



NEW CHALLENGES, NEW DIRECTIONS

JULY 2, 2009

Meeting Summary

Present: David Flanagan, Charles Weiss, Michelle Hood, Norman Fournier, Marjorie Medd, James Bradley, Sandra Featherman, Allyson Hughes Handley, Bertram Jacobs, Ron Mosley, Valerie Seaberg, Robert Rice, James Breece, Rebecca Wyke

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- Chair David Flanagan opened the meeting with a brief summary of the task force's work and the process. He said the final report and recommendations of the task force are how the UMS can best govern and manage resources. Chair Flanagan talked about the need for the UMS to increase educational attainment in the state and prepare students for realities of working in a world where people from other continents and cultures are going to have an ever-increasing role in the economy. The task force went over the edited final report and discussed additional changes and the editing schedule.
- The task force then discussed public comment. Chair Flanagan said the group received a great deal of input that was used to help fine-tune the final report. Task force member Dr. Bertram Jacobs made a motion to accept the report; the vote to accept was unanimous.
- President Allyson Hughes Handley briefly outlined the findings of the distance education report she was tasked with heading. She said the emphasis of that report is to ensure the UMS is responsive to the needs of its distance education students, since it is the face of the university for many.
- The final report will be made available on the web for public comment at <http://www.maine.edu/UMSNCND>
- Also available at the site will be the reports from Arenas 1 and 2.
- Chair Flanagan thanked the members of the task force and said the submission of the report concludes the work of the group.
- Meeting adjourned.