

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM

Board of Trustees Meeting

at the University of Maine System

March 16, 2009

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

- Present:** Lyndel Wishcamper, Chair; James Dowe, Jean Flahive, Norman Fournier, Tamera Grieshaber, William Johnson, Barry McCrum, Marjorie Medd, Wayne Newell, and Charles O'Leary. **Chancellor:** Richard Pattenaude.  
**Faculty Representatives:** Terry Colby, Jerry LaSala, and Shelley Page.  
**Student Representatives:** Marie Follayttar, Kenneth Hoyt, Charles Weiss, and Cynthia Nesbit. **University Presidents:** Selma Botman, Richard Cost, Allyson Handley, Cynthia Huggins, Theodora Kalikow, and Robert Kennedy. **System Staff:** Tracy Bigney, James Breece, Eduard Dailide, Tracy Elliott, Frank Gerry, Rosa Redonnett, Kelley Wiltbank, and Rebecca Wyke. Press and public.
- Absent:** Susan Gendron, Krisandra Horn, Charles Johnson, Paul Mitchell, and Victoria Murphy.

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 individuals spoke during the citizen comment period:

Ron Mosley  
Ross Farrell  
Jim McClymer  
Marie Follayttar

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

January 6, 2009 – Trustee Affairs Committee Meeting  
January 11-12, 2009 – Board of Trustees Meeting and Board Committee Meetings  
January 11, 2009 – Audit Committee  
February 10, 2009 – Investment Committee

**Chair's Agenda and Report.** Trustee Wishcamper stated that this Board meeting has been an interesting experiment of a one-day meeting and encouraged feedback on ways to improve the one day process. He also asked ideas on how the Trustees can continue to interface with the campuses now that the meetings will be located at the System Office in Bangor and not on the campuses. He thanked the members of the New Challenges, New Directions Task Force for their dedication and efforts.

**Chancellor's Report.** Chancellor Pattenaude commented that this is an unprecedented time of challenge for higher education. The UMS is being proactive and aggressive in response to the challenges. He spoke about the three primary goals established by the New Challenges, New Directions initiative: focus on the UMS core mission, affordability for our students, and reduce costs and increase efficiencies. A bond proposal for classroom renovation has been submitted, communications continue with the Legislature for seeking additional funding, and the UMS is working hard to ensure that additional resources and revenues can be obtained. Chancellor

Pattenaude complimented the Presidents, campus staff, union leadership, System Senior Staff for their leadership and commitment to the UMS. He also expressed appreciation to the New Challenges, New Directions Task Force for their efforts.

**Committee Reports/Action.**

Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committees – Trustees Johnson and Medd reported that the Academic and Student Affairs Committees received an update on the review of courses with low enrollment, the proposed revisions to the Board Policy on Human Subject Review and the Spring Enrollment Report. The Committee agreed to forward to the consent agenda the two program eliminations and a program proposal. The program eliminations are for UM: BS in Environmental Management and Policy and a BS in Information Systems Engineering and the program proposal is for UMM: BA in Interdisciplinary Studies.

Finance/Facilities Committee – Trustee Fournier reported the Committee received a presentation from David Flanagan who is the Chair of the Task Force on New Challenges, New Directions, a financial update and agreed to forward to the consent agenda the establishment of the Acadia Professorship of Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing at UM and the Center for Cooperative Agricultural Research Tank Enclosure at UM.

Human Resources and Labor Relations – Trustee Flahive reported that the Committee had a presentation on the UMS Health Plan by Mr. Tom Hopkins, Director of Compensation and Benefits, and agreed for forward to the consent agenda the appointment of Margaret A. Weston as the Vice President for Advancement and Chief Executive Officer of the University of Southern Maine Foundation at USM.

Investment Committee – Trustee O’Leary reported that the Committee met on February 10<sup>th</sup> and discussed with New England Pension Consultants (NEPC) the investments for 2008 and projections for 2009, the Endowment Fund, the Pension Fund, and the Operating Cash Fund. The Investment Committee discussed and recommended to the Board the approval of the FY2010 Endowment Distribution Rate Per Share.

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

Appointment of Trustee Nominating Committee. The Board of Trustees authorized the Chair to appoint members of the Board of Trustees to the Trustee Nominating Committee. Trustees James Dowe, Victoria Murphy and Charles O’Leary were appointed to the Trustee Nominating Committee.

Approval of the Board Meeting Schedule and Calendar for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 Academic Years. The Board of Trustees approved the Board of Trustees meetings for 2009-2010 and the proposed dates for 2010-2011, as presented.

2009-2010 Dates:

July 13, 2009  
September 14, 2009  
November 16, 2009  
January 11, 2010  
March 15, 2010  
May 24, 2010

Proposed Dates for 2010-2011:

July 12, 2010  
September 13, 2010  
November 15, 2010  
January 10, 2011  
March 14, 2011  
May 23, 2011

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.

FY2010 Endowment Distribution Rate Per Share. On the recommendation of the Investment Committee, the Board of Trustees approved and ratified the FY2010 endowment distribution rate per share of \$15.64336.

Program Eliminations – UM (BS in Environmental Management and Policy and BS in Information Systems Engineering). The Board of Trustees approved the elimination of the BS in Information Systems Engineering and the BS in Environmental Management and Policy at the University of Maine.

Academic Program Proposal – UMM (BA in Interdisciplinary Studies). The Board of Trustees approved the creation of a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies at the University of Maine at Machias.

Tenure Nominations 2009. The Board of Trustees approved the recommendations for tenure submitted by the universities of the University of Maine System in 2009. Approvals will take effect September 1, 2009.

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

Margaret A. Weston, Vice President for Advancement and Chief Executive Officer of the University of Southern Maine Foundation, USM

Establishment of the Acadia Professorship of Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing – UM. The Board of Trustees approved the establishment of the Acadia Professorship of Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing.

Center for Cooperative Aquaculture Research Tank Enclosure – UM. The Board of Trustees approved construction of a Tank Enclosure at the Center for Cooperative Aquaculture Research at a total project cost of \$1.9 million.

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

- Academic Affairs Update
- Proposed Revisions to Board Policy on Human Subject Review
- Spring Enrollment Report
- UMS Health Plan Update
- Update of Collective Bargaining
- Financial Update
- Tenure Report
- Summary of Current Statistics
- Agenda Calendar

**Date of Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be May 18, 2009 at the University of Maine System.

Adjournment.

Ellen Doughty for  
J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk