

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

December 2, 2019

**Executive Committee
Conference Call**

Present: Committee Members: James Erwin; Chair; James Donnelly, Trevor Hustus, David MacMahon, Kelly Martin, Lisa Eames, Mark Gardner, and Betsey Timm. **Other Trustees:** Sven Bartholomew. **Presidents:** Rebecca Wyke and Glenn Cummings. **Staff:** Ellen Doughty, Ryan Low, Kim Jenkins, David Demers, and Dan Demeritt.

Absent: Gregory Johnson.

Trustee Erwin called the Executive Committee to order and thanked everyone for participating.

Reduction of Non-Resident Tuition Rate.

Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration and Treasurer Ryan Low, USM President Glenn Cummings, and USM Chief Business Officer Alex Porteous lead the discussion of the reduction of non-resident tuition rate for the USM Muskie graduate programs effective Spring 2020. The current out-of-state tuition rate for USM graduate programs is \$1,141 per credit hour. A 2.5% increase for Fall 2020 would put the rate at \$1170. After a tuition/cost analysis, we propose setting Muskie graduate programs (MPPM and MPH) at the NEHBE rate of \$695 per credit hour. USM projects that current out-of-state enrollment for these programs comprise only 80 credit hours annually. This represents four students out of a total population of 136 in Muskie graduate programs. To offset the tuition gap of \$35,690, USM would need to recruit just three additional students. The University's applicant pool is such that a more regionally competitive price point is likely to yield far more than three additional students.

On a motion by Trustee Hustus, which was seconded by Trustee Eames, the Executive Committee on behalf of the Board of Trustees approved the reduction in non-resident tuition rate to \$695 per credit hour, effective Spring 2020 for the USM Muskie graduate programs (MPPM and MPH), as amended.

Additional information about the meeting can be found on the Board of Trustees website:
<http://staticweb.maine.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/MtgMat-EC-120219.pdf?0fa197>

Adjournment

Ellen N. Doughty
Clerk of the Board