

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM

Board of Trustees

University of Maine at Presque Isle

March 20, 2006

Board of Trustees Meeting

Present: Charles Johnson, Chair; Margaret Weston, Vice Chair; Judith Andrucki, Gregory Cyr, James Dowe, Jean Flahive, William Johnson, Chad Marquis, Barry McCrum, Marjorie Medd, Victoria Murphy, Charles O’Leary, and Lyndel Wishcamper. Absent: Susan Gendron, Paul Mitchell and James Mullen. Chancellor: Joseph Westphal. Faculty Representatives: Raymond Albert, Terry Colby, Grace Denison, and Christine Standefer. Student Representatives: Leah Malave, Greta Martin, and Zachary Smith. University Presidents: Karl Burgher, Richard Cost, Cynthia Huggins, Theodora Kalikow, Robert Kennedy, Richard Pattenaude, and Richard Randall. Chancellor’s Staff: James Breece, Tracy Bigney, John Diamond, Frank Gerry, Elsa Nuñez, Kelley Wiltbank, and Joanne Yestramski. Press and Public.

Trustee Johnson, 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	Jim McClymer	Jenni-Lyn LaChance
Cindy Heron	Karen Barrett	Ross Ferrell
Scott Brickman	Ray Rice	
Lorraine Lowell	Zachary Smith	

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

January 5, 2006 – Trustee Affairs Committee Meeting
January 20, 2006 – Strategic Planning Subcommittee Meeting
January 22-23, 2006 – Board Meeting and Committee Meetings

Chair’s Agenda and Report. Trustee Johnson stated that the Board is working on many issues that are of significant interest to the community. The Board has been discussing external issues which involve funding and internal issues about programs. Among the items on the agenda were the Revisions for the Selection and Recruitment of Presidents, the Center for Research on Sustainable Forests at UMaine, the tenure nominations and tenure report for 2006, and the Strategic Planning Subcommittee Recommendations for Strategic Direction # 8.

Committee Reports/Action.

Academic Affairs Committee – Trustee Judith Andrucki reported that the Committee agreed to forward to the consent agenda for approval the Centre for Research on Sustainable Forests at UMaine, the 2007 Honorary Degree Nominations, and the 2006 Tenure Nominations and Tenure Report. The Committee discussed the changes to the Board Policy # 301 – Mission. Trustee Andrucki congratulated the tenure nominees and read the names by campus.

Human Resources and Labor Relations Committee – Trustee Flahive reported that the Committee agreed to forward to the consent agenda the following appointments for Trustee approval: Rachel E. Albert, Vice President for Academic Affairs at UMFK; Barbara M.

Beers, Vice President for Development at UMaine; and a title change for Thomas L. Potter to Vice President for Administration and Finance at UMM. The Committee also approved the collective bargaining agreement for the Teamster Union Local #340, Police Unit. The Committee was provided a comprehensive presentation on the UMS Integrated Health Strategy.

Student Affairs Committee – Trustee Medd reported that the Committee received a presentation on the Student Financial Aid Report: Strategic Direction # 1 – Quality.

Strategic Planning Subcommittee – Trustee Weston reported that the Subcommittee has been working since the beginning of the year to consider the changes to the Strategic Plan that were recommended by the Kennebec Valley Task Force on Higher Education. The Subcommittee forwarded to the consent agenda the recommendation that the University of Maine at Augusta be a four year baccalaureate institution and that the University College of Bangor remain part of UMA. Trustee Weston and Chair Johnson expressed appreciation for everyone's hard work and patience during this process.

Investment Committee – Trustee Wishcamper reported the Committee met on February 27, 2006 and reviewed the pension and endowment plans and received a presentation from one of the money managers. The Committee had a discussion and suggestion that the UMS establish a position in merging market managers. The Endowment fund was up 1.7% for the quarter and 7.8% for the year ranking it in the 46th percentile. The Pension fund was up 1.9% for the quarter and 7.9% for the year and over a five year period the fund has been in the top 25% of pension fund performance. The Investment Committee received a communication from the UMPI Foundation Board which indicated that they reversed their earlier decision to transfer their Foundation funds to the UMS Endowment because they wanted more autonomy, more control over the investments, and more control over the future interests plans and growth objectives of the Foundation.

Consent Agenda. Trustee Cyr stated that his company is a fortunate recipient of a seed grant from MTI to assess the commercial viability of chemical extracts from wood biomass. The record will show that he is recusing himself from the vote on the Center for Research on Sustainable Forests at the University of Maine so there will not be an appearance of conflict.

On a motion by Trustee Weston, which was seconded by Trustee Andrucki, the following recommendations were unanimously approved by the Board.

Revisions to Procedures for Recruitment and Selection of Presidents. The Board of Trustees approved the modifications to procedures for recruitment and selection of presidents as presented.

Appointment of Trustee Nominating Committee. The Board of Trustees authorized the establishment of the Trustee Nominating Committee and the Chair to appoint members of the Board of Trustees to the Committee.

Approval of Board of Trustees Meetings for 2006-07 and 2007-08 Academic Years. The Board of Trustees approved the Board of Trustees meetings for 2006-07 and the proposed dates for 2007-08, as presented.

Confirm New Student Representative to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees approved the appointment of the Student Representative to the Board of Trustees from the University of Maine at Presque Isle, Mr. Charles “CJ” Bernard, for a two year term.

Annual Extension of the Chancellor’s Employment Contract. The Board of Trustees approved that the Chancellor’s employment contract be extended to June 30, 2006 which shall become his new anniversary date in order that it coincide with those of the Presidents and non represented UMS staff and further that the Chair of the Board of Trustees be authorized to take those actions necessary and appropriate in order that the Chancellor’s employment agreement be current, comprehensive, and commensurate with the intent of the parties.

Center for Research on Sustainable Forests, UM. The Board of Trustees approved the establishment of a Center for Research on Sustainable Forests at the University of Maine.

2007 Honorary Degree Nominations. The Board of Trustees approved the 2007 nominations for Honorary Degrees, as presented.

Tenure Nominations and Tenure Report. The Board of Trustees approved the recommendations for tenure submitted by the institutions of the University of Maine System in 2006. Approvals will take effect September 1, 2006.

Strategic Planning Subcommittee Recommendations for Strategic Direction # 8. The Board of Trustees adopted the recommendation of the Strategic Planning Subcommittee that the University of Maine at Augusta will be a four-year Baccalaureate-granting institution.

The Board of Trustees adopted the recommendation of the Strategic Planning Subcommittee that the University College of Bangor will remain a part of the University of Maine at Augusta.

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

- Rachel E. Albert, Vice President for Academic Affairs, UMFK
- Barbara M. Beers, Vice President for Development, UM
- Thomas L. Potter, Vice President for Administration and Finance, UMM

Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement. The Board of Trustees authorized the Chancellor to execute the collective bargaining agreement with Teamsters Union Local #340, Police Unit.

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

- Marketing and Advocacy
- Board of Trustees Policy Change # 301 – Mission
- Update on UMS Efficiency Initiatives
- Student Financial Aid Report: Strategic Direction #1 – Quality
- Group Health Plan
- Collective Bargaining Update

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Date of Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on May 21-22, 2006, at the University of Maine System in Bangor.

Adjournment.

Ellen Doughty for
J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk