

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
at the University of Maine System  
Rudman Conference Room, 253 Estabrooke Hall, Orono

May 15, 2019

**Finance/Facilities/Technology Committee**

**Present: Committee Members:** Karl Turner, Chair (by phone), Kelly Martin (by phone), Grog Johnson (by phone), Jim Donnelly (by phone), Sam Collins (by phone), Jim Erwin (at USM), and David MacMahon (at USM). **Faculty Representatives:** Clyde Mitchell (at UMA). **System Staff:** Chip Gavin, Ryan Low (at UMA), and Ellen Doughty. **Other Participants:** Carolyn McDonough, and Laurie Gardner (at UMA).

**Committee Members Absent:** None.

Trustee Turner, Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

**Budget Adjustment for Dearborn Gym & Alumni Theatre Heating Upgrade, UMF.**

UMS Chief General Services Officer, Mr. Chip Gavin provided information on the UMF request to increase the total authorization for the Dearborn Gym and Alumni Theatre heating upgrade project by \$250,000 for a new total of \$850,000. This request is pursuant to Board of Trustee Policy 701 requiring Trustee approval for increases to Board approved projects. An original request to expend up to \$600,000 was approved by Trustees acting through the Finance, Facilities, and Technology Committee on March 6, 2019. This request is within the purview of the Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee.

This increase is due to increased costs in the current construction market. As project approval was granted, design continued and was completed. Bids for the work were solicited in April with a bid opening in early May. The low bid was more than 25 percent over the estimated cost. Two bids were received, also a sign of a busy workforce and tight bidding climate. Based on the bid results, the project is currently estimated at \$850,000. Dearborn Gym and Alumni Theatre are two adjacent buildings on the UMF campus and are heated through a common plant located in the basement of Alumni Theatre. The buildings are currently without heat and hot water because the heating plant has failed. In order to keep the remedy on schedule and to ensure heat and hot water for the Fall 2019 semester, the current schedule must be kept. This is the reason for the request for expedited consideration.

On a motion by Trustee Donnelly, which was seconded by Trustee MacMahon, and approved by all members present, the Board of Trustees, acting through the Finance, Facilities, & Technology Committee, authorized the University of Maine System acting through the University of Maine at Farmington to increase the total project authorization for the Dearborn Gym and Alumni Theatre heating upgrade project by \$250,000, from funds to be determined by the Campus Chief Business Officer and University System Treasurer, to a new total of up to \$850,000.

Additional information about the meeting can be found on the Board of Trustees website:  
<http://staticweb.maine.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/MtgMat-FFT-051519.pdf?0d0f03>

Adjournment.

Heather A. Massey for  
Ellen N. Doughty, Clerk