

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
Board of Trustees Meeting

at the University of Maine at Augusta
November 5, 2007

Board of Trustees Meeting

Present: Margaret Weston, Chair; James Dowe, Jean Flahive, Norman Fournier, Tamera Grieshaber, Charles Johnson, Krisandra Horn, Barry McCrum, Marjorie Medd, Paul Mitchell, Victoria Murphy, and Charles O'Leary. **Chancellor:** Richard Pattenaude. **Faculty Representatives:** Terry Colby, Shallee Page, Kenneth Orosz, and Fred Walker. **Student Representatives:** Kristen Cloutier, Kelly Deprez, Marie Follayttar, Heather Hickey, and Jeremy Logan. **University Presidents:** Richard Cost, Cynthia Huggins, Theodora Kalikow, Robert Kennedy, Richard Randall, Joseph Wood, and Donald Zillman. **Chancellor's Staff:** James Breece, Tracy Bigney, Eduard Dailide, John Diamond, Tracy Elliott, Frank Gerry, Kelley Wiltbank, and Joanne Yestramski. **Press and Public.**

Absent: William Johnson, Susan Gendron, Wayne Newell, and Lyndel Wishcamper.

Trustee Weston, Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The three new Trustees were welcomed and introduced – Norman Fournier, Tamera Grieshaber, and Krisandra Horn.

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

Jim McClymer – Physics
Ron Mosley – Bond Issues
Rev. Dr. L. J. Petty – Black Campus Ministry

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

August 29, 2007 – Executive Committee Meeting
Sept. 9-10, 2007 - Board of Trustees Meeting and Board Committee Meetings
Sept. 10, 2007 – Trustee Affairs Committee Meeting

Chair's Agenda and Report. Trustee Weston welcomed new Trustees and thanked the faculty, students, and Presidents for their support on the bond referendums. A memorial service was held Sunday morning for former Trustee Bennett Katz. Mr. Katz served as a Trustee from 1988 to 1998. Trustee Weston offered the following statement in his memory.

STATEMENT ON BENNETT KATZ

It is with great sadness that the Board today acknowledges the passing of one of Maine's most respected citizens and public servants.

Bennett D. Katz of Augusta died on Thursday at the age of 89. Throughout Maine, Bennett was known as a leader in many fields – business, politics, community affairs, and of course, education. In fact, Bennett was a tireless and passionate advocate for education. He understood and preached education's fundamental role in, and importance to, the betterment of the individual and of society. He was particularly strong in his advocacy for higher education. Bennett used his voice and his influence to promote higher education in many venues – as a local civic and business leader; as a member of the State Legislature; and of course, as a ten-year member of the University of Maine System Board of Trustees.

Thanks in large part to Bennett Katz, central Maine is home to the University of Maine at Augusta, and the many academic, cultural, and economic resources and opportunities it provides. Thanks in large part to Bennett Katz and his work in the Legislature, Maine has a strong, coordinated system of public universities. Thanks in large part to Bennett Katz and his work as a university trustee, this Board operates under a widely respected set of policies, practices, and operating philosophy.

Bennett Katz's legacy will cover many areas and accomplishments. However, I believe he will be remembered, first and foremost, as central Maine's father of higher education. He spent decades working to provide generations of Mainers with the opportunities and resources needed to improve their quality of life.

Bennett Katz was a remarkable man. It's most fitting that this Board today acknowledges his life and accomplishments by meeting here, on this university campus, a place that he, more than anyone else, made possible.

On behalf of the Board, I offer our sincere condolences to the Katz family. To Bennett himself, I extend our gratitude for his vision, leadership, and friendship. We are most thankful for his service to our universities and our state.

Trustee Weston, on behalf of the Board, thanked President Randall for his leadership at the University of Maine at Augusta and for his update on UMA moving towards a baccalaureate institution serving central Maine.

One of the key agenda items which will be voted on during the Consent Agenda is the request for a Supplemental Budget. Trustee Weston commented that she is very impressed with our efforts as a System and our leadership in many different areas including energy conservation, integrated health care efforts, and enrollment and retention practices.

Chancellor's Report. Chancellor Pattenaude commented that as a System UMS is gaining momentum thanks to the work of the Board, the Presidents, and the campus faculty and staff. He explained the bond referendums that will be on the ballot on Tuesday and outlined the importance to support higher education in Maine. Chancellor Pattenaude expressed his condolences to the Katz's family of the passing of Bennett Katz.

The UMS total enrollment is currently flat and if the System is going to assist the people of Maine all of the enrollment and retention efforts must continue to result in an increase in enrollment. The UMS needs more baccalaureate graduates and doctoral graduates to fuel the new economy and the future of the State. UMS is one of 19 systems across the country participating in the "Access to Success" initiative. This initiative's goal is to increase graduation rate of under represented students.

Presidential Reports

President Theodora Kalikow, UMF. President Kalikow updated the Board on the five initiatives outlined in the UMF Strategic Plan. These initiatives include working on the quality of student experience, working on co-curricula initiatives, stabilizing the finances and preparing for a capital campaign, more efficient operations, and repositioning in terms of admissions and marketing. UMF continues to work on all of these initiatives.

President Richard Cost, UMFK. UMFK recently hired a new director of Acadian Archives and a staff member for institutional research. The Masters in Education program is underway with 20 students enrolled from the St. John Valley.

President Cynthia Huggins, UMM. UMM has a new slogan and signage around campus. A new Director of Distance Education has recently been hired and UMM has a 15% increase in students living on campus and a 25% increase in out-of-state applications. UMM has created for the first time a Planning and Budget Advisory Committee and the Committee is working very well. Faculty, staff, students and community members are on the Committee.

President Robert Kennedy, UM. President Kennedy announced that Dr. Habib Daghar, Director of the Advanced Engineered Wood Composite Center, and his colleagues received the Best of the Best Award and the People Choice Award while participating at a conference on engineered composite materials in Florida. It was the first time both awards were given to the same campus or program. Dr. Paul Mayewski, Director of the Climate Change Institute, is currently leading his 39th expedition to the South Pole. The UM Engineering program has increased 20% and their Honors College has a 95% retention rate.

President Donald Zillman, UMPI. UMPI, UMFK and the Community College worked collaboratively on educating the communities on the bond referendums. The Washington Monthly magazine rated UMPI as the only Maine public campus in the liberal arts category of 200 schools. The wind project received a \$50,000 grant from the Maine Public Utilities Commission. UMPI is one of 6 New England public universities to receive \$1 million in grant money over a five year period to increase the retention, graduation and recruitment rates of under served populations. UMPI's focus will be on the Native America tribes in their area.

President Richard Randall, UMA. This year's academic theme for UMA is "Health and Social Justice". Several lectures and symposiums are being scheduled throughout the year around this theme.

Interim President Joseph Wood, USM. This year USM had the largest full time student enrollment in the history of USM. Dr. Susan Campbell, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs at USM, has been hired by other states to conduct workshops on enrollment and retention. Work of the Wishcamper Center will continue on the interior of the building throughout the winter.

Committee Reports/Action.

Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committees – Trustee Medd reported that the Committee forwarded to the consent agenda the Awarding of Academic Degrees. The Committee received an update from UMA and discussed the Fall 2007 enrollments and retention strategies.

Ad Hoc Technology Committee – Trustee McCrum reported that the Committee met on October 15th and was provided a presentation on the Information Technology infrastructure. On behalf of the Committee, Trustee McCrum presented to the Board a resolution to express their thanks and appreciation to the staff working on the MaineStreet implementation. The resolution is as follows:

Resolution of Appreciation for MaineStreet Implementation

Whereas the success of students, faculty and staff is the core mission of the University of Maine System, and

Whereas admissions, student financial aid, registration, billing, and degree audit are essential functions to supporting student and university success, and

Whereas the MaineStreet project has implemented software to support the admissions and recruitment function, and over the next twelve months the MaineStreet project will implement software to support financial aid, registration, billing and degree audit, and

Whereas integrated, comprehensive administrative technology systems are complex, and the work of implementing such systems is demanding, exacting, and labor intensive, and

Whereas student financial aid, registration, billing, and degree audit are essential functions to supporting student and university success, and over the coming year the MaineStreet project will implement software to support these functions, and

Whereas the effort to date in preparing to implement these student support functions has required an enormous dedication of time, skill and energy by many UMS employees,

Therefore be it resolved that:

The Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System hereby extends its heartfelt appreciation to the many UMS employees who have worked to learn, set up, test, provide the technical environment, and in other ways implement the student administrative support modules of the MaineStreet project and to all those who have assisted by taking on extra responsibilities to keep the current systems operating smoothly during this work. We recognize the personal commitment and sacrifice that you have made to ensure the success of this new system, and we look forward to successful implementations at appropriate times as a result of your dedication and skill. Your efforts have been extraordinary, and the State of Maine and the University of Maine System will benefit from your work.

Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System this 5th day of November, 2007.

Audit & Finance/Facilities Committee – Trustee Dowe thanked the Audit and Finance/Facilities Committees for participating in the lengthy meeting on Sunday morning. He also thanked the System Staff for their efforts in preparing the materials for the meeting. Both Committees embrace the Chancellor’s Agenda for Action and in particular the financial sustainability item. Yesterday’s meeting included a review of the year end financial statements with KPMG and a presentation from Hilb Rogal & Hobbs concerning GASB 45. The Committees also met with PricewaterhouseCoopers, the co-source internal auditors. The Finance/Facilities Committee approved to the consent agenda the Annual Finance Report FY2007 and the Ratification of Appropriation Request. The Committee received a briefing on the Efficiency Initiatives and the Capital Project Status Report.

Human Resources and Labor Relations Committee – Trustee Flahive reported that the Committee approved to the consent agenda the Collective Bargaining Agreements for the Maine Part-time Faculty Association and the Service and Maintenance Unit and three Appointments for Trustee Approval. The Committee received an update on the UMS Integrated Health Strategy.

Investment Committee – Trustee Charles Johnson reported that the Committee met on October 10th and reviewed the Defined Benefit Plan and received a presentation by the Hedge Fund Manager. The Endowment Fund as of the end of September was valued at approximately \$125 million which was a 2.7% for the quarter. The Pension Fund totals \$67.6 million at the end of the third quarter reflecting a net return of 2% for the quarter. The Operating Cash resulted in .47% for the first quarter of FY08.

Trustee Affairs Committee – Trustee Murphy reported that the Committee had a brief meeting following the September Board meeting to review the Committee’s agenda for the year.

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 Representative to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Harold Jones as the Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees from UMPI.

Annual Financial Report FY2007. The Board of Trustees approved the FY2007 Annual Financial Report.

Ratification of Appropriation Request. The Board of Trustees approved the FY2009 Supplemental Request submitted to the State for an additional \$8 million.

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

Thomas E. Abbott, Dean of Libraries and Distance Learning, UMA
Robert Q. Dana, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, UM
Jeffrey E. Hecker, Interim Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, UM

Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreements. The Board of Trustees authorized the Chancellor to execute the collective bargaining agreements with the Maine Part-time Faculty Association (PATFA, Maine AFT, AFL-CIO) and with Teamsters Union Local #340 for the Service and Maintenance Unit upon receipt of notification that the agreements have been ratified by the Unions.

Awarding of Academic Degrees. The Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System authorized the awarding of degrees in course for the Fall Commencement 2007 and Spring and Summer Commencements 2008 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:

Proposed Board of Trustees Bylaw Changes
MELMAC Grant Projects – Poster Session
Reporting on Efficiency Initiatives
Capital Project Status Report
Update on UMS Integrated Health Strategy
Update on Collective Bargaining
UMA Update – Pathway to B.A. Status
Summary of Fall 2007 Enrollments
Retention Strategies and Discussion
Board of Visitors Annual Reports
Agenda Calendar

Date of Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be January 13-14, 2008 at the University of Maine.

Adjournment.

Ellen Doughty for
J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk