

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM  
Board of Trustees Meeting

at the University of Maine System  
Rudman Conference Room, 253 Estabrooke Hall, Orono

February 24, 2020

**Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting**

**Present: Committee Members:** James Erwin, Chair Pro tem (at USM), Kelly Martin (by phone), Gregory Johnson (by phone), Timothy Doak (at UMPI), Michael Michaud, Pender Makin (by phone), and Betsey Timm (by phone). **Other Trustees:** Sven Bartholomew and Trevor Hustus (at USM). **Presidents:** Glenn Cummings (at USM), Tex Boggs (at UMFK), Rebecca Wyke (at UMA), and Ray Rice (at UMPI). **Faculty Representatives:** Lisa Leduc (at UMPI), Tim Surette, Heather Ball, Clyde Mitchell (at UMF), and Patti Miles. **Student Representatives:** Ameya Karapurkar, Abby Despres, and Dawn Johnson (at UMM). **System Staff:** Heather Massey, Robert Placido (at USM), David Demers (at UMA), Kay Kimball (at UMM), and Tracy Elliott (by phone). **Others Present:** Eric Brown (at UMF), Faye Gilbert, Dan Qualls (at UMM), Joe Szakas (at UMA), Rachel Groenhout (at UMA), Scott Delcourt, and Christine Wilson (at UMF).

**Committee Members Absent:** Lisa Eames, David MacMahon, and Trish Riley.

Trustee Erwin, Chair Pro tem, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

**New Academic Program Proposal: Masters of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT), UM.**

UMS Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (VCAA) Robert Placido and UM Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies and Senior Associate Dean, Mr. Scott Delcourt provided information about UM seeking permission to offer a Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT) degree program. The MSAT is designed to meet new standards in accreditation and changes in the field of Athletic Training. Mr. Delcourt explained the inner workings of this collaborative program between UM, USM, and UMPI. USM and UMPI have already received Board approval to move forward with their MSAT programs and UM is now looking for approval to move forward with their MSAT program. Trustee Erwin asked about the need to increase enrollments if adding full-time faculty positions. USM President Glenn Cummings explained that in order to work in this field, a Master's degree is now required, so this will not only increase enrollment but also retain students who might not have continued on after obtaining their Bachelor's degree.

On a motion by Trustee Michaud, which was seconded by Trustee Doak, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee approved the following resolution to be forwarded to the Consent Agenda for Board of Trustee approval at the March 15-16, 2020 Board meeting:

That the Board of Trustees approves the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and authorizes the creation of a collaborative Master of Science in Athletic Training for the University of Maine.

**Data Governance.**

UMS Director of Institutional Data Management, Rachel Groenhout, provided a brief overview of the UMS Data Governance program. The program was launched in 2017 to address persistent data quality issues and to support a culture of data-informed decision-making. It has evolved and grown

over the past few years, launching projects that include all UMS institutions, and encompasses several areas of UMS data. These projects range from the creation of a comprehensive data dictionary to targeted data coding improvements, and provide value to individual functional areas within the UMS community, as well as System-wide value for students, faculty, staff, and administration. Currently, more than 100 individuals across the UMS community are involved in data governance projects that will improve the student experience, streamline university processes, and facilitate the usage of reliable, valid data in a timely manner. Trustee Doak inquired about faculty participation in the above projects. VCAA Placido affirmed they had been involved. He also informed the Committee that the academic year is also evolving with different scheduling configurations, and that the data would need to reflect that.

### **Faculty Representatives Discussion.**

UM Faculty Representative, Dr. Patti Miles asked where she could find data on System-wide total credit hours for the year. Vice Chancellor Placido said that he would send that data to her. Trustee Gregory Johnson stated that he would like to see that data as well and Vice Chancellor Placido stated he would include it in his update at the March 15-16, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting. UMA Faculty Representative Timothy Surette asked if faculty from across the UMS would be invited to be a part of the Unified Accreditation (UA) sub-committees that are working to develop the substantive change application for the New England Commission for Higher Education (NECHE). Vice Chancellor Placido answered to say that UMS faculty members had already been assigned to some of the UA sub-committees. UMA President Rebecca Wyke, stated that she did not believe that sub-committee Chairs had been informed about faculty assignments to the sub-committees as of yet. Vice Chancellor Placido said that he would follow up with her after the meeting.

### **Student Representatives Discussion**

The Student Representatives who were present had no items to discuss.

### **Executive Session**

On a motion by Trustee Michaud, which was seconded by Trustee Timm, and approved by all members present, the Academic & Student Affairs Committee went into Executive Session under the following provision:

- 1 MRSA Section 405 6-A to discuss the evaluation of personnel and the consideration and discussion of appointments, employment and duties.

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

Following the Executive Session, the Committee reconvened the public meeting to take action on the following items:

### **Tenure at Time of Hire, Associate Professor of Economics, USM.**

On a motion by Trustee Doak, which was seconded by Trustee Michaud, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee approved this item to be forwarded to the March 15-16, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting for approval of the following resolution:

That the Board of Trustees approves tenure at the rank of Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Southern Maine to Dr. Rachel Bouvier with tenure to be effective at the time of hiring.

**UMS 2020 Tenure Nominations.**

On a motion by Trustee Michaud, which was seconded by Trustee Doak, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee approved this item to be forwarded to the March 15-16, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting for approval of the following resolution:

That the Board of Trustees approves the recommendations for tenure submitted by the universities of the University of Maine System. Approvals will take effect September 1, 2020 for faculty with academic-year appointments and July 1, 2020 for faculty with fiscal-year appointments.

Additional information about the meeting can be found on the Board of Trustees website:

<https://www.maine.edu/board-of-trustees/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2020/02/MtgMat-ASA-022420.pdf>

Adjournment,

Heather A. Massey for  
Ellen N. Doughty, Clerk