

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
Board of Trustees Meeting

Zoom Meeting
June 24, 2024

Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting

Present: Committee Members: David MacMahon; Chair, Roger Katz, Emily Cain, Barbara Alexander, Kelly Martin **Presidents:** Joseph McDonnell, Jenifer Cushman, Leigh Saufley, Jacqueline Edmonson, Ray Rice, and Joan Ferrini-Mundy **Faculty Representatives:** William Otto, Patrick Cheek, Dmitry Bam, Clyde Mitchell, Lisa Leduc, Joseph Staples **Student Representatives:** Tyler Davis, Tristan Mitchell, Grace Hills, and Alec Brooks **System Staff:** Chancellor Malloy, Jeffrey St. John, Carolyn Dorsey, Ryan Low, Heather Ball, Jamie Ballinger, Elizabeth Stickler **Others Present:** John Volin, Adam Tuchinsky, Joseph Szakas, Kathy Yardley, Megan Walsh.

Trustees Absent: Trish Riley, Lisa Eames, Pender Makin.

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

VCASA Updates

Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Jeffrey St. John shared four updates with the Committee:

- UMF program name change: from B.A. in Visual Arts to B.A. in Art and Design
- USM program name changes:
 - from M.S. in Nursing Education to M.S.N. in Nursing Education
 - from M.S. in Nursing Administration and Leadership to M.S.N. in Nursing Administration and Leadership
- Tourism, Hospitality, and Outdoor Recreation (THOR) minor
- ASA work plan: two September reports

Student Representative Discussion

The Board of Trustees Student Representatives brought forward discussion items relevant to their university communities and the University of Maine System with particular focus on the course evaluations on the campuses across the System.

Faculty Initiated Discussion

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board invites faculty-rank members of the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Trustees to bring forward discussion items relevant to their university communities and the University of Maine System. The Faculty Representatives, working in conjunction with Chair MacMahon, decided that the June 2024 ASA meeting topic would be course evaluations.

The floor was opened for discussion with the Faculty Representatives, students and Provosts in attendance regarding course evaluations across the system.

Executive Session

On a motion by Trustee Alexander, which was seconded by Trustee Cain, and approved by a roll call vote of all Trustees present, the Academic & Student Affairs Committee agreed to go into Executive Session under the provisions of:

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

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

Additional information about the meeting can be found on the Board of Trustees website:
<https://www.maine.edu/board-of-trustees/meeting-agendas-materials/academic-and-student-affairs-committee/>

Adjournment,
Elizabeth Stickler, Clerk