ Faculty/Student/Board of Trustees Bios
▸ Board Agenda Calendar
▸ Summary of Current Statistics

8. Date of next Meeting. The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on January 21-22, 2001, at the University of Southern Maine.

On motion of Trustee Mullen, which was seconded by Trustee McDowell, the meeting was adjourned.