

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM  
Board of Trustees Meeting

at the University of Maine  
September 15, 2008

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

**Present:** Lyndel Wishcamper, Chair; James Dowe, Jean Flahive, Norman Fournier, Tamera Grieshaber, Charles Johnson, William Johnson, Barry McCrum, Marjorie Medd, Paul Mitchell, Victoria Murphy, Wayne Newell, and Charles O’Leary. **Chancellor:** Richard Pattenaude. **Faculty Representatives:** Raymond Albert, Harold Jones, Shallee Page, Robert Rice, and Bertram Jacobs. **Student Representatives:** Chelsey Everest, Marie Follayttar, Kenneth Hoyt, Cynthia Nesbit, Catherine Siegal, and Charles Weiss. **University Presidents:** Selma Botman, Richard Cost, Allyson Handley, Cynthia Huggins, Theodora Kalikow, Robert Kennedy, and Donald Zillman. **System Staff:** Tracy Bigney, James Breece, Eduard Dailide, John Diamond, Tracy Elliott, Frank Gerry, Rosa Redonnett, Kelley Wiltbank, Rebecca Wyke, and Joanne Yestramski. Press and public.

**Absent:** Susan Gendron, Krisandra Horn, and Margaret Weston.

Trustee Wishcamper, Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

**Citizen Comment.** Citizen Comment is a time regularly set aside for comments from the public. The following individual spoke during the citizen comment period:

Kerry Ann Sullivan – Labor Relations Concerns-Cooperation

**Acceptance of Minutes.** On a motion by Trustee Fournier, which was seconded by Trustee O’Leary, the minutes from the following meetings were unanimously approved as presented:

June 27, 2008 – Investment Committee

July 14, 2008 – Board Meeting and Board Committee Meetings

August 27, 2008 - Executive Committee

**Chair’s Agenda and Report.** Trustee Wishcamper thanked President Kennedy and the UMaine staff for hosting the Board meeting.

**Chancellor’s Report.** Chancellor Pattenaude expressed thanks to Ms. Joanne Yestramski as the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer for the UMS for seven years. Ms. Yestramski provided a strong financial leadership; led the UMS to financial strength, sustainability, and transparency; has been a good colleague to the System staff and the campus chief financial officers; and displayed a furious commitment to the UMS mission. She has accepted a position as the Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance for the University of Massachusetts – Lowell and we all wish her the best of luck and thank her for her commitment and contributions to the UMS and the State of Maine.

Chancellor Pattenaude welcomed Ms. Rebecca Wyke as the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration and Treasurer.

Chancellor Pattenaude commented that he is honored and pleased to start his second academic year as Chancellor. The UMS began to work towards the Agenda for Action and the work is continuing by reducing costs and increasing efficiencies and keeping at all time affordability in the forefront as

the System faces rising costs. The UMS is submitting a restrained and a pragmatic budget request that reflects the reality of the factors the System faces but also tries to be responsive to the concerns of the State, Governor, and the Legislature. It is clear that the System must bring about significant change in how the UMS does business. Chancellor Pattenaude stated that his responsibility is to lead and guide that process to change. The System is very fortunate to have a committed and engaged Board, strong and effective team at the System level, and a truly outstanding team of Presidents leading our universities. Strong universities make a strong System. The faculty and staff at our universities deeply care about the students and understand the UMS responsibilities to the people of Maine. That responsibility is to provide baccalaureate education, responsive to a changing economy, provide students with knowledge and skills needed for a lifetime, provide public service, build strong committees, and provide applied and basic research to solve the challenges of Maine. Chancellor Pattenaude stated that he is eager to face the challenges before us and confident that the System will make great progress because there is a common purpose which is the belief that the power of education transforms peoples lives and improves our committees.

### **Committee Reports/Action.**

Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committees – Trustees William Johnson and Medd reported that the Academic and Student Affairs Committees received an update on the UMaine campus activities, a presentation of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Library: Student Usage, reviewed the academic program review summaries, and forwarded to the consent agenda a new program proposal for a Master of Fine Arts in Intermedia (Studio) at UMaine.

Executive Committee. Trustee Wishcamper reported that the Committee met on August 27, 2008 to approve the appointment of Rebecca Wyke as the Vice Chancellor of Administration and Finance and Treasurer.

Finance/Facilities Committee – Trustee Fournier reported the Committee received an update from the CFO and reviewed the Capital Projects report. The Committee forwarded to the consent agenda the Biennium Request for 2010-2011, the Advanced Engineered Wood Composite Center Expansion at UMaine, FY2008 Annual Report on Gifts and Fundraising, and the Powell Hall Renovations at UMFK.

Human Resources and Labor Relations – Trustee Flahive reported that the Committee met in Executive Session with union leaders and forwarded to the consent agenda the Appointments for Trustee Approval. The Committee discussed the Human Resources Priorities for FY09 and Agenda for Action, the Human Resources/Labor Relations Committee Agenda for 2008-2009, the proposed Board Policy on Campus Violence and the appointment of the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration and Treasurer.

Technology Committee – Trustee McCrum reported that the Committee received a presentation from Mr. Ralph Caruso who provided an update on the MaineStreet Implementation Timeline, the Financial Aid Milestones, the Educational Broadband Spectrum agreement, the Maine Research and Education Network project, and Information Security.

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

Confirm Student Representative to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees approved the appointment of the Student Representative to the Board of Trustees, as presented.

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

Stuart L. Marrs, Associate Provost and Dean for Undergraduate Education, UM  
Darren J. Ranco, Associate Professor of Anthropology with Tenure and Coordinator of Native American Research, UM  
Eric F. Rolfson, Vice President for Development, UM  
Scott E. Steinberg, Dean of Undergraduate Admission and Chief Marketing Officer for the Division of Enrollment Management, USM

Biennium Request for 2010-2011. The Board of Trustees approved the FY2010-2011 Biennium Request and the request to develop and seek funding for the strategic initiatives which include Nursing/Allied Health and Maine Sustainable Energy.

Advanced Engineered Wood Composite Center Expansion – UM. The Board of Trustees authorized the construction of an addition to the Advanced Engineered Wood Composite Center for the Advanced Nanocomposite for Renewable Energy and Transportation Industries Center at a total project cost of \$5.0 million.

FY2008 Annual Report of Gifts and Fundraising. The Board of Trustees accepted with gratitude all gifts, donations and bequests received during the Fiscal Year 2008.

Powell Hall Renovation – UMFK. The Board of Trustees authorized the renovation of Powell Hall at a total project cost of \$1.4 million.

Master of Fine Arts in Intermedia (Studio), UM. The Board of Trustees approved the establishment of a Master of Fine Arts degree in Intermedia (Studio) at the University of Maine.

**Information Items.** The following items were included in the agenda for information only:

Appointment of Standing Committees  
CIO Update  
Meeting with Union Leaders  
Human Resources Priorities FY09 and Agenda for Action  
Human Resources/Labor Relations Committee Agenda for 2008-09  
Proposed Board Policy on Campus Violence  
Appointment of the Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration and Treasurer  
CFO Update  
Capital Projects Status Report  
University of Maine Update  
21<sup>st</sup> Century Libraries: Student Usage  
Academic Program Review Summaries  
Pension and Endowment Annual Report – June 30, 2008  
Agenda Calendar

**Date of Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be November 16-17, 2008 at the University of Maine at Farmington.

Adjournment.

Ellen Doughty for  
J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk