

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
Board of Trustees Meeting

at the University of Maine at Farmington
November 17, 2008

Board of Trustees Meeting

Present: Barry McCrum, Chair pro tem; James Dowe, Jean Flahive, Norman Fournier, Tamera Grieshaber, Charles Johnson, William Johnson, Marjorie Medd, Victoria Murphy, Wayne Newell, and Charles O'Leary. **Chancellor:** Richard Pattenau. **Faculty Representatives:** Gerald LaSala. **Student Representatives:** Marie Follayttar, Kenneth Hoyt, Meridith Hughes, Cynthia Nesbit, Catherine Siegel, 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, John Lisnik, Rosa Redonnett, Kelley Wiltbank, and Rebecca Wyke. Press and public.

Absent: Susan Gendron, Krisandra Horn, Paul Mitchell, and Lyndel Wishcamper.

Trustee McCrum, Chair pro tem, 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:

Ron Mosley – transformational change

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:
September 14-15, 2008 – Board Meeting and Board Committee Meetings
October 16, 2008 – Human Resources and Labor Relations Committee

On a motion by Trustee William Johnson, which was seconded by Trustee O'Leary, the Board approved the minutes.

Chair's Agenda and Report. Trustee McCrum thanked President Kalikow and the staff at UMF for hosting the Board of Trustees meetings. Trustee McCrum commented that change is inevitable and with strong partnerships the UMS will be sustainable and affordable and able to offer a quality education for the students in Maine. He stated that the Trustees are committed to support whatever it takes to move forward.

Chancellor's Report. Chancellor Pattenau also thanked President Kalikow for hosting the Board of Trustees meeting and for her great leadership as the President at UMF. He also thanked Professor Ron Mosley for his thoughtful comments during the citizen comment period. Chancellor Pattenau commented that these are the most difficult financial and economic times for the UMS in the 17 years he has been in Maine. It is inevitable that the financial crises will have a substantial and lasting impact on the UMS. It will impact what we do, how we work, and how we are organized and that impact has already begun. The people of Maine, the Trustees, the students, and the employees expect the UMS to provide quality education, research, and service responsive to the State. They also expect the UMS to do it in a financial sustainable manner. They expect the System to draw together and work as one to solve these issues. This work will not be easy, it will call for sacrifice from all of us, and the UMS must move quickly. He continued by stating the he is

confident that the UMS will meet the challenges, will get the work done, and the System will be successful.

Committee Reports/Action.

Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committees – Trustees Johnson and Medd reported that the Academic and Student Affairs Committees received an update from UMF and moved to the consent agenda the Awarding of Academic Degrees. The Committee also received an update on the Fall 2008 enrollments and a presentation on the Agenda for Action: a Discussion of essential disciplines in STEM, World Languages and Content Literacy.

Finance/Facilities Committee – Trustee Fournier reported the Committee received a financial update and moved the following items to the consent agenda State Bond Request, Annual Financial Report FY2008, and Transfer of Ownership of UM Natural Gas Facilities to Bangor Gas Company, LLC.

Human Resources and Labor Relations – Trustee Flahive reported that the Committee had a presentation on Succession Management and Workforce Planning and a Report on Retiree Health Plan Task Force II and moved to the consent agenda the Board Policy on Campus Violence

Trustee Affairs Committee – Trustee Murphy reported that the Committee met by conference call on November 7 to finalize the Committee work plan and the Board survey results. Due to the Board's interest in advocacy and outreach the Committee discussed how the Board members could assist the Chancellor and the System with legislative efforts. There will be a three step approach to the advocacy and outreach process which includes the Board members first identifying the legislators with whom they have a personnel relationship, followed by staff preparing individual letters from the Board members to the Legislators to offer congratulations on their election and a request to meet to discuss UMS issues. Finally, UMS staff will draft a schedule to plan for privately sponsored regional events at which regional Legislators would be invited to meet socially with the Chancellor, Trustees, appropriate university officials, alumni, and friends. In addition, a Symposium on Higher Education is scheduled in January.

Investment Committee – Trustee O'Leary reported that the Committee met on September 30th to review the Endowments, Investments and the Operating Funds. The Committee was advised by New England Pension Consultants to continue with the investment strategies currently in place. The Committee will meet again on December 1.

Audit Committee – Trustee Dowe reported that the Committee met on October 31 with the Finance/Facilities Committee. KPMG reported on an excellent audit and they expressed praise to the staff that assisted with the audit.

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

Confirm Faculty & Student Representatives to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees approved the appointments of the Faculty & Student Representatives to the Board of Trustees, as presented.

Campus Violence Policy. The Board of Trustees adopted the Campus Violence Policy as presented.

State Bond Request – Capital Renewal, IT Infrastructure and Energy Efficiency. The Board of Trustees approved the proposed State Bond Request.

Annual Financial Report FY2008. The Board of Trustees approved the FY2008 Annual Financial Report.

Transfer of Ownership of University of Maine Natural Gas Facilities to Bangor Gas Company, LLC. The Board of Trustees approved the transfer of ownership of the University of Maine's natural gas facilities to Bangor Gas, subject to review and approval of University Counsel.

Awarding of Academic Degrees. The Board of Trustees authorized the awarding of degrees in course during Commencement ceremonies for the 2008-2009 academic year to those students fully recommended by the appropriate faculties and the presidents of the respective institutions and/or divisions of the University of Maine System.

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

- Financial Aid Go Live Assessment
- University of Maine Fundraising Efforts
- Poster Session: STEM Undergraduate Student Research
- Succession Management and Workforce Planning
- Report of Retiree Health Plan Task Force II
- Update on Collective Bargaining
- Financial Update
- UMF Update
- Fall 2008 Enrollment
- Agenda for Action: A Discussion of Essential Disciplines in STEM, World Languages & Content Literacy
- Trustee Affairs Committee Report
- Board of Visitors Annual Reports
- Summary of Current Statistics
- Agenda Calendar

Date of Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be January 11-12, 2009 at the University of Southern Maine.

Adjournment.

Ellen Doughty for
J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk