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Absent: James Dowe, Susan Gendron, Paul Mitchell, and Margaret Weston.

Trustee Wishcamper welcomed everyone and thanked President Kennedy and the staff of UMaine for hosting the Board meeting.

Chair’s Comments. Trustee Wishcamper congratulated Professor Robert Rice, faculty representative to the Board of Trustees from UMaine, who in July was elected as a 2008 fellow of the International Academy of Wood Science. The International Academy of Wood Science was founded in Paris in 1966 as a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote worldwide the concerted development of wood science by recognizing the meritorious achievements and high scientific standards of its elected fellows.

Chancellor’s Comments. Chancellor Pattenaude welcomed everyone and thanked President Kennedy and the staff at UMaine for hosting the Board of Trustees meeting. He introduced Ms. Rebecca Wyke, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration and Treasurer and wished Ms. Joanne Yestramski the best of luck in her new position at the University of Massachusetts – Lowell.

Chancellor Pattenaude commented that the Board of Trustee held a Retreat at Lewiston-Auburn College on August 26-27 and this was the first time that the Presidents and the System Senior Staff participated in a Board Retreat. These three groups worked together to develop strategies for the challenging years ahead.

Appointment of Standing Committees. Trustee Wishcamper announced the Committee and Special Assignments for 2008-2009 and explained the Technology Committee is now a standing committee which will likely have 3 non-voting, non-Trustee members in the near future.
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Confirm Student Representative to the Board of Trustees. Chancellor Pattenaude presented and explained the following nomination from the President to appoint a student representative to the Board of Trustees. The nomination is recommended for Board approval:

Student Representative:
Catherine Siegal – Graduate Student, USM

On a motion by Trustee William Johnson, which was seconded by Trustee Charles O’Leary, the Committee agreed to forward the recommendation to the consent agenda for action.

Adjournment.

Ellen Doughty for
J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk