

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM  
Board of Trustees Meeting

at the University of Maine System  
May 18, 2009

### Meeting with Student Representatives

**Present:** Lyndel Wishcamper, Chair; Eleanor Baker, James Dowe, Norman Fournier, Tamara Grieshaber, Krisandra Horn, William Johnson, Kevin McCarthy, Barry McCrum, Marjorie Medd, Paul Mitchell, Victoria Murphy, Wayne Newell, and Charles O'Leary. **Chancellor:** Richard Pattenaude. **Student Representatives:** Rebecca Dyer, Marie Follayttar, Cynthia Nesbit, Catherine Siegel, and Charles Weiss. **Presidents:** Selma Botman, Richard Cost, Cynthia Huggins, Allyson Handley, Theodora Kalikow, Robert Kennedy, and Donald Zillman. **System Staff:** James Breece, Rosa Redonnett and Kelley Wiltbank.

**Absent:** Jean Flahive and Susan Gendron.

Trustee McCrum called the meeting to order.

Catherine Siegel, Graduate Student Representative, USM

- Expressed thanks and appreciation to Marie Follayttar who is finishing her term as the Student Representative from USM
- An agenda of issues for the Board to address developed by the student representatives was distributed
  - Raised the issue of faculty and staff evaluations and how is student confidentiality protected particularly where they are required to sign the evaluation.
    - Chancellor Pattenaude commented that great care is taking with the faculty and staff evaluation process and the signed evaluations are very meaningful for the tenure process.
    - Ron Mosley, Professor at UMM and President of AFUM, commented that the faculty evaluations forms that are signed by the students are the only ones that are considered and they are taken very seriously
      - Trustee McCrum asked Mr. Kelley Wiltbank, University Counsel and Clerk of the Board, to review the policy and procedures on faculty evaluations to ensure student confidentiality.

Rebecca Dyer, Student Representative, UM

- Introduced herself as the new student representative from UM replacing Ross Wolland

Marie Follayttar, Student Representative, USM

- Distributed a USM resolution on hidden student fees and other time requirements
  - USM student senate is concerned about the amount of unpublicized, yet mandatory, monetary and time burdens on students
  - Some of the unpublished commitments include materials, computer software, equipment, field trips, and conferences
  - Requested that these monetary obligations and time commitments be communicated effectively to the students prior to their registering for the course

- Chancellor Pattenaude commented that time commitment outside of class and additional fees are a concern. The UMS does contain costs as much as possible and the bulk purchasing collaborative will be beneficial. He stated that communicating to the student the true cost is a key issue and currently this is not done effectively. He asked Dr. Breece and the Chief Academic Officers to develop a report on how to best to communicate the true cost of the classes.
- Trustee Wishcamper recommended that information developed by Dr. Breece and the CAO get reported back to the Board of Trustees.
- Distributed a progress report on suggestions and recommendations she raised during her tenure as the USM Student Representative to the Board of Trustees.
  - Trustee Wishcamper referred the progress report to the Student Affairs Committee and requested a report back to the Board.

Adjournment.

Ellen Doughty for  
J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk