Committee of the Whole Meeting


Absent: James Dowe, Jean Flahive, Susan Gendron, Krisandra Horn, William Johnson, Victoria Murphy, and Wayne Newell.

UMS Discussion with University of Maine at Presque Isle Board of Visitors. Trustee Weston welcomed the UMPI Board of Visitors (BOV). The UMS Board of Trustees and the UMPI Board of Visitors introduced themselves.

Donald Zillman, President at UMPI shared a video focused on student success stories.

Mr. Matt Saengar, a member of the UMPI BOV, spoke about the recently established Young Professionals Institute. Momentum Aroostook and the University of Maine at Presque Isle teamed up to provide the area’s young professionals with a one-of-a-kind leadership development opportunity. The two entities hosted the Young Professionals Institute, a professional development short course designed specifically for emerging leaders looking to hone their professional skills. The pilot program began in March with an inaugural class of 12 individuals. Participants in the Young Professionals Institute learned through role-playing scenarios and hands-on activities how to write eye-catching proposals, deliver successful oral presentations, use best practices in written communication, and work effectively with the media. The Institute’s goal is to further connect and strengthen one of the County’s greatest assets – its young professional community.

Mr. Tom Umphrey, Chair of the UMPI BOV, congratulated Don Zillman and the UMPI faculty and staff on this year’s commencement. There is a new team approach on the UMPI campus which is a welcomed change. There are many new initiatives and renewed community involvement. The BOV will continue to foster this approach and build partnerships. In order for the UMPI BOV to be more effective, Mr. Umphrey asked about other campus BOV best practices and if these could be shared. Trustee Weston commented that this would be a great conversation for the Chancellor and the Presidents. Trustee Wishcamper suggested that the leadership from each campus BOV meet as a group to share best practices.

Adjournment.

Ellen Doughty for
J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk of the Board