

University of Maine System
Board of Trustees
at the University of Maine System

March 5, 2018

**Special Board of Trustees Meeting
Conference call**

Present: **Committee Members:** James Erwin; Chair; Samuel Collins, Lisa Eames, James Donnelly, Norman Fournier, Michelle Hood, Gregory Johnson, Kelly Martin, Shawn Moody, and Karl Turner. **Chancellor:** James Page. **Presidents:** Susan Hunter and Glenn Cummings. **System Staff:** Ellen Doughty, Chip Gavin, Ryan Low and James Thelen. **Others:** Dana Humphrey.

Absent: **Mark Gardner, James Donnelly and Jason Coombs.**

Trustee Erwin called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order and thanked everyone for participating.

Executive Session

On a motion by Trustee Turner, which was seconded by Trustee Fournier, and approved by all members present, the Executive Committee agreed to go into Executive Session under the provisions of:

- 1 MRSA Section 405 6-C to discuss the condition, acquisition or disposition of real property or economic development if premature disclosure of the information would prejudice the competitive or bargaining position of the university.
- 1 MRSA Section 405 6-E to consult with General Counsel regarding legal rights and duties of the Board.

On a motion by Trustee Donnelly, which was seconded by Trustee Turner, and approved by all members present, the Executive Committee concluded the Executive Session.

Naming Authorization for University of Maine Facility. UMaine/UMM President Susan Hunter and UMaine Dean of the College of Engineering Dana Humphrey explained the request to name a planned physical facility at the University of Maine in Orono contingent upon and in acknowledgement of a \$10 million gift, which would be the single largest non-estate gift ever received by the University of Maine.

The facility to be named in this instance would be the planned Engineering Education and Design Center expected to be built at the University of Maine's Orono campus. In November 2017 the Board approved up to \$1 million for preliminary design work for the planned facility. The working cost estimate for the total project is \$80 million, subject to further review and approval by Trustees.

Trustees must yet consider granting further approval for the project to proceed to full design and then ultimately to construction. Trustee approval also will be required specifically associated with the issuance of various financing mechanisms for the project.

The donor wishes to remain anonymous at this time. Notwithstanding that anonymity, the anticipated and requested name of the facility would be the name of the donor(s). The exact name will be submitted to Trustees for final approval when timely and in collaboration with the donor.

On a motion by Trustee Turner, which was seconded by Trustee Donnelly, the Board of Trustees approved the naming of the Engineering Education and Design Center at the University of Maine in honor of the donor of a \$10 million gift to the project, subject to: receipt of the gift; submission of and approval of the actual proposed name by Trustees; and, to such further consideration and approvals as may be required from Trustees for the project itself to proceed to construction and completion.

Adjournment

Ellen N. Doughty
Interim Clerk of the Board