Meeting with Faculty Representatives

Present: Norman Fournier, Vice Chair; James Dowe, Tamera Grieshaber, William Johnson, Krisandra Horn, Barry McCrum, Marjorie Medd, Paul Mitchell, Victoria Murphy, Wayne Newell, Charles O’Leary, and Lyndel Wishcamper. **Chancellor:** Richard Pattenaude. **Faculty Representatives:** Raymond Albert, Terry Colby, Bert Jacobs, Harold Jones, Shallee Page, Robert Rice and Joanne Williams. **Presidents:** Selma Botman, Richard Cost, Cynthia Huggins, Allyson Handley, Theodora Kalikow, Robert Kennedy, and Donald Zillman. **System Staff:** James Breece, Kelley Wiltbank, and Rebecca Wyke.

Absent: Eleanor Baker, Jean Flahive, Susan Gendron and Kevin McCarthy.

Trustee Fournier welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

**Robert Rice, UM**
- There has been some confusion on the total number of faculty and staff reductions for the UMS and he asked for clarification.
  - Chancellor Pattenaude responded by referring to the Dashboard Indicator charts in the Board Book under Tab 22. As of October 31, 2009 the total number of staff reductions is 300 and the total number of faculty reduction is 119. These figures are cumulative from the past two years.

- Asked for an update on the Public Agenda Steering Committee
  - Chancellor Pattenaude stated that there have been a series of public dialogs. Progress is being made slowly and thoughtfully.

- Inquired about the Advancing Maine Summit on April 6
  - Dr. James Breece, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, stated the 2500 people have been invited and the funds that were set aside for the Dialogs in the Disciplines will be used as part of the funding for April 6 Summit. The Summit will be at UM in the Wells Conference Center. The Board of Trustees and the Faculty and Student Representatives have all been invited to attend.

- Asked what was included in the bond referendum for June
  - Chancellor Pattenaude stated that non-university individuals will be promoting the bond issue. If one of the ballot questions is successful, the UMS would receive $9.5 million for infrastructure and energy efficiency upgrades and the UMaine Ocean Wind Energy Project would receive $6 million. If another ballot question is successful it would benefit UM activity at the Brunswick Naval Air Station by $5 million.

- Portal Project
  - Professor Rice inquired if it was beneficial to spend the resources on the Portal project versus academic mission and can the UMS afford this type of investment and future support
• Chancellor Pattenaude commented that it is an important investment and it is necessary to understand the cost and timing. Therefore, a consultant has been hired to work with focus groups to gather information from the faculty, staff, student and administration to understand what these groups are looking for in a Portal.

  o Professor Harold Jones, UMPI, asked if there were hardware issues and concerns

• Ms. Rebecca Wyke, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration and Treasurer, stated that hardware aspects will be part of the review. The Portal is an investment to create easy access to all aspects of student life. The UMS has many functions that can be streamlined with technology. The younger generations view the use of technology as more desirable to conduct their higher education business than the traditional personal contact.

• Trustee Krisandra Horn commented that the Portal is the most efficient way to streamline campus life and assist with retention, advising, and registering for classes.

• Trustee Wishcamper stated that the Portal Project is being viewed as an investment not a cost and the consultant should indicate how the UMS can make a return on the investment.

  o Professor Bertram Jacobs, UMF, commented that he feels the Portal is critical and the UMS needs to find the money to make it happen.

  o Professor Jones commented that a net gain of 200 students is a strong investment towards this project.

Shallee Page, UMM

  o Professor Page commented that the shared governance process is working well as he has been asked to serve on three new System-wide committees in the past couple of months.

Adjournment

Ellen Doughty for
J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk