UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
at the University of Maine System  
October 22, 2014

Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting

Present: Committee Members: Marjorie Medd (at USM), Chair pro tem; Gregory Johnson (by phone); Samuel Collins (at UMPI), James Erwin (at USM), Paul Nelson (at USM), Bonnie Newson, and Karl Turner (at USM). Chancellor: James Page (by phone). Presidents: David Flanagan (at USM). Faculty Representatives: Robert Rice (by phone). Student Representatives: Elizabeth Day (at UMPI) and Alex Greenlee (at USM). Staff: Tracy Bigney (at USM), Lynda Dec, Mark Schmelz, and Rebecca Wyke (at USM). Others Present: Joseph McDonnell (at USM).

Committee Members Absent: Michelle Hood.

Trustee Medd, Chair pro tem, called the meeting to order.

USM Program Eliminations. Trustee Medd explained the purpose of the meeting is to review the final program elimination proposals from the University of Southern Maine and vote on the recommendation to forward these proposals to the Consent Agenda of the Board of Trustees at their meeting on October 24, 2014 at 1:00 pm in the Sullivan Gym at USM.

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee reviewed the preliminary proposals last week. The proposals have now been updated to include input from the Faculty Senate and the Associated Faculties of the Universities of Maine System (AFUM). In addition there is a recommendation from the Chief Academic Officers, in accordance with the Board’s procedures for program elimination. Two other documents have been added to the material for review by the Board: one is titled “Applied Medical Science Clarification” and the second is a letter from University of Maine Provost Jeffrey Hecker regarding interest in the Applied Medical Science program. The “Applied Medical Science Clarification” responds to questions about the role of grant-supported research in the Applied Medical Science program.

USM President David Flanagan and USM Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Joseph McDonnell discussed the USM Program Eliminations and provided information about the proposals based on questions raised last week, input from the faculty senate and AFUM, and public input received. Following University of Maine System policy as outlined in the Administrative Procedures Manual, section 305.1, the University of Southern Maine has identified the following two programs for elimination.

- Master of Science in Applied Medical Sciences
- Bachelor of Arts in French

On a motion by Trustee Erwin, which was seconded by Trustee Johnson, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee forward the proposal for the elimination of the Master of Science in Applied Medical Sciences and the Bachelor of Arts in French at the University of Southern Maine as an action item to Board of Trustees meeting on October 24, 2014. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 1 opposed.

Adjournment

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