

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
October 28, 2024
Zoom Meeting

Present: Committee Members: David MacMahon; Chair, Roger Katz, Donna Loring, Emily Cain, Barbara Alexander, Kelly Martin and Elise Baldacci **Presidents:** Joseph McDonnell, Leigh Saufley, Deb Hedeem and Joan Ferrini-Mundy **Faculty Representatives:** Clyde Mitchell, Joe Staples, Ivan Manev and Lisa Leduc. **Student Representatives:** Griffin Goins, Tristan Mitchell, Camille Alipalo. . **System Staff:** Chancellor Malloy, Jeffrey St. John, Carolyn Dorsey, Ryan Low, Paul Chan, Heather Ball, Jamie Ballinger, Elizabeth Stickler and SamWarren **Provosts:** John Volin, Adam Tuchinsky, Kathy Yardley, Megan Walsh, Joseph Szakas and Alana Margeson **Others Present:** Steven Quackenbush, Debra Allen, Leslie Kelly, Haliru Omosun, Justin Young and Paul Dexter

Trustees Absent: Trish Riley, 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.

Student Representative Discussion

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee invited student representatives of the Board Of Trustees to bring forward discussion items relevant to their university communities and the University of Maine System. They discussed the student trustee nomination process and Green Zone training at USM.

Faculty Initiated Discussion

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee invited faculty representatives to the Board of Trustees to bring forward discussion items relevant to their university communities and the University of Maine System. They discussed Green Zone Training.

2024-2025 Work Plan (Jeffrey St. John)

Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Jeffrey St. John reviewed the proposed 2024-25 ASA Work Plan with the Committee. The strategic plan goals of ASA will be attached to the work plan.

New Academic program Proposal: A.S in Cybersecurity, UMA

The University of Maine at Augusta currently offers bachelor's and graduate-level programs in cybersecurity. This new associate-level program will expand the university's portfolio of offerings to give adult learners and transfers an additional pathway toward a credential of value. As part of their curriculum, students are given the opportunity to earn industry-recognized certifications such as CompTIA Network+, Security+, and CySA+. Trustee Alexander asked for more information about the systemwide benefit and coordination of this program.

On a motion by Trustee Cain, which was seconded by Trustee Baldacci and approved by a roll call vote of all Trustees present with Trustee Alexander voting against, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee approved the following resolution to be forwarded to the November 17-18, 2024, Board of Trustees meeting for approval of the following resolution:

That the Board of Trustees accepts the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and approves the Associate of Science in Cybersecurity at the University of Maine at Augusta.

2024-25 new Academic Program Proposal: BS in Computer Science and Business, UM

The Maine Business School, Maine College of Engineering and Computing, and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Maine propose a B.S. in Computer Science and Business, offered jointly by the School of Computing and Information Science and the Maine Business School. This program is designed to teach students how technical and computing activities and solutions fit into enterprise-scale and small-business organizations to drive firm performance. The combination of strong technical computing skills, foundational knowledge of business functions, and experience using technical skills for organizational improvement will meet the workforce needs of business and computing professionals seeing administrative roles in all organizations.

On a motion by Trustee Cain, which was seconded by Trustee Martin and approved by a roll call vote of all Trustees present, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee approved the following resolution to be forwarded to the November 17-18, 2024, Board of Trustees meeting for approval of the following resolution:

That the Board of Trustees accepts the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and approves the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Business at the University of Maine.

Awarding of Academic Degrees

On a motion by Trustee Cain, which was seconded by Trustee Martin and approved by a roll call vote of all Trustees present, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee approved the following resolution to be forwarded to the consent agenda of the November 17-18, 2024, Board of Trustees meeting for approval of the following resolution:

That the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System authorizes the awarding of degrees during Commencement ceremonies for the 2024-2025 academic year to those students fully recommended by the appropriate faculties and the presidents of the respective institutions of the University of Maine System.

Informational Item: UMF Name Change: B.A. in Visual Arts to B.A. in Art and Design

Following institutional consideration of curricular alignment, enrollment, and factors influencing potential growth, the University of Maine at Farmington submitted a request to change the name of the B.A. in Visual Arts to a B.A. in Art and Design. The new name, Art and Design, improves program marketability and recruitment opportunities and aligns more accurately with the current program curriculum.

Informational Item: UMFK Name Change: B.S. in Behavioral Science to B.S. in Psychology

Following institutional consideration of curricular alignment, enrollment, and factors influencing potential growth, the University of Maine at Fort Kent submitted a request to change the name of the B.S. in Behavioral Science to the B.S. in Psychology. The new name, Psychology, improves program marketability and recruitment opportunities.

UMS Strategic Plan Update

Vice Chancellor St. John updated the Committee on a strategic plan initiative in progress: Commitment 1, Action 1, Goal 1.1: Surveying first-year students to gain information leading to the continuous improvement of academic programs and student outcomes.

Enrollment Update

Vice Chancellor St. John provided a brief enrollment update. He will provide this update to the full board in November. The update is included in these minutes.

Executive Session

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

Tenure Credit Award at Time of Hire - Exception for Board Policy 310

The University of Maine has requested a one-time exception to board policy for awarding prior credit toward tenure. According to section 310 (Tenure) of the University of Maine System Administrative Procedures Manual, “[the] time credited as probationary years with regard to service at other institutions of higher education, whether units of the University of Maine System or not, shall not exceed three years.” The faculty, dean, provost, and president at the University of Maine recommend this exception to policy for a four-year award of credit toward tenure.

On a motion by Trustee Katz, which was seconded by Trustee Alexander and approved by a roll call vote of all Trustees present, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee approved the following resolution to be forwarded to the November 17-18, 2024, Board of Trustees meeting for approval of the following resolution:

That the Board of Trustees accepts the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and approves an exception to BOT policy 310.

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,
Charles Stuller Jr. for
Elizabeth Stickler, Clerk