Board of Trustees Meeting


Trustee Johnson, Chair, convened the meeting and thanked the staff at the Darling Marine Center for hosting the Board meeting. Trustee Johnson also thanked the Trustees and System staff for assisting with his transition to the position as Chair of the Board.

Citizen Comment. Citizen Comment is a time regularly set aside for comments from the public. Jeff Dorman, Vice President of the Universities of Maine Professional Staff Association, spoke about the UMPSA and ACUM newly ratified contracts. Mr. Dorman thanked the Board for their efforts in ratifying the contracts.

Acceptance of Minutes. On a motion by Trustee Mullen, which was seconded by Trustee Andrucki, the minutes from the June 1-2, 2003, Board of Trustees meeting and Committee meetings, were unanimously approved as presented.

Chair’s Agenda and Report. Trustee Johnson reminded everyone that it is important to have goals but it is just an important to recognize what we have accomplished. Trustee Johnson stated his first visit to the Darling Marine Center was in 1971 when he was teaching sixth grade. At that time the Center only had a pier and fishing shack. He continued by stating the Trustees appreciate the opportunity to celebrate progress, promise and excellence by seeing first hand the research and development that is being accomplished at the Darling Center. Trustee Johnson spoke about the importance of the System initiative to develop the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System. He thanked the staff for their dedication to this project and reinforced the need to continue to progress forward through the various stages of implementation.

Trustee Johnson commented the significance of the approval of the recent collective bargaining agreements which were the results of months of hard work and dedication by many people. He also spoke about the importance of expanding diversity through the campus diversity plans which were presented at this Board meeting. Trustee Johnson mentioned that diversity comes in many different levels and we need to ensure that all of the UMS students are respected while continuing to focus on diversity System-wide as well as throughout the State.
Trustee Johnson spoke briefly about the second referendum question on the November ballot. As a former teacher and Trustee he is concerned about the issue and feels that it is not a good policy because it side steps the issue of local responsibility. He feels the State of Maine needs to find a better way to deliver everything in the State including university education and K-12 education and would like to see the UMS have a strong voice in a productive approach for this issue.

**Chancellor’s Agenda and Reports.** Chancellor Westphal shared his enthusiasm about the University of Maine System’s enrollment growth. He also talked about the two new projects that were discussed in Committee meetings today which were the creation of the Center for Integrated and Applied Environmental Toxicology at USM and the construction of the Student Recreation Center at UM. Chancellor Westphal briefly spoke on the Brain Drain concept and commented that we have to continue to due our part to keep our graduates in the State of Maine by continuing to invest in our Universities and our State.

**Committee Reports/Action.**

**Academic Affairs Committee** – Trustee Skinner, Chair, reported that the Committee agreed to forward to the full Board for action the Expanded Diversity Action Plans, the creation of a Center for Integrated and Applied Environmental Toxicology at USM, the Doctor of Psychology at UM and discussed the Academic Program Inventory.

**Finance/Facilities Committee** – Trustee McCrum, Chair, reported that the Committee agreed to forward to the full Board for action the FY2003 Annual Report on Gifts and Fund Raising, construction of the Student Recreation Center at UM, and the purchase of property at UMF. The Committee was briefed on several facilities items, the PeopleSoft Implementation, and the Endowment Fund Annual Report for FY2003.

**Human Resources and Labor Relations Committee** – Trustee Weston, Chair, reported that the Committee agreed to forward to the full Board for action the appointments of Richard Campbell, Vice President for Finance at UMA and Sheri Stevens, Vice President for Administration for UMA. The Committee authorized the Chancellor to determine individual salary adjustments for the Presidents for FY04 and authorized the Chancellor to execute collective bargaining agreements with the Associated Faculties of the University of Maine System and the Maine Part-time Faculty Association upon receipt of notice that the agreements have been ratified. The Committee was provided a presentation of the Salary Program for Professional and Administrative Employees.

**Consent Agenda.** On a motion by Trustee Skinner, which was seconded by Trustee Mullen, the following recommendations were unanimously approved by the Board:

- **Appointments of Standing Committees to the Board.** The Board of Trustees accepted the Chair’s committee assignments for 2003-2004.

- **Appointments for Trustee Approval.** The Board of Trustees approved the appointments to positions at or above the level of Dean or equivalent as recommended by the Chancellor, as follows:
  - Richard Campbell, Vice President for Finance, UMA
  - Sheri Stevens, Vice President for Administration, UMA
Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreements. The Board of Trustees authorized the Chancellor to execute collective bargaining agreements with the Associated Faculties of the University of Maine System (represented by the MEA/NEA) and the Maine Part-time Faculty Association (represented by the American Federation of Teachers Local # 4593, AFT-Maine, AFL-CIO), upon receipt of notice that the agreements have been ratified.

Compensation Adjustment Authorization. The Board of Trustees authorized the Chancellor to determine individual salary adjustments for Presidents for FY04.

Expanded Diversity Action Plans. The Board of Trustees accepted the diversity plans, acknowledged and commended the ongoing work of the universities, and charged them to continue their efforts.

Creation of a Center for Integrated and Applied Environmental Toxicology, USM. The Board of Trustees approved the creation of the Center for Integrated and Applied Environmental Toxicology at the University of Southern Maine.

New Program Proposal – Doctor of Psychology, USM. The Board of Trustees approved the establishment of the Doctor of Psychology in School Psychology degree at the University of Southern Maine.

FY2003 Annual Report on Gifts and Fund Raising. The Board of Trustees accepts with gratitude all gifts, donations, and bequests received during the Fiscal Year 2003.

Construction of Student Recreation Center, UM. The Board of Trustees authorized the construction of a Student Recreation Center at the University of Maine at a total cost of approximately $25 million, and authorized the Treasurer to issue revenue bonds for the project with debt service and operating costs being paid from student and user fees. The Reimbursement Resolution associated with this project is as follows:

Be it resolved that, for purposes of Treasury Regulation § 1.150-2, the University of Maine System reasonably expects (1) to incur debt to reimburse expenditures (including expenditures made within the last 60 days) temporarily advanced from funds currently held in the Plant Fund, such expenditures to be made to pay the costs, or a portion of the cost, of constructing a student recreation center at the University of Maine in Orono, and (2) that the maximum principal amount of debt to be issued for such construction, including for reimbursement purposes is Twenty-Five Million, Dollars ($25,000,000).

Purchase of Property, UMF. The Board of Trustees authorized the purchase of land and buildings at 149 Quebec Street, Farmington, from James W. O’Regan et al for a purchase price of $72,000, contingent upon successful completion of an environmental audit and approval of all documents by University legal counsel, with the long-term plans calling to raze the house.

Information Items. The following items were included in the agenda for information only:
- Salary Program for Professional and Administrative Employees
- Academic Program Inventory
- Facilities Information Items
  - Planning for Construction of the Holocaust Human Rights Center, UMA
  - Status of State Bond-Funded Residential Hall Sprinkler Projects
  - Capital Bond Referendum for November 2003
o Planning for Co-Generation Projects at UM and USM
o Creative Strategies for Renewing Capital Assets
o Construction Status Report
- Information Technology / PeopleSoft Implementation Update
- Endowment Fund Annual Report for FY2003
- Board Agenda Calendar
- Summary of Current Statistics

**Date of the Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be November 17, 2003, at the University of Maine System Office in Bangor.

Adjournment

Ellen Doughty for
J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk