

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM  
Board of Trustees Meeting

at the University of Southern Maine  
March 10, 2008

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

**Present:** Margaret Weston, Chair; James Dowe, Jean Flahive, Norman Fournier, Susan Gendron, Tamera Grieshaber, Charles Johnson, William Johnson, Krisandra Horn, Barry McCrum, Marjorie Medd, Wayne Newell, and Charles O'Leary. **Chancellor:** Richard Pattenaude. **Faculty Representatives:** Terry Colby, Harold Jones, Shallee Page, Kenneth Orosz, Robert Rice, and Fred Walker. **Student Representatives:** Morgan Bickford, Ashley Davis, Kelly Deprez, Marie Follayttar, Heather Hickey, and Jeremy Logan. **University Presidents:** Richard Cost, Allyson Handley, Cynthia Huggins, Theodora Kalikow, Edna Szymanski (for Robert Kennedy), Joseph Wood, and Donald Zillman. **System Staff:** Tracy Bigney, James Breece, Eduard Dailide, John Diamond, Tracy Elliott, Frank Gerry, Kelley Wiltbank, and Joanne Yestranski. Press and public.

**Absent:** Paul Mitchell, Victoria Murphy, and Lyndel Wishcamper.

Trustee Weston, 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 people spoke during the citizen comment period:

Ron Mosley, Appropriations  
AJ Chalifour, USM Challenges  
Emily Fich, USM Challenges

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

November 28, 2007 – Investment Committee  
January 13-14, 2008 - Board Committee Meetings and Board of Trustees Meeting

**Chair's Agenda and Report.** Trustee Weston thanked President Wood and the USM staff for hosting the Board meeting and welcomed Dr. Allyson Handley as the new President at UMA. As an expression of thanks to Richard Randall for his service and leadership to the University of Maine System and as President of UMA, Trustee Weston read the following resolution:

**Resolution for Richard J. Randall**

WHEREAS, Richard J. Randall has served in faculty and senior leadership roles within the University of Maine at Augusta for nearly 40 years; and

WHEREAS, the positions he has held include Professor of Sociology & Human Services; Dean of Students & Educational Services; Dean of the College; Interim Associate Provost; Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Interim President; and President; and

WHEREAS, during his service as UMA President he enjoyed the sincere and enthusiastic support of faculty, students, employees, alumni, policy leaders, and community members; and

WHEREAS, during his presidency he served Chancellors Westphal, MacTaggart, and Pattenaude as a valued advisor and member of the Chancellor's Council of Presidents; and

WHEREAS, on numerous occasions during the past four decades he worked with members of the Board of Trustees closely and constructively to advance the Board's responsibilities as the University System's governing body; and

WHEREAS, President Randall has played a major leadership role in advocating for, and advancing, UMA's transition to a baccalaureate institution; and

WHEREAS, President Randall recently completed his tenure as President as one of the institution's most respected and influential leaders in UMA's history; therefore

BE it known to all that we, the University of Maine System Board of Trustees, offer our most sincere gratitude, thanks, and best wishes to President Richard J. Randall for his outstanding contributions to the quality of higher education in Maine.

Approved on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008, by a grateful University of Maine System Board of Trustees, acting as public stewards of Maine's public universities and their 45,000 students, 5,300 employees, and more than 110,000 living alumni.

Trustee Weston thanked the members UMA and USM Search Committees for their assistance in recruiting two outstanding individuals.

Trustee Weston continued her remarks by stating the Board has adopted new financial oversight policies and these are in the process of being implemented. The Finance/Facilities & Audit Committees received a set of recommendations from PricewaterhouseCoopers (PWC). While the USM financial situation prompted this review, for the past year the Board has been working on more rigorous financial controls, greater transparency, and greater accountability in order to give the UMS greater ability to be responsive to change. This is not unique to our System, it is a trend across the country. As a result of these changes UMS will be in an even better position to provide the level of oversight and financial scrutiny that all of our constituencies expect and deserve. Trustee Weston thanked the Chairs of the Finance/Facilities and Audit Committees for their leadership and the System staff and the staff at USM that worked with PWC to implement the new practices and procedures.

The UMS is under a great deal of financial pressure at all of the institutions to reduce spending and reduce programs being offered. At the same time, the UMS needs to expand its contributions to the State of Maine. Trustee Weston stated that as Trustees, there is a responsibility to speak out in favor of higher education, continued funding from the State, and the economic impact the UMS has on the State. A cut in the UMS budget, after years of reducing and conserving at all of the campuses, has both an immediate and long-term affect on the State revenues and the State economic circumstances.

Trustee Weston stated that she will be in Augusta along with others to address the Appropriations Committee and will make it clear that cuts to the UMS will be counterproductive to the State's economic interest and the State's economic condition. Maine can not afford to weaken the academic quality, accessibility, or affordability of its universities. It can not afford to weaken the universities' ability to create jobs, products, new businesses, new technologies, and more research and development. Maine can not afford to weaken the ability of its universities to serve as partners and resources in improving our State and the quality of life. In addition to our financial challenges, Dr. Tinto's presentation provided insights that are timely and critical to our success and more importantly to our students' success. As we work to improve our processes to make our case to

meet these challenges, the success of our students is and always will be at the forefront of our thinking. The UMS can not afford to go backwards and we can not afford to short change our future.

Trustee Weston announced that six Trustees were planning to attend the AGB Annual Trusteeship Conference in Boston in April. However as an effort to reduce cost, the UMS Trustee participation at the Conference has been cancelled.

**Chancellor's Report.** Chancellor Pattenauade commented that he has been with the System for a long time and the budget situation that the UMS is currently facing, driven primarily by the decline State revenues, is the most serious since the early 1990's. It is not going to lessen in the short term. It will take a great deal of leadership and hard work and he is appreciative of the Trustees, Presidents, System Senior Staff who continue to lead the challenge to preserve and maintain this University System. The University System is an investment for the future of the State of Maine for its people, its businesses and organizations. The UMS is doing all it can to minimize cost, limit the increase in tuition, and let people know that the UMS is essential to the State's future. The UMS will move forward with the Agenda for Action. If we work hard together and are clear in our message, the people of Maine will support the UMS and the UMS will continue to serve a very necessary role.

Chancellor Pattenauade welcomed Dr. Allyson Handley as the President at UMA.

**Committee Reports/Action.**

Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committees – Trustee Medd reported that the Academic Affairs Committee received an update on USM from Interim President Wood and a summary of the Spring 2008 enrollments. The Committee forwarded to the consent agenda the elimination of the AS degree in Legal Technology at UMA and the tenure nominations for 2008. Trustee William Johnson reported that the Academic and Student Affairs Committees had a presentation by Dr. Vincent Tinto on student retention and the impact of learning communities on student growth and attainment.

Finance/Facilities & Audit & Nominating Committees – Trustee Dowe reported that the Committee moved to the consent agenda revisions to Board Policies and six facilities items. Trustee Dowe will chair the Nominating Committee and will be joined by Trustees Mitchell and O'Leary. The Committee will contact each Board member to see who has an interest in serving as the Board Chair or Vice Chair or if anyone has nominations. The nominees will be asked to forward a brief letter stating why they want the position and what they hope to accomplish during the term.

Human Resources and Labor Relations Committee – Trustee Flahive reported that the Committee reviewed the Human Resources Strategic Role and Goals and Workforce Profile. The Committee forwarded to the consent agenda the FY09 Compensation Adjustments for Non-Represented Employees, the approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Police Unit and the appointment of Dr. Selma Botman as the President of USM.

Investment Committee – Trustee Charles Johnson reported that the Committee met briefly on March 7<sup>th</sup> to approve the Endowment Distribution rate policy.

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

Confirmation and Ratification of Board of Trustees Actions from the January Board Meeting. The Board of Trustees confirmed, adopted, and ratified all actions taken by the Board of Trustees at the meeting held on January 9-10, 2008.

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

Transfer of University College Outreach to UMA. The Board of Trustees authorized the transfer of administrative responsibility and authority for University College Outreach from System-wide Services to the University of Maine at Augusta effective July 1, 2008. The administrative transfer would result in the transfer of all University College Outreach employees being reassigned to UMA, all base budgets, reserves and ownership of all assets (equipment, etc.) transferred to UMA. Transferred employees will retain all benefits and years of University service. Service level agreements with the six other System universities will be finalized and will be effective with the transfer.

Appointment of the Trustee Nominating Committee. The Board of Trustees authorized the Chair to appoint members of the Board of Trustees to the Trustee Nominating Committee. The members of the Trustee Nominating Committee are: James Dowe, Chair, Charles O'Leary and Paul Mitchell.

Approval of the Board Meeting Schedule and Calendar for 2008-09 and 2009-2010 Academic Years. The Board of Trustees approved the Board of Trustees meetings for 2008-2009 and the proposed dates for 2009-2010, as presented:

<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>
July 14, 2008	July 13, 2009
September 14-15, 2008	September 13-14, 2009
November 16-17, 2008	November 15-16, 2009
January 11-12, 2009	January 10-11, 2010
March 15-16, 2009	March 14-15, 2010
May 17-18, 2009	May 23-24, 2010

Academic Program Elimination: AS in Legal Technology – UMA. The Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System approved the elimination of the Associate of Science in Legal technology program at the University of Maine at Augusta.

Tenure Nominations 2008. The Board of Trustees approved the recommendations for tenure submitted by the universities of the University of Maine System in 2008. Approvals will take effect September 1, 2008

FY09 Compensation Adjustments for Non-Represented Employees. The Board of Trustees approved the recommendations of the Chancellor for wage and salary adjustments for non-represented employees.

Appointment of President – University of Southern Maine. The Board of Trustees appointed Dr. Selma Botman as President of the University of Southern Maine for a two-year term effective July 1, 2008 at an annual salary of \$203,000.

Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement. The Board of Trustees authorized the Chancellor, upon receipt of notice of union ratification, to execute the collective bargaining agreement with the Teamsters Local 340 covering employees in the Police Unit.

Approval of Board Policy 701 – Operating & Capital Budgets and Policy 712 – Debt Policy. The Board of Trustees approved the Board Policies 701 – *Operating and Capital Budgets* and 712 - *Debt Policy*, as presented.

Renaming of the Maine Center for the Arts – UM. The Board of Trustees approved the renaming of the MCA, as the Richard R. and Anne A. Collins Center for the Arts.

Naming of the Student Innovation Center – UM. The Board of Trustees approved the naming of the Student Innovation Center as the Bion and Dorain Foster Student Innovation Center.

Renovations to Stone Hall and Merrill Hall – UMF. The Board of Trustees authorized the renovations to Stone Hall at a total project cost of \$862,300 and Merrill Hall at a total project cost of \$370,650 to be funded with campus funds.

Lease of Space – USM. The Board of Trustees authorized the leasing of approximately 18,150 sq. ft. in the Central Maine Commerce Center for an initial two year period with two renewal options of one year each, contingent upon System Office review of all lease documents, as amended.

Torrey Hall/Science Building Renovations – UMM. The Board of Trustees authorized the renovation of Torrey Hall and the Science Building at a total project cost of \$2.3 million.

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

- University of Southern Maine Update
- Summary of Spring 2008 Enrollments
- Presentation by Dr. Vincent Tinto – “Promoting the Student Success: A Shared Responsibility”
- Human Resources Strategic Role and Goals and Workforce Profile
- Chief Financial Officer Update
- University of Maine System Student Profiles
- Faculty & Tenure Statistics 2007-2008
- Report on Real Property Transactions
- Agenda Calendar

**Date of Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be May 18-19, 2008 at the University of Maine at Presque Isle.

Adjournment.

Ellen Doughty for  
J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk