UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
Board of Trustees Meeting
at the University of Maine System
March 15, 2010

Committee of the Whole

Present: Lyndel Wishcamper, Chair; Norman Fournier, Vice Chair; James Dowe, William Johnson, Tamera Grieshaber, Krisandra Horn, Barry McCrum, Marjorie Medd, Paul Mitchell, Victoria Murphy, Wayne Newell, and Charles O’Leary.


Student Representatives: Rebecca Dyer, Nathan Grant, Bernice Michaud, Julie-Ann Scott, Meredith Summer, Dustin Ward, Charles Weiss, and Eli Yoder.

University Presidents: Selma Botman, Richard Cost, Allyson Handley, Cynthia Huggins, Theodora Kalikow, Robert Kennedy, and Donald Zillman.

System Staff: Tracy Bigney, James Breece, Ralph Caruso, Ed Dailide, Tracy Elliott, Frank Gerry, Rosa Redonnett, Kelley Wiltbank and Rebecca Wyke.


Trustee Wishcamper called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Executive Session
On a motion by Trustee Fournier, which was seconded by Trustee O’Leary, the Committee of the Whole agreed to go into Executive Session under provisions of 1 MRSA Section 405 6A & D for the purpose of discussing personnel reassignment and duties, labor contracts, and discussions between UMS and the employee labor unions.

On a motion by Trustee Fournier, which was seconded by Trustee O’Leary, the Committee of the Whole concluded Executive Session.

Chair’s Comments. Trustee Wishcamper introduced the two Trustee nominees who were present at the meeting: Michelle Hood and Samuel Collins. The Chair, on behalf of the Board, expressed appreciation and thanks to the outgoing Trustees for their years of service and dedication to the University of Maine System: Barry McCrum, who has served for eleven years; Jean Flahive, who has served for six years; and Krisandra Horn, the Student Trustee, who has served for two years.

Chancellor Comments. Chancellor Pattenaude thanked the outgoing Trustees and welcomed the Trustee nominees. The Chancellor also thanked the Trustees who served on the UMFK Presidential Search Committee – Norman Fournier, Chair; Marjorie Medd, and Charles O’Leary. During the Human Resources and Labor Relations Committee the appointment of the new President at UMFK will be presented. Chancellor Pattenaude thanked President Richard Cost for his years of service and dedication to higher education in Maine.

At the recommendation of the Governor, the Legislature is in the process of enacting of a restoration of the budget cuts due to the curtailment. This has been supported by the Appropriations Committee but it is not finalized as yet. On April 6th the UMS will be hosting a state-wide Advancing Maine Summit. The focus of the Summit is to align academic programs and priorities with State needs as part of the Public Agenda. Registration for the Summit is available on-line.

Appointment of the Trustee Nominating Committee. The Board of Trustees authorized the Chair to appoint members of the Board of Trustees to the Trustee Nominating Committee for the
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purpose of presenting the names of members of the Board of Trustees to serve as Chair and Vice
Chair for the Board from May 2010 to May 2011. Trustee Wishcamper stated that the following
Trustees have agreed to serve as the Nominating Committee: Charles O’Leary, Chair; William
Johnson, and Eleanor Baker.

On a motion by Trustee Murphy, which was seconded by Trustee Dowe, the Committee of the
Whole agreed to forward the recommendation to the consent agenda.

New Challenges, New Directions Update. Chancellor Pattenaude provided an update on the
progress of the New Challenges, New Directions initiative and work plan. The UMS is make good
progress and the campuses are engaging the issues. The common calendar is nearing completion
and the Pricing and Market Study in underway and the Board will receive an update on that during
the Academic and Student Affairs Committee. The Strategic Investment Fund process is now
established, proposals are being created, and decisions will be made by April. On-line and Distance
Education are being reviewed and the appointment of a Director for Distance Education will be
presented during the Human Resources and Labor Relations Committee. The UMS has eighteen
proposed three year degree programs that have been developed by the campuses. There is a group
working on seamless transfers and a consultant is working with the UMS on the Portal Project.
Draft role and scope statements have been developed for each campus. Each of the campuses are
working toward a balanced budget. One item in the New Challenges, New Directions initiative is
the review of student/faculty ratios. Each institution selected its own peer group, set a target
student/faculty ratio, and will move toward that target. This is about efficiency in the classroom
and the campuses are making progress.

Ratification of the Recommendation of Termination/Approval of Large Cap Growth Equity
Investment Managers for the Pension Fund. Trustee Wishcamper stated that the Investment
Committee met on February 23, 2010 and interviewed representatives from Chase, Jennison and
Rainier. Lacking a quorum but after detailed discussion, the Committee recommended terminating
Chase and hiring Rainier as the new Large Cap Growth Equity Manager in the University of Maine
System Pension Fund and forward it to the Committee of the Whole for its approval and ratification.

On a motion by Trustee Johnson, which was seconded by Trustee Grieshaber, the Committee of the
Whole agreed to forward the recommendation to the consent agenda.

FY2011 Endowment Distribution Rate. Trustee Wishcamper explained that the endowment
distribution rate was presented for the Investment Committee’s review at their February 23, 2010
meeting. The Committee supported the rate of $14.11281 per share for FY2011 and lacking a
quorum at the Committee meeting the information was presented to the Board for approval and
ratification.

On a motion by Trustee Johnson, which was seconded by Trustee Fournier, the Committee of the
Whole agreed to forward the recommendation to the consent agenda.

Adjournment.

Ellen Doughty for
J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk