

Board of Trustees
Academic and Student Affairs Committee

October 25, 2021 at 9:00 am
Zoom Meeting – No Physical Location Available

The public is invited to view the meeting on YouTube. The link to the Board of Trustees YouTube page can be found the Board website: <https://www.maine.edu/board-of-trustees/>

AGENDA

9:00-9:20 am

Executive Session

The Academic & Student Affairs Committee will enter Executive Session under the provision of: 1 MRSA Section 405 6-A.

Following the Executive Session, the Committee will reconvene the Public Meeting to take action on the following items:

9:20-9:25 am

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Tenure at Time of Hire, Associate Professor in the Department of English, UM

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Tab 2

Tenure at Time of Hire, Professor in the School of Agriculture, UM

9:30-9:35 am

Tab 3

Tenure Request, Professor in the Department of Mathematics & Statistics, UM

9:35-9:45 am

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Awarding of Academic Degrees

9:45-10:00 am

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Fall 2021 Enrollment Update

10:00-10:05 am

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Faculty Governance Council Update

10:05-10:10 am

Tab 7

Faculty Representative Discussion

10:10-10:15 am

Tab 8

Student Representative Discussion

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

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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

NAME OF ITEM: Tenure at Time of Hire, Associate Professor in the Department of English, UM

INITIATED BY: Lisa Marchese Eames, Chair

BOARD INFORMATION: **BOARD ACTION:** X

BOARD POLICY:
Board Policy 310: Tenure

UNIFIED ACCREDITATION CONNECTION:
N/A

BACKGROUND:

The University of Maine has requested that Dr. Ellen Weinauer be awarded tenure at the rank of Associate Professor in the Department of English, effective August 16, 2021 in accordance with Board of Trustee Policy 310. This coincides with their appointment as associate professor in the University of Maine Department of English and Dean of the Honors College. Dr. Weinauer was selected after an extensive search and rigorous evaluation process. Dr. Weinauer holds a Ph.D. in American Literature from Indiana University and her scholarship exceeds the standards outlined in Board Policy. This recommendation has the full support of the Maine Business School Tenure and Reappointment Committee and the Executive Dean of the Maine School of Business.

TEXT OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

That the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, approves the following resolution to be forwarded for Board of Trustee approval at the November 15, 2021 Board Meeting.

That the Board of Trustees accepts the recommendation of the Academic & Student Affairs Committee and approves tenure at the rank of Associate Professor in the Department of English to Dr. Ellen Weinauer with tenure to be effective August 16, 2021.

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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

NAME OF ITEM: Tenure at Time of Hire, Professor in the School of Agriculture, UM

INITIATED BY: Lisa Marchese Eames, Chair

BOARD INFORMATION:

BOARD ACTION: X

BOARD POLICY:

Board Policy 310: Tenure

UNIFIED ACCREDITATION CONNECTION:

N/A

BACKGROUND:

The University of Maine has requested that Dr. Diane Rowland be awarded tenure at the rank of Professor in the School of Agriculture, effective August 1, 2021 in accordance with Board of Trustee Policy 310. This coincides with her appointment as associate professor in the University of Maine Department of English and Dean of the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture. Dr. Rowland was selected after an extensive search and rigorous evaluation process. Dr. Rowland holds a Ph.D. in Biology from the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque and their scholarship exceeds the standards outlined in Board Policy. This recommendation has the full support of the School of Agriculture peer committee.

TEXT OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

That the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, approves the following resolution to be forwarded for Board of Trustee approval at the November 15, 2021 Board Meeting.

That the Board of Trustees accepts the recommendation of the Academic & Student Affairs Committee and approves tenure at the rank of Professor in the School of Agriculture to Dr. Diane Rowland with tenure to be effective August 1, 2021.

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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

NAME OF ITEM: Tenure Request, Professor in the Department of Mathematics & Statistics, UM

INITIATED BY: Lisa Marchese Eames, Chair

BOARD INFORMATION: **BOARD ACTION:** X

BOARD POLICY:
Board Policy 310: Tenure

UNIFIED ACCREDITATION CONNECTION:
N/A

BACKGROUND:

The University of Maine has requested that Dr. Joan Ferrini-Mundy be awarded tenure at the rank of Professor in the Department of Mathematics & Statistics, effective on the date she would assume the full-time faculty position upon the conclusion of her service as University of Maine President. This request would serve as an exception Board of Trustees Policy 310 which states that “a chief academic officer or other university employee in a position at the level of vice president may be considered for tenure to be effective upon assuming a full-time faculty appointment after completion of service in the administrative position.” Dr. Ferrini-Mundy’s credentials have been reviewed by the peer committee in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics and has received their full support.

TEXT OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

That the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, approves the following resolution to be forwarded for Board of Trustee approval at the November 15, 2021 Board Meeting.

That the Board of Trustees accepts the recommendation of the Academic & Student Affairs Committee and approves tenure at the rank of Professor in the Department of Mathematics & Statistics to Dr. Joan Ferrini-Mundy with tenure to be effective on the date she would assume the full-time faculty position, upon the conclusion of her service as University of Maine President.

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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

NAME OF ITEM: Awarding of Academic Degrees

INITIATED BY: Lisa Marchese Eames, Chair

BOARD INFORMATION:

BOARD ACTION: X

BOARD POLICY:

Board of Trustee Policy 303 & APL X-B

UNIFIED ACCREDITATION CONNECTION:

BACKGROUND:

Degrees are awarded in course by means of a blanket resolution through which the Board of Trustees recognizes all students receiving degrees.

TEXT OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

That the Academic and Student Affairs Committee approves the following resolution to be forwarded to the Consent Agenda for Board of Trustee approval at the November 15, 2021 Board meeting:

That the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System authorize the awarding of degrees during Commencement ceremonies for the 2021-2022 academic year to those students fully recommended by the appropriate faculties and the presidents of the respective institutions of the University of Maine System.

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NAME OF ITEM: Fall 2021 Enrollment Update

INITIATED BY: Lisa Marchese Eames, Chair

BOARD INFORMATION: X

BOARD ACTION:

BOARD POLICY:

UNIFIED ACCREDITATION CONNECTION:

BACKGROUND:

Dr. Robert Placido will provide a brief update on the Fall 2021 Enrollment Report, return rate, and any resulting impacts from COVID as of our October 15 census date. An additional update will be provided at the November meeting of the Board of Trustees.

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NAME OF ITEM: Faculty Governance Council Update

INITIATED BY: Lisa Marchese Eames, Chair

BOARD INFORMATION: X

BOARD ACTION:

BOARD POLICY:

UNIFIED ACCREDITATION CONNECTION:

As outlined in the Guiding Principles and pursuant to UMS Board Policy 212 and the UMS Statement on Shared Governance, faculty will retain all rights to academic freedom and shared governance.

BACKGROUND:

The UMS Faculty Governance Council concluded meetings for the 2020-21 academic year in May, 2021. Meetings for the current year resumed in September, with the first full Council meeting scheduled for October 18th.

A brief update will be offered outlining the expanded Council membership, ratified Charter, and discussions on the role of UMS in the work of the Council.

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NAME OF ITEM: Faculty Representatives: Discussion

INITIATED BY: Lisa Marchese Eames, Chair

BOARD INFORMATION: X

BOARD ACTION:

BOARD POLICY:

UNIFIED ACCREDITATION CONNECTION:

BACKGROUND:

The Faculty Representatives to the Board of Trustees would like to reserve the opportunity to have a brief discussion on current matters.

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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

NAME OF ITEM: Student Representatives: Discussion

INITIATED BY: Lisa Marchese Eames, Chair

BOARD INFORMATION: X

BOARD ACTION:

BOARD POLICY:

UNIFIED ACCREDITATION CONNECTION:

BACKGROUND:

The Student Representatives to the Board of Trustees would like to reserve the opportunity to have a brief discussion on current matters.