Committee of the Whole Meeting with the UMF Board of Visitors


Absent: Susan Gendron and Lyndel Wishcamper.

UMS Board of Trustees Discussion with University of Maine at Farmington Board of Visitors.

Trustee McCrum welcomed the UMF Board of Visitors (BOV). The UMS Board of Trustees and the UMF Board of Visitors introduced themselves. President Theodora Kalikow thanked the Board of Trustees for the opportunity to meet with the UMF BOV.

Ms. Alison Hagerstom reported on some of the outcomes of the community stake holders’ event held in October. The community was interested in ways UMF is conserving energy and asked if the community could learn and participate in these efforts. One way UMF is accomplishing this is by offering tours of the Education Center, a green building, to the community and local schools as a tool to learn more about energy conservation. The community members expressed interest in expanded internships for the UMF students for local businesses. This could be an opportunity to encourage UMF graduates to stay in the area and open small businesses. The community members commented that outdoor recreation is important to the vitality of the Farmington region and they encouraged UMF to promote the nearby recreation destinations.

President Kalikow reported on a meeting with recreation leaders in the area. In the past UMF has not had significant contact with these industries. This was a monumental meeting and this group explored ways that UMF can serve these businesses with more educational opportunities for UMF students and educational opportunities for their staff. Several follow-up activities are being scheduled including outing activities for the students and creating a greater awareness to the resources that are available in the area. UMF has started co-marketing and co-branding opportunities with Sugarloaf, Saddleback and Sunday River ski areas for recruiting and opportunities for the UMF students.

Adjournment.

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