Trustee Johnson, Chair of the Academic & Student Affairs Committee, called the meeting to order.

**Veterans’ Services and Support at UMS Institutions.** Trustee Johnson introduced the discussion on Veterans’ Services and Support at the UMS intuitions. Maine currently has over 130,000 military service members within its population (11.6% of our total population) and more are entering higher education due to the expansion of benefits for post 9-11 veterans. Our campuses have over 1100 students identified as receiving some form of GI bill benefits. Helping these students come back into higher education and achieve the academic credentials that will translate into future success is critical for both their futures and that of the State of Maine. Given this, it is important to understand the range of services and support available on our campuses for this group of students, to discuss the special issues and concerns that may impact their success, and to learn more about the "best practice" services and support available at our campuses that mirror "best practice" across the country.

Ms. Rosa Redonnett, Chief Student Affairs Officer, introduced the following individuals who served as panelists for the Veteran’s discussion:

- Amy Line, Project Coordinator of the Military Achievement Project at the University of Maine at Augusta
- Tony Llerena, Coordinator of Veterans Services at the University of Maine
- Clint Peebles, Veteran & student at the University of Maine
- Robert Haley, the Director of the State Approving Agency for Veterans' Education

Adjournment

Ellen Doughty for
Tracy B. Bigney, Clerk of the Board