Board of Trustees

Executive Committee Meeting

December 2, 2019
12:00 PM – 12:30 PM
Rudman Conference Room, 253 Estabrooke Hall, Orono

Phone: 1-800-605-5167, code 743544#

AGENDA

TAB 1  Reduction of Non-Resident Tuition Rate

Action items within the Committee purview are noted in green.
Items for Committee decisions and recommendations are noted in red.

Note: Times are estimated based upon the anticipated length for presentation or discussion of a particular topic. An item may be brought up earlier or the order of items changed for effective deliberation of matters before the Committee.
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

1. NAME OF ITEM: Reduction of Non-Resident Tuition Rate

2. INITIATED BY: James R. Erwin, Chair

3. BOARD INFORMATION: BOARD ACTION: X

4. OUTCOME: BOARD POLICY:
   Increase Enrollment

5. BACKGROUND:
   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.

6. TEXT OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION:
   That the Executive Committee on behalf of the Board of Trustees approves the reduction in non-resident tuition rate to $695 per credit hour, effective Spring 2020.