

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
Board of Trustees Meeting

at the University of Maine at Farmington
November 16, 2008

Meeting with Faculty Representatives

Present: Barry McCrum, Chair pro tem; James Dowe, Jean Flahive, Norman Fournier, Tamera Grieshaber, Krisandra Horn, Charles Johnson, William Johnson, Barry McCrum, Marjorie Medd, Paul Mitchell, Victoria Murphy, Wayne Newell, and Charles O'Leary. **Chancellor:** Richard Pattenaude. **Faculty Representatives:** Raymond Albert, Terry Colby, Gerald LaSala, Bertram Jacobs, Harold Jones, Shallee Page, and Robert Rice. **Presidents:** Selma Botman, Richard Cost, Cynthia Huggins, Allyson Hughes-Handley, Theodora Kalikow, Robert Kennedy, and Donald Zillman. **System Staff:** Tracy Bigney, James Breece, and Kelley Wiltbank.

Absent: Susan Gendron and Lyndel Wishcamper.

Trustee Barry McCrum welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Robert Rice, Faculty Representative from UM

- The Dialog in the Disciplines conference was held on September 25
 - 70 people attended
 - Dr. Ken Bain (by Polycom), Commissioner of Education Susan Gendron, and Vice Chancellor James Breece were guest speakers
 - He greatly appreciated the attendance of Trustee Medd
- He suggested collaborative communications to involve the faculty regarding discussion on program review and elimination

Bertram Jacobs, Faculty Representative from UMF

- He was appointed Chair of the next Dialog in Disciplines conference
 - However, it was recommended that the next conference be cancelled and to only hold one per year due to current financial constraints
 - It was also recommended to use Polycom to bring the conference to the other campuses
- UMF has taken a strong leadership role in retention of students. As the UMS begins the negotiations for faculty contracts, Professor Jacobs recommended looking at negotiations from the perspective of student retention and as a result the negotiations progress could be speedy.

Trustee Flahive offered to write a grant to fund the next Dialog in the Disciplines conference.

Trustee Murphy asked the faculty representatives how the faculty representatives disseminate the information from the Board of Trustees meeting back to the campuses. Professor Rice stated that the UM faculty senate meets often and he reports verbally the information from the Board meetings. Professor Colby stated that she reports back to the faculty senate verbally as well as through a written summary. Professor Jacobs stated the he provided what he saw as the important facts back the faculty senate.

Chancellor Richard Pattenau

- The UMS financial projections will be distributed tomorrow
 - The conduit role of faculty representative takes on a greater responsibility in the time of financial crisis
 - The starting point is to share as much information as possible and answer as many questions as possible which drives out mistrust
 - The conversations on program reviews and eliminations are campus driven
 - ideas will be generated from conversations and discussions
- The faculty are the most powerful people in the students' lives at the university and the faculty can greatly assist with retention efforts.
 - It will be 3 to 4 years before the State revenues will recover

Terry Colby, Faculty Representative from UMA

- The faculty at UMA are very concerned about retention efforts

Adjournment.

Ellen Doughty for
J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk