

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
Board of Trustees Meeting

at the University of Maine at Presque Isle
May 18, 2008

**Faculty Representatives Meeting with the
Board of Trustees and the Chancellor**

Present: Barry McCrum, Vice Chair; Norman Fournier, Tamera Grieshaber, Charles Johnson, Marjorie Medd, Paul Mitchell, Charles O'Leary, Margaret Weston, and Lyndel Wishcamper. **Chancellor:** Richard Pattenaude. **Faculty Representatives:** Terry Colby, Harold Jones, Shallee Page, Bertram Jacobs, Robert Rice, and Fred Walker. **University Presidents:** Richard Cost, Allyson Handley, Cynthia Huggins, Theodora Kalikow, Robert Kennedy, Joseph Wood, and Donald Zillman. **System Staff:** Tracy Bigney, James Breece, Eduard Dailide, John Diamond, Tracy Elliott, Frank Gerry, Kelley Wiltbank, and Joanne Yestranski.

Absent: James Dowe, Jean Flahive, Susan Gendron, Krisandra Horn, William Johnson, Victoria Murphy, and Wayne Newell.

Trustee McCrum opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. The Board of Trustees thanked Professor Fred Walker for serving as the Faculty Representative from USM and wished him the best of luck in his new position as the Dean of Science & Technology at the Rochester Institution of Technology.

Robert Rice, UM

- Inquired about how the UMS compares to the other states nationally and in New England on the percentage of the E & G operating budget covered by State Appropriations
Ms. Joanne Yestranski commented that the UMS would likely be higher than New Hampshire but comparable to Massachusetts. More specific information will be compiled.
- The UMS out-of-state student percentages are lower than other states so how is that factored into the comparisons.
Chancellor Pattenaude commented that the UMS is working to increase out-of-state enrollment and the primary catchment area has been greater New England; however, all of those states are facing the same demographic challenges.
- How does the UMS counter the argument that we are spending Maine dollars for out-of-state students
Chancellor Pattenaude responded by stating the UMS is very aggressive in charging out-of-state tuition and the UMS can make a diversity, enrichment, and income argument that is still compelling.

Shallee Page, UMM

- He commented that he appreciates the efforts of the System Office to protect the State Appropriation funding so the campuses did not have a loss mid-year.

Bertram Jacobs, UMF

- He expressed a concern about charging retirees for health care and asked if inadvertently the System is creating an incentive for the older faculty not to retire.

Chancellor Pattenaude commented that there is a balance point and various models are being reviewed for retirees. The cost of health care is not a disincentive. The retirees' participation in health care mirrors the plan rates for current employee.

Dialogs in Disciplines

Professor Rice provided an update on the Dialogs in Disciplines Conference scheduled for September 25, 2008

- The Keynote Speaker will be Ken Bain on "*What Works in the Classroom and What Doesn't*"
- Another speaker option is David Daniel, a former faculty member at UMF, to discuss how not to kill a class with technology
- Approximately 10 breakout sessions will be scheduled by discipline facilitated by award winning faculty from the UMS

Chancellor Pattenaude encouraged the involvement of the 1st year faculty members. Trustee McCrum stated it would be beneficial to carry on the enthusiasm beyond the conference. Trustee Grieshaber suggested having a discussion with Commissioner Gendron because the K-12 system has recently been successful with continuing a high level of enthusiasm for staff development beyond a one day seminar. Professor Colby commented that because participation is limited she anticipates that there will be more interest than space available.

Dr. Jim Breece, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, commented that the Dialogs in the Disciplines conference will also operate as an orientation for new faculty on teaching pedagogy this fall giving new faculty an additional development opportunity.

Professor Rice commented that due to substantial budget cuts there is a great concern on the UM campus about maintaining quality.

Adjournment.

Ellen Doughty for
J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk