

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
Board of Trustees Meeting

at the University of Maine at Farmington
November 17, 2008

Presidents' Discussion with the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor

Present: Barry McCrum, Chair pro tem; James Dowe, Jean Flahive, Norman Fournier, Tamera Grieshaber, Charles Johnson, William Johnson, Marjorie Medd, Paul Mitchell, Victoria Murphy, Wayne Newell, 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, John Lisnik, Kelley Wiltbank, and Rebecca Wyke.

Absent: Susan Gendron, Krisandra Horn, and Lyndel Wishcamper.

Trustee McCrum opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Chancellor Pattenaude asked the Presidents to share their campus trends and changes:

President Richard Cost, UMFK

- 2/3 of the decline in the enrollment was a result in the loss of Canadian students for teaching certification.
 - UMFK had adopted a new policy that students must pass their Practicum I before being accepted as a student for the teaching certification. This was seen as unattractive to Canadian students and did not meet their purpose. UMFK has now removed this requirement.

President Donald Zillman, UMPI

- The market has tightened
- UMPI is sharpening the quality of its teaching certification programs

President Robert Kennedy, UM

- UM has experienced a drop in graduate student enrollment
 - Particularly the Master's level in Education - this could be a result of the PK-12 school systems not having the funding for tuition reimbursement.

President Selma Botman, USM

- USM is also seeing a drop in graduate student enrollments – could be due to the economic downturn

Chancellor Richard Pattenaude

- Chancellor, Vice Chancellor Wyke, and John Lisnik have been requested to meet with the Governor's Office following the Board meeting to discuss the curtailment targets and the impact it will have on students
 - The Chancellor indicated that he does not want to cancel classes for next semester
 - He discussed the net investment loss impacts
 - He commented that several national higher education organizations are advocating for more higher education funding

Discussion followed on the financial crises:

President Selma Botman, USM

- The solutions have to come from everyone
- Presidents are part of the partnership
- Campus administration may need to be reduced
- Likely USM will need to reduce the size of the full-time faculty
- Reducing faculty and staff is only part of the process – reallocation is needed

President Theodora Kalikow, UMF

- The UMS can not act as seven individual campuses
- We all need to work together to develop new ways to do business
- Focus is on recruitment and retention

President Richard Cost, UMFK

- The Chancellor began the dialog by stating that the starting point will be seven campuses and seven presidents. This enabled the campuses to make other decisions to work together.
- A comprehensive review of academic programs is needed

President Robert Kennedy, UM

- Something transformational is needed

President Allyson Handley, UMA

- UM is critical to the economic development of Maine
- Re-engineer programs with growth potential

President Cynthia Huggins, UMM

- The Presidents have had to focus more on cutting their budgets than on the academic side of the business; however, through collaboration the campuses can begin to refocus on the academics

Adjournment.

Ellen Doughty for
J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk