

University of Maine System
Board of Trustees

April 17, 2020

**Executive Committee
Zoom Meeting**

Present: Committee Members: James Erwin; Chair; David MacMahon, Kelly Martin, Lisa Eames, Trevor Hustus, Gregory Johnson, Mark Gardner, and Betsey Timm. **Other Trustees:** Emily Cain and Sam Collins. **Chancellor:** Dannel Malloy. **Staff:** Ellen Doughty, Ryan Low, Robert Placido and Heather Massey. **Others:** Edward Serna, Glenn Cummings, Eric Brown and Laurie Gardner.

Absent: James Donnelly.

Trustee Erwin called the Executive Committee meeting to order, thanked everyone for participating, and roll call was taken.

University of Maine at Farmington (UMF) Graduate Tuition Rate Change.

UMF President Edward Serna, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Eric Brown and Chief Business Officer Laurie Gardner presented the request to reduce UMF's graduate out-of-state tuition rate down to the in-state rate and only have one rate for graduate tuition. The proposed graduate rate for FY2021 is \$427 per credit hour. This change represents a 1.4% increase over the FY2020 in-state rate of \$421 and a (31.7%) decrease from the FY2020 out-of-state rate of \$625. This change has no impact to the budget, as UMF does not budget for out-of-state graduate credit hours. This initiative will save participants nearly \$7,000 over the course of a 33-credit master's degree program at UMF.

Under this initiative, UMF will allow all out-of-state students to earn a master's degree or graduate certificate at UMF for in-state graduate tuition. All master's degree and graduate certificate programs offered at UMF are eligible for this rate. In addition to a forthcoming new master's program in counseling, UMF grants master's degrees in special education, education leadership, and early childhood education. UMF's graduate certificate offerings include school administration, English language learning, gifted and talented education, math intervention specialist, math leadership, special education administration, K-8 special education, 7-12 special education, and systems of student support.

Executive Committee members raised concerns about the graduate student tuition rate being the same for in-state and out-of-state students because the State does not provide subsidy for out-of-state students. However, they acknowledged that UMS needs to utilize its resources, fill excess capacity, and maintain market share. Also, graduate students often live and work in Maine while preforming their graduate studies. The Committee agreed to approve the recommendation and will evaluate the decision in the future based on UMF's graduate student enrollment data.

On motion by Trustee Martin, which was seconded by Trustee Timm, a roll call vote was taken and approved by all Committee members present, the Executive Committee, acting on behalf of the Board of Trustees, authorized the University of Maine at Farmington to reduce its graduate out-of-state tuition rate down to the in-state rate and only have one rate for graduate tuition.

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/12/2020/04/MtgMat-EC-041720.pdf>.

Adjournment

Ellen N. Doughty
Clerk of the Board