

# COMMITTEE TO ADVISE ON THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF THE LAW SCHOOL

3/11/2019

USM Campus, Abromson, Room 216

## Minutes

**Members Present:** Kurt Adams, Martha Casey, Peter Mills, Leigh Saufley, Heather Sanborn, Deirdre Smith, Terry Sutton, Ben Gideon, Vendean Vafiades, Adam Tuchinsky

**Staff Present:** Jim Thelen, Joan Cohen

Co-Chair Smith welcomed Committee members. The Committee approved the February 25, 2019 minutes.

Co- Chair Adams gave an update on upcoming meeting dates and agenda planning:

- March 25 - Presentation on the national landscape of legal education and the legal profession. There will also be a public comment opportunity and time for committee discussion.
- April 1 - Presentation on Maine's legal needs.
- April 15 - Report out on Law School's SWOT exercise and student input session, and presentations by the Law School's Board of Visitors and Foundation Board.
- May 2 and 13 - Hold dates for full day facilitated meetings to discuss strategy and policy (skull sessions). Chairs will develop and circulate draft agendas to streamline the meetings.
- Writing subcommittee will be established to develop a draft report, which will be circulated to the full Committee.
- UMS Board of Trustees is expected to take up the Committee's Final Report on July 15. The Co-Chairs will be present, and Committee members are welcome to attend in person or by phone, but it is possible that the report will be discussed in executive session.

The Committee received an orientation to the Law School from the following presenters:

- Maine Law's Student and Admissions  
*Caroline Wilshusen, Associate Dean for Admissions*
- Maine Law's Budget Landscape  
*Nicole Vinal, Assistant Dean for Finance and Administration*
- Program of Legal Education  
*Dmitry Bam, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Law*

- Skills Development and Experiential Learning  
*Anna Welch, Sam L. Cohen Refugee and Human Rights Clinical Professor*
- Faculty Engagement and Community Outreach  
*Jennifer Wriggins, Sumner T. Bernstein Professor of Law and Co Director of the Maine Law Information Privacy Program; and Jeffrey Maine, Maine Law Foundation Professor of Law*
- Recent Initiatives and Programs  
*Jennifer Wriggins, Sumner T. Bernstein Professor of Law and Co Director of the Maine Law Information Privacy Program;*  
*Peter Guffin, Co-Director of Maine Law Information Privacy Program and Visiting Professor of Practice;*  
*Andrew Kaufman, Professor of Practice and Director of the Compliance Certificate Program; and*  
*Dmitry Bam, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Law.*

Co-Chair Adams closed the meeting by noting the schedule of upcoming meetings

March 25, 1:15 PM - 4:30 PM, 216 Abromson

April 1, 1:15 PM - 4:30 PM, 102 Wishcamper

April 15, 1:15PM - 4:30 PM, 216 Abromson