

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
Board of Trustees Meeting

at the University of Maine at Presque Isle
May 19, 2008

**Student Representatives Breakfast 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. **Student Representatives:** Kristen Cloutier, Ashley Davis, Kelly Deprez, Jeremy Logan, Kenneth Hoyt, Cynthia Nesbit, and Charles Weiss. **University Presidents:** Richard Cost, Cynthia Huggins, Theodora Kalikow, Robert Kennedy, Joseph Wood, and Donald Zillman. **System Staff:** Tracy Bigney, James Breece, Frank Gerry, Rosa Redonnett, Kelley Wiltbank, and Joanne Yestramski.
- Absent:** James Dowe, Jean Flahive, Susan Gendron, William Johnson, Krisandra Horn, Victoria Murphy, and Wayne Newell.

Trustee McCrum opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

CAMPUS UPDATES

Chuck Weiss, UMPI

- Welcomed everyone to UMPI
- Thanked the Board for their hard work on the budget and student tuition and fees. The students realize the tough decisions the Board has made
- Graduation at UMPI went well
- PeopleSoft has been a bit challenging but the students are getting used to the new system

Kelly Deprez/Cynthia Nesbit, UMA

- The faculty have had challenges with the new student registration system but the student comment has been positive
- There was concern that Distance Education students at the centers had to register later
- UMA student registration was a paper process this year instead of on-line
- Students feel the PeopleSoft System is more secure. Social Security numbers are no longer being used to identify students.

Jeremy Logan/Kenneth Hoyt, UM, Graduate Student

- Graduate students at UM also registered through the paper process instead of on-line.

Dr. James Breece, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, commented that most of the campuses did registration through PeopleSoft but a few stayed with the paper process. Because this was the first time the PeopleSoft software was used, the risk factor, and there was no history of the server being able to handle the volume of registrations if all campuses used PeopleSoft. The combination of the paper process and PeopleSoft was aimed at risk management. The paper process will not be needed in the future.

Chancellor Pattenaude stated that in the Ad Hoc Technology Committee meeting there will be discussions on the next step in the business process reengineering. Trustee McCrum commented that PeopleSoft has been a very collaborative process and is under utilized. Ms. Joanne Yestramski, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, reminded the Student Representatives that Cindy Mitchell and Rosa Redonnett would be available during lunch to provide more information about the Student Registration System.

Chancellor Pattenaude explained Rosa Redonnett's new role in the System and the value of the appointment as the Executive Director of Student Affairs.

Ashley Davis, UMM

- UMM had an open house on April 10th for the new research lab in the Science Building
- "Spring Swing" was on April 26 & 27 to celebrate spring and it was well attended and enjoyed by the students
- "Celebrate UMM" was on April 30th

Kristen Cloutier, Graduate Student, USM

- A USM graduate student with an MS in Biological Sciences won an honorable mention award for best oral presentation at the 2008 Northeast Biological Graduate Student Conference.
- USM is developing 9 to 18 credit graduate certificate programs to meet the needs of the students and the community. The programs include Medical Practice, Nursing Education, and Early Language and Literacy PreK to 5.

GENERAL DISCUSSIONS

President Zillman asked the student representatives what affect the gas prices have on students.

Jeremy Logan, Graduate Student at UM

- His wife recently was accepted as a Graduate Student at USM and he is a graduate student at UM. They moved to Richmond and he is commuting to Orono daily. He is not sure how long he will be able to afford the commute.

Kelly Deprez, UM

- Students are trying to consolidate classes into a couple of days instead of traveling to campus daily. In addition students are taking fewer classes.
- The on-line classes fill quickly with a maximum of 30 students so there is an effect on commuter students. The traditional policy at UMA is that the on-line classes can not have educational assistants while ITV classes can have them. She suggested increasing the class sizes for on-line classes and allowing education assistants to provide help to the faculty members.

Allyson Handley, President at UMA

- On the Bangor campus, the students only come to campus on certain days instead of every day. Gas prices are also affecting the faculty as well. It was a topic of discussion at their faculty retreat and the faculty were encouraged to be creative with the scheduling of classes.

Ashley Davis, UMM

- UMM has a large number of commuter students and many of them are looking at taking more on-line classes.

Chancellor Pattenauode suggested the campuses, with a large number of commuter students, look at the scheduling norms to see if classes can be offered two days per week instead of three days per week.

Adjournment

Ellen Doughty for
J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk