Finance, Facilities & Technology Committee

Present: Committee Members: Roger Katz; Chair; David MacMahon, Pat Flood, Trish Riley, Emily Cain and Mike Michaud. Other Trustees: Barbara Alexander. Chancellor: Dannel Malloy. Presidents: Leigh Saufley, Joseph Szakas, Joan Ferrini-Mundy, and Jacqueline Edmondson. Faculty Representatives: Clyde Mitchell and Michael Scott. System Staff: Ryan Low, Ellen Doughty, Tracy Elliott, David Demers, Gretchen Catlin, Carolyn Dorsey, Paul Chan and Miriam White. Other Participants: Carolyn McDonough, Buster Neel, Kelly Sparks, Ainsley Wallace, Nate Harris, Laurie Gardner, Betsy Sawhill Espe, Nicole Vinal Harvie, Pam Ashby, Justin Swift, Paul Kuplinski, Kody Varahramyan and Jake Ward.

Committee Members Absent: Lisa Eames

Trustee Katz, Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The Clerk performed a roll call of the Committee members present.

Executive Session

On a motion by Trustee Michaud, which was seconded by Trustee Cain, and approved by a roll call vote of all Trustees present, the Finance, Facilities, & Technology Committee went into Executive Session under the following provisions:

- 1 MRSA Section 405 6-A to discuss the evaluation of personnel and the consideration and discussion of appointments, evaluations, employment and duties.
- 1 MRSA Section 405 6-C to discuss the condition, acquisition or disposition of real property or economic development if premature disclosure of the information would prejudice the competitive or bargaining position of the UMS.

On a motion by Trustee Cain, which was seconded by Trustee MacMahon, and approved by a roll call vote of all Trustees present, the Committee concluded the Executive Session.

Following the Executive Session, the Committee Chair reconvened the public meeting to discuss the following items.

Modernization of Witter Farm, Increase and scope change to Relocation of Dairy Operations, UM

With a brief introduction by President Ferrini-Mundy, the Finance, Facilities and Technology committee opened public session by discussing the current state of Witter Farm and the modernization and renovation efforts needed to keep the facilities safe and functional. The J. Franklin Witter Teaching & Research Center in Old Town is the home of the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, & Agriculture teaching and Maine Agricultural and Forest Experiment Station research programs in animal sciences and sustainable agriculture. Research at the Witter Farm supports Maine’s dairy industries.
The University of Maine System, acting through the University of Maine, requests authorization to increase the project budget from $800,000 to $2.6 million (an increase of $1.8M) and change the scope of the project to construct a new dairy facility with a robotic milking system, renovate existing Horse Barn and remove through demolition the Dairy Facility, Storage Barn, Sheep Barn, and Sheep Shed.

This request is pursuant to Board Policy 701 Operating & Capital Budgets Section VIII. Capital Budget, which requires Board approval for Capital budget items that have a total cost of $500,000 or more. In this case, the Committee’s recommendation will be forwarded to the Consent Agenda for approval at the July 10, 2023, Board meeting.

A new modern dairy facility and operation at Witter will enhance research opportunities for faculty in the Experiment Station. Faculty research includes animal health (e.g., reproduction, diseases), animal nutrition, animal systems microbiomes, animal behavior, precision dairy operations, and forage and pasture management. A stakeholder process involving internal UMaine faculty and staff, and external groups (e.g., alumni, industry representatives, former faculty, and staff) has revealed strong support for the improvements to the Witter dairy operations. Additional feedback from the Maine Dairy Industry Association, the Board of Agriculture, AgriMark, and the Agriculture Council of Maine suggest that a modern dairy operation is better able to meet the needs of the state, supporting Maine’s dairy industry and the broader agricultural community.

The number of students majoring in Animal and Veterinary Sciences is strong and growing. Having a modern dairy operation will aid in student recruitment and research experiences. The undergraduate degree program in Animal and Veterinary Sciences (AVS) at UMaine enrolls about 80 first-year students per year. First-year enrollments in the AVS program are up 22% this year compared to the same time last year, while most other UM degree programs are experiencing declining enrollments this year. Between 2017 and 2021, AVS program enrollments grew by 15% to over 200 undergraduate students.

The facility currently hosts nine undergraduate courses, three independent study courses, and multiple senior capstone students. The curriculum contains a required Dairy Cattle Technology Lab in the second year. Students are required to sign up for milking shifts at least twice per week. In the alternate second-year semester, students are required to participate in the care of horses in the Equine Management Cooperative course. This direct, hands-on care of large animals as an undergraduate student has been cited as something that sets our students apart later in Veterinary Colleges. With these upgrades to the dairy operation, students will gain more hands-on experience with current technology, especially in analyzing data collected by the robotic milking system to identify issues related to animal health and nutrition.

On a motion by Trustee Michaud, which was seconded by Trustee Cain, and approved by a roll call vote of all Trustees present, the Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee agreed to forward this item to the Consent Agenda at the July 10, 2023, Board Meeting for approval of the following resolution:

That the Board of Trustees accepts the recommendation of the Finance, Facilities, and Technology Committee, and authorizes the University of Maine System, acting through the University of Maine, to increase spend from $800,000 to $2.6 million and change the scope of the project to construct a new modern dairy facility, renovate an existing barn, and demolish four existing barns located on the J. Franklin Witter Teaching & Research Center in Old Town, Maine.
**Houlton Higher Education Center – transfer of ownership, UMPI**

The University of Maine System in concert with the University of Maine at Presque Isle has reviewed and evaluated the cost for keeping a satellite location, 50 miles from the main campus, functioning with significant loss of student involvement in the past 5 years.

UMPI desires to hand this facility over to a local (Houlton) partner who expresses an interest in owning it and who will continue to provide a positive influence for the City of Houlton. UMPI will need to ask for a ‘carve out’ in the transfer in that the facility includes telecommunications equipment owned by the System and the State which supports communication in all Northern Maine and Eastern Maine.

This request is pursuant to University of Maine System Board of Trustees Policy 802. UMPI is seeking permission to enter into an agreement to transfer ownership of this facility.

The University of Maine at Presque Isle desires to support the City of Houlton and to build a partnership for The University of Maine at Presque Isle and for the University of Maine System. No partner has been identified for a handover but instead UMPI has identified a series of partners who may express interest in the facility. UMPI will query those identified for potential partnership/handover as well as publicly advertise the opportunity. Upon final review of proposed uses, a determination will be made for the party and use which will best suit this partnership.

On a motion by Trustee Cain, which was seconded by Trustee Riley, and approved by a roll call vote of all Trustees present, the Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee agreed to forward this item to the July 10, 2023, Board Meeting for approval of the following resolution:

> That the Board of Trustees accepts the recommendation of the Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee, and authorizes the University of Maine System acting through the University of Maine at Presque Isle to identify a partner and enter into an agreement for a handover of the Houlton Higher Education Center subject to review and approval of the final terms and conditions by the University’s General Counsel and Treasurer.

**Skyway Building (STR) – transfer of use, UMPI**

The University of Maine System, working through the University of Maine at Presque Isle, has reviewed and evaluated the cost for keeping an off-campus housing facility in place for the future. The ownership of this facility is one element of the government real estate distribution with the closure of Loring Air Force Base. UMPI began this relationship with the Government Real Estate Office in July of 1999. Covenants in the receipt of this building transfer require it be used only for educational purpose until the lease expires (in July 2029).

This request is pursuant to University of Maine System Board of Trustees Policy 802. UMPI is seeking permission to enter into an agreement to hand this facility over to a local partner for educational purposes only through July of 2029, followed by a full transfer of ownership.

The University of Maine at Presque Isle is asking for support by the University of Maine System Legal for documentation and will ask the UMPI Chief Business Officer and Director of Facilities
to follow through with any additional administrative work to accomplish the handover documentation and the final change of ownership documentation.

Two groups have expressed an interest in this facility, the Mi’qMac Tribe and MSAD #1.

UMPI has already entered into a partnership agreement with MSAD #1 for use of the east side of this facility, and that use is approved by the Government Real Estate Office because it is an educational use.

It is UMPI’s intent to identify the intended use of the west side of the building (the residential side) by those who have expressed an interest in future ownership and to move forward with an agreement as soon as practicable.

On a motion by Trustee Cain, which was seconded by Trustee Flood, and approved by a roll call vote of all Trustees present, the Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee agreed to forward this item to the July 10, 2023, Board Meeting for approval of the following resolution:

That the Board of Trustees accepts the recommendation of the Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee, and authorizes the University of Maine System acting through the University of Maine at Presque Isle to identify a partner and enter into an agreement for a handover of the Skyway Building (SKR) property through July 2029 followed by a transfer of ownership of this full facility as of July 30, 2029, subject to review and approval of the final terms and conditions of the agreement by the University’s General Counsel and Treasurer.

Kelley Commons Dining Hall Service Area Renovation, UMPI

The University of Maine at Presque Isle is requesting authorization to expend up to $750,000 to renovate the dining hall service area in Kelley Commons. Funding for the project will be through a partnership with the Sodexo Corporation for which UMPI’s current contract period is FY21-31.

This request is pursuant to Board Policy 701 – Budgets, Operating & Capital, which requires Board of Trustee or Finance, Facilities & Technology Committee approval for Capital Budget items at or exceeding $500,000. Additionally, this request is pursuant to Board Policy 712 – Debt Policy, which requires that debt and related agreements be approved by the Board and also notes that the System will consider working with a public private partnership when it is desirable for risk sharing. In this case because of the debt policy the recommendation will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees for approval at the July 10, 2023, meeting.

The total cost of this renovation is estimated to be $750,000. The UMS is working with Sodexo on renovation funding options and contract language regarding their support of this project which may include funding the renovation up front including offsetting the renovation costs with $239,000 in cumulative annual payments that Sodexo would have otherwise made to UMPI in addition to offsetting costs with meal plan revenue.

This project has been implicitly included in the Master Plan and the Long-Term capital plan because most of the equipment for Kelley Commons Dining Hall is over 40 years old.
On a motion by Trustee Flood, which was seconded by Trustee Cain, and approved by a roll call vote of all Trustees present, the Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee agreed to forward this item to the July 10, 2023, Board Meeting for approval of the following resolution:

That the Board of Trustees, acting through the Finance, Facilities & Technology Committee authorizes the University of Maine System acting through the University of Maine at Presque Isle to pursue a Public, Private, Partnership agreement with Sodexo for renovations to the Kelley Commons dining services area for up to $750,000, subject to review and approval of all final terms and conditions by the University of Maine System Treasurer and General Counsel.

Mallett Hall Renovation Project Authorization, UMF

President McDonnell began discussing the University of Maine at Farmington’s (UMF) request to authorize spending up to $2,700,000 to replace the plumbing infrastructure and renovate the current multi-user restrooms in Mallett Hall to single user style restrooms as well as add ADA accessibility to the first floor of the building.

This request is pursuant to Board Policy 701 Operating & Capital Budgets, which requires Board approval for Capital budget items that have a total cost of $500,000 or more. In this case, the committee’s recommendation will be forwarded to the Consent Agenda for approval at the July 10, 2023, Board meeting.

The overall construction phase of the project budget is estimated to be $2,295,841 plus A/E fees of $178,000 and a contingency of $226,159 for a total project cost of $2,700,000 which is funded from the state annual capital improvements commitment.

This project is not on the capital plan previously approved by the Trustees but is on the Capital Plan being reviewed for the upcoming Fiscal Year FY24 and currently on the state annual capital improvements project list for UMF. This project will transform some of our oldest residence hall restrooms by converting multi-user restrooms to single user restrooms and create an ADA accessible floor in the building.

Mallett Hall is one of UMF’s oldest residence halls and currently houses 115 students. The restroom renovation will bring the building up to code and reduce work orders for plumbing issues with failing pipes as well as convert multi-users to single user space.

On a motion by Trustee Flood, which was seconded by Trustee Michaud, and approved by a roll call vote of all Trustees present, the Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee agreed to forward this item to the Consent Agenda of the July 10, 2023, Board Meeting for approval of the following resolution:

That the Board of Trustees, acting through the Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee, authorizes the University of Maine System acting through the University of Maine at Farmington to expend up to $2,700,000 to renovate the restrooms and replace the failing plumbing infrastructure at Mallett Hall on the UMF campus. Funding for this project would be from the state annual capital improvements commitment.
Purington Hall Renovation Project Authorization, UMF

President McDonnell again presented background information on the request from the University of Maine at Farmington to authorize spending up to $2,700,000 to replace the plumbing infrastructure and renovate the restrooms in Purington Hall as well as add ADA accessibility to the first floor of the building.

This request is pursuant to Board Policy 701 Operating & Capital Budgets, which requires Board approval for Capital budget items that have a total cost of $500,000 or more. In this case, the committee’s recommendation will be forwarded to the Consent Agenda for approval at the July 10, 2023, Board meeting.

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Purington Hall is one of UMF’s oldest residence halls and currently houses 110 students. The restroom renovation will bring the building up to code and reduce work orders for plumbing issues with failing pipes. The project will remove all existing plumbing infrastructure throughout the building and demo the existing restrooms and configure the layout to allow single user and a better use of the space and make all first-floor areas ADA compliant.

On a motion by Trustee Michaud, which was seconded by Trustee Flood, and approved by a roll call vote of all Trustees present, the Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee agreed to forward this item to the Consent Agenda of the July 10, 2023, Board Meeting for approval of the following resolution:

That the Board of Trustees, acting through the Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee, authorizes the University of Maine System acting through the University of Maine at Farmington to expend up to $2,700,000 to renovate the restrooms and replace the failing plumbing infrastructure at Purington Hall on the UMF campus. Funding for this project would be from the state annual capital improvements commitment.

Real Estate Disposition, Chamberlain and Deering Street Properties, USM

President Edmonson began her presentation on the history of the Chamberlain and Deering Street Properties located in Portland Maine. The University of Southern Maine is requesting authorization for the sale of the 5 properties located at 7, 11, 15, 19 Chamberlain Street and 209 Deering Ave in Portland, Maine. These properties have been leased to Avesta Housing since May 1, 2017, with the term set to expire on June 30, 2023.

Disposal of this properties aligns with recommendations of the Board of Trustees to reduce the University’s footprint and increase the utilization rate of existing facilities. As previously discussed with the Board at its March 2023 meeting, the University intends to utilize the sale proceeds to help finance the Center for the Arts building. Based on an approximation, the revenue was estimated at $2 million.
The five properties total 16,395 total gross square footage. Utility and maintenance costs for the five properties are estimated at between $75,000 and $100,000.

On a motion by Trustee MacMahon, which was seconded by Trustee Michaud, and approved by a roll call vote of all Trustees present, the Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee agreed to forward this item to the July 10, 2023, Board Meeting for approval of the following resolution:

That the Board of Trustees accepts the recommendation of the Finance, Facilities, and Technology Committee, and authorizes the University of Southern Maine to sell properties at or above the combined appraised value located at 7, 11, 15, 19 Chamberlain Street and 209 Deering Ave in Portland, Maine subject to review and approval of the final terms and conditions of the purchase and sales agreement(s) by the University’s General Counsel and Treasurer.

**FY2024 Capital Plans All Funds Review**

Associate Director of Capital Planning, Nate Harris, presented the FY2024 Capital Plan and provided an accompanying report, which will be provided at the August 23rd committee meeting.

The FY24 one-year capital plan identifies $159.3M of investment supporting 159 projects valued at over $705M, a 10% increase in annual funding over FY23. While the funding sources are diverse, most funding comes from the Harold Alfond Foundation grant (16%), Earmarks (16%), Revenue Bonds (13%) and Fundraising (14%). The capital plan is but one component that supports facility maintenance and upkeep. University facilities management operating, and maintenance budgets are critical in preventing maintenance backlogs and preserving existing facilities. Like any budget document, the FY24 Capital Plan outlines implicit and explicit choices and priorities. One method to highlight these priorities is to examine the types of projects that make up the plan. The chart below shows the percentage of the FY24 planned expenditures by project category.

Compared to FY23, the FY24 saw significant changes in New Space, Renovation, and Utility Infrastructure projects. New Space comprises 37% of the FY24 plan compared to 53% in FY23. This change is the result of several large projects at USM coming to a close, while new construction projects at UM and USM start with modest initial investments in FY24. Renovation projects saw a significant increase from 8% of the FY23 Capital Plan to 26% for FY24 due to an increase in Earmark, MJRP and State Capital Improvement funds. The growth in utility infrastructure funding is solely driven by UMaine’s Energy project.

The FY24 Capital Plan, can be further understood by grouping projects in cost brackets based on their total estimated cost. These brackets separate at break points where the character of projects – size, complexity of management and funding, and risk – usually changes. As illustrated the table below, 7% of the projects account for 50% of the annual capital plan and 18% of the projects account for 77% of the plan, suggesting not only the priority of these projects, but the need for enhanced coordination and oversight in execution as well.

New to the Capital Plan are facility reports generated by Gordian, as well as trends that show enrollment and modality across the system. A new look at inflationary pressure to ongoing and new projects across the system was also discussed, as well as funding opportunities that are anticipated to be awarded in the coming years to help offset costs and infrastructure increases were mentioned. The narratives created by universities through their strategic plans and budgets will also allow each campus to highlight its priorities and constraints and should be considered when approaching the Capital Plan as a whole.
The Gordian investment target for existing facilities in FY24 is $58.6M. After excluding projects outside that category (e.g., new facilities, athletic fields, grounds and utility infrastructure), UMS’s planned investment of over $69M will exceed the target. Not only will this be the first time the system has surpassed the target in 10 years, but it also represents a significant commitment to preserving existing facilities and keeping NAVs steady.

The FY2024 Capital Plan showcased $159.3 million to support 159 projects across the system that are valued at over $705 million, which were further discussed when shown in different project categories. The FY2024 Capital Plan also highlighted the funding per university and the projected and past performance against Gordian’s annual targets.

There are several initiatives currently underway that will improve future capital planning. The system is working with Gordian to develop a portfolio view of our facilities, that group facilities by function to better capture areas that require attention. The goal is to better understand what areas of the portfolio have the greatest need and allow universities to prioritize the portfolio based on overall importance. This will improve decision-making and ensure limited resources are directed to those facilities with the greatest value to the program. This ties directly to the next initiative of better understanding university density and space utilization.

Historically, Gordian density has been calculated based on total credit hours and FTEs regardless of whether they were earned in-person or online, which made sense as online FTEs comprised a small percentage of the total student population. Today, that is no longer the case with fully online FTEs accounting for over a third of the total. Over the last 5 years there has been a 9% decline in total student FTEs, with in-person FTEs declining 34% while online FTEs have grown over 80%. This suggests a growth in excess facility capacity with implications for how universities manage space and the type of space they need. A better understanding of current facility utilization and coupled with portfolio priorities will allow Universities to identify underutilized and low value space and shift funding from them toward facilities that will be on campus long-term.

Finally, future capital planning will better integrate facility project needs identified by FM Global and FEMA, and future capital plans will be informed by the system’s new Strategic Plan.

**Review of IT Projects with a Value of $250,000 or Greater**

Chief Information Officer, David Demers, provided information on the following projects with a value of $250,000 or greater: Managed Print Services and Repaving MainStreet.

In regard to Managed Print, Xerox devices had been installed at all campuses except Orono and selected remote sites (i.e. Research farms, cooperative extension offices, etc.) as of May 30, 2023. A schedule for the installation of devices on the Orono campus has been developed and communicated with the final installation happening on June 22, 2023.

Repaving Mainstreet discussion focused on two separate areas:

1) Oracle Cloud HCM and ERP Projects:

   The HCM, which is a Human Resources Software, and Self-Guided Review sessions for Recruiting, Core HR, Benefits, Absence Management, Time & Labor, and Payroll modules have been completed. Follow-up sessions to finalize pending decisions and prepare for the App2.0 Review sessions are currently underway. Pending HCM decisions include determining future processes for position and employee recruiting-related approvals that will support unifying and
simplifying the processes across the campuses, whether to utilize the Oracle Cloud Recruiting and Onboarding modules for the recruitment and hiring of student employees, and Time & Labor decisions related to punch-in and punch-out procedures.

Considerations are underway to extend the HCM timeline from January 2024 to July 2024. The extension will further support the standardization of fundamental cross-module data, provide time to make important business decisions, and enable the HCM and ERP modules to go live at the same time, preventing the need for interim integrations with PeopleSoft Financials to keep the systems in sync. Additionally, the extension will mitigate periodic technical and functional resource limitations caused by competing demands. In support of the proposed extension, ImageTrend, the Hiretouch vendor, agreed to extend the use of the platform through July 2024. Drivestream has provided an estimate of $975K to extend the HCM Go-Live timeline to coincide with the ERP Go-Live.

The Cloud ERP (Finance) App1.0 Review sessions started during the week of May 8. The first round of App review sessions focused on General Ledger, Accounts Receivables, and Cash Management modules. With the App1.0 sessions completed, the team is working towards finalizing the Oracle Cloud Chart of Accounts (COA) structure and developing a standard set of Department codes. Additionally, work also continues to develop strategies for how Jaggaer and Concur will coexist with Oracle Cloud.

2) CS Reimplementation Project:

Functional and technical Business Process Assessment (BPA) Sessions are in progress. These sessions are geared toward staff who are hands-on Campus Solutions experts within their respective areas and the primary goal of conducting them is to support the development of a comprehensive document covering every Campus Solutions function, including how each is currently used and future recommendations. When appropriate, the team is also identifying opportunities to make improvements to the Campus Solutions production environment for further discussion. The upgrade to PeopleTools version 8.60, which will be utilized in the development environments, is progressing as planned and is anticipated to be finished by June. The team is closely collaborating with the Oracle Cloud HCM and ERP technical teams to ensure alignment of any interdependencies between the systems, both in short and long-term scenarios.

**Capital Projects Status Report and 2018 Bond Projects Update, UMS**

Provided in meeting materials was the Capital Project Status Report for the June 14, 2023, meeting of the Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee. The report reflects a total of 36 projects, with one project removed, at USM, and one added at UMPI since the last report. The current total of approved project estimates on the report is over four hundred million with about 56% of that expended to date. Projects highlighted in yellow reflect current P3 projects. Additionally, projects which are at Board approval level utilizing Harold Alfond Foundation (HAF) grant and matching money are highlighted in green. HAF projects below Board approval level are noted in a separate table at the end of the report as well.

A handful of projects funded in whole or in part with 2018 bond funds which were completed in 2022 remain on the reports while awaiting realization of the Percent for Art process.

**COVID-19 and Current Market Impacts on Capital Construction:**
Market instability and labor shortages continue to create very difficult conditions for the bidding and estimating climate.

**Bond Project Status Report:**
The special portion of this report calling out only projects funded with the 2018 State bonds. As of April 30, the report reflects 32 active and 35 closed projects, for a total of 67 projects. The projects are currently estimated to account for nearly all the $49 million in voter approved general obligation bond funding. Approximately $43.7 million of that has been expended.

Supplemental funding is being leveraged for some of these projects and the total estimated project value across all funds is over $68 million, including the bond funding and other project resources.

- Ten (10) of the active bond projects also appear on the Capital Project Status Report with approved budgets above board threshold.
- The remaining bond funded projects do not have budgets that meet the threshold for Board of Trustees consideration and are therefore not present on the Capital Projects Status Report.
- As projects are closed, they are moved to the completed projects section on this report and remain on the report for documenting purposes until all Bond Projects are completed.
- The Completed project section reflects thirty-five (35) projects that are complete. There are another twelve (12) projects in the active projects table listed as complete and substantially complete. These will move to the completed section once closeout is finalized.

**Research space approvals:** This report provides timely and appropriate disclosure of Chancellor-approved increases in university owned or occupied space when the space is for research purposes, as approved by the Board of Trustees at the January 2020 Board Meeting: no new approvals at this time.

**Harold Alfond Foundation (HAF) Grant funded projects:**
- Work on the Field Hockey complex continues with completion anticipated in time for the 2023 season.
- Scoreboards for the UM Baseball field have been installed. Additional work is underway for needed fencing and padding upgrades and will be completed this summer.
- Design continues for the Alfond Arena renovation and expansion. The scoreboards are in the procurement process and are expected to be completed this fall.
- Design for the Morse Multipurpose Arena is anticipated to begin this summer.

**MCEC:** Discussions continue with Dean Guidoboni to identify and prioritize scope.

**USM Portland Development Projects:**
- **Portland Commons** - Owner punchout of units will continue through the coming months. Meanwhile multi-trade work continues as the crews make their way through the building.
- **Career and Student Success Center** - Finish work continues on-schedule.
• Parking Garage - The project recently received approval for a partial occupancy permit. Additional work related to delivery delays will be completed once the materials are received, but this does not impact the ability to use the facility.

• Center for the Arts - Design completion and GMP delivery are anticipated in the coming months. Groundbreaking is anticipated in July/August 2023.

The meeting concluded with a brief overview of the Bond Report documents that were also provided with committee meeting materials.

Additional information about the meeting can be found on the Board of Trustees website: https://www.maine.edu/board-of-trustees/meeting-agendas-materials/finance-facilities-technology/

Adjournment.

Kayla Flewelling, Interim Clerk