

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
Board of Trustees Meeting

at the University of Maine System
September 14, 2009

Presidents' Meeting with the Board and Chancellor

Present: Lyndel Wishcamper, Chair; James Dowe, Jean Flahive, Norman Fournier, Tamera Grieshaber, William Johnson, Barry McCrum, Marjorie Medd, Paul Mitchell, Victoria Murphy, and Charles O'Leary. **Chancellor:** Richard Pattenaude. **University Presidents:** Selma Botman, Richard Cost, Allyson Handley, Cynthia Huggins, Theodora Kalikow, Robert Kennedy, and Donald Zillman. **System Staff:** Tracy Bigney, James Breece, Kelley Wiltbank, and Rebecca Wyke.

Absent: Susan Gendron, Krisandra Horn, and Wayne Newell.

Trustee Fournier called the meeting to order and asked the President to provide a brief report.

President Selma Botman, USM

- USM enrollment is down slightly in headcount but credit hours have increased
- Retainment has increased
- A new initiative, the Student Success Centers, on each campus has been going well

President Richard Cost, UMFK

- UMFK enrollment headcount has increased by 3.8%. Out-of-state enrollment is down but in-state has increased
- UMFK 2009 to 2014 Strategic Plan is continuing and meeting goals
- The men's soccer team beat Middlebury College

President Robert Kennedy, UM

- The sports teams are doing well
- UM is just starting a year-long Academic Prioritization Process to review academic programs
- The Cohen lecturer this fall will be Eric Holder, US Attorney General
- This past year the fundraising has been at record levels

President Allyson Handley, UMA

- UMA enrollment is up; more part-time students taking more classes
- The Strategic planning process will begin at the end of September
- UMA has two new minors – one in American Studies and the second in Holocaust, Genocide & Human Rights Studies
- Tremendous progress has been made towards student leadership

- UMA Student Leadership is hosting Maya Angelou on April 26

President Cynthia Huggins, UMM

- Enrollment is better than budget but out-of-state students are down
- A new Admissions Director has been hired
- Several new initiatives are underway
 - The Planning & Budget Advisory Committee is building the implementation plan for the Campus Strategic Plan that will be finished by the end of November
 - A Task Force has been developed to look at “Summer at UMM” which are creative ways to use the campus during the summer
 - The faculty is looking at developing an option for students to complete a 4 year degree in 3 years

President Donald Zillman, UMPI

- FTE enrollment is down by 4% and headcount enrollment is down by 2% which is partly due to the loss of Canadian Certificate Education students
- Academic program reviews are underway
- Project Compass has been renewed for another three years
- UMPI has received \$100,000 from the Maine Technology Fund for the Geographic Information System (GIS) laboratory
- UMPI may have possible funding for a solar energy initiative
- The wind turbine is working well

President Theodora Kalikow, UMF

- UMF enrollment has met budget
- UMF is moving forward with the approval process for the Emery Community Arts Center
- Energy upgrades and renovations from the bond funding will start in the science building
- UMF has reconfigured staff to allocate time and funding for a Sustainability Coordinator
- This is the first year under the new Academic and Administrative Structure in order to meet budget challenges

Trustee Fournier, on behalf of the Board, thanked the Presidents for their work and the warm welcome the Task Force members received during the New Challenges, New Directions campus visits. Trustee Johnson also expressed thanks to the Presidents for the extra workload that they have taken on due to the New Challenges, New Directions initiative. Trustee Murphy commented that given all challenges the UMS is current facing that it is a pleasure to hear all the creative and exciting things the campuses are doing.

Trustee Wishcamper asked the Presidents to comment on one or two items the Board should keep in mind about the Plan.

President Kalikow – The public agenda is the most important item.

President Cost – Maintaining public access and holding tuition down is critical.

President Botman – The need for mission focused work which will be difficult and not everyone will be pleased so it will be important to have the support from the Board.

President Handley – The public agenda and articulating a message that our State support is declining.

Adjournment.

Ellen Doughty for

J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk