Faculty Representatives’ Report

Present: Samuel Collins, Chair; Gregory Johnson, Vice Chair; Eleanor Baker, James Erwin, Norman Fournier (Vice Chair pro tem), Tyler Hadyniak (by Phone), M. Michelle Hood, Marjorie Medd, Paul Mitchell (by Phone), Victoria Murphy (by Phone), and Karl Turner. Chancellor: James Page. Faculty Representatives: Ray Albert, Terry Colby, Cathleen McAnneny, and Kim-Anne Perkins. Student Representatives: Colin Buttarazzi, Jaclyn Jacobson, Irene Levesque-Rowe, Charles Rodda, Jacob Snyder and Shawn Staples. University Presidents: Paul Ferguson, Kathryn Foster, Allyson Handley, Wilson Hess, Cynthia Huggins, Theodora Kalikow and Linda Schott. System Staff: Tracy Bigney, Lynda Dec, Tracy Elliott, Chip Gavin, John Lisnik, Ryan Low, Peggy Leonard, Rosa Redonnett, Mark Schmelz, David Stevens, Kelley Wiltbank, Miriam White, and Rebecca Wyke.

Absent: Kurt Adams, Mark Gardner, Kevin McCarthy, Bonnie Newsom and James Rier, Jr.

Trustee Fournier welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Ray Albert, UMFK
- He expressed gratitude to the Trustees for achieving an amenable AFUM contract.
- As a result of the contract settlement, the tone on campus is already starting to change.
- He commented that the Faculty need to be included in the discussions/activities on the structural gap.
- He would like to continue the discussion on Shared Governance.

Trustee Fournier thanked the faculty for their contributions and efforts in reaching the AFUM collective bargaining agreement.

Cathleen McAnneny, UMF
- She also expressed gratitude for the AFUM contract.
- UMF is celebrating its 150th anniversary with several events on campus.

Terry Colby, UMA
- She commented that discussions on campus continue to focus on the budget.
- The faculty want information on how they can assist with the structural gap and what are their fiscal responsibilities.
- As the Academic & Student Affairs Committee moves forward with faculty and student input regarding discussions on tenure discussion, she volunteered to be part of that discussion.

Kim-Anne Perkins, UMPI
- She is also seeing a change on campus due to the AFUM contract.
- Faculty Representatives are reviewing how they identify their role with the Board and encouraged the Board to utilize the faculty representative as a resource. An example would be the academic program review.
- The Nordic Heritage Center in Presque Isle hosted the Junior World Biathlon Team trials in December. There has been a very high level of involvement in the event by UMPI and UMFK. The campuses have been linking learning with the biathlon in a collaborative effort with the community.

Adjournment.

Ellen Doughty for
Tracy B. Bigney, Clerk