

University of Maine System  
Board of Trustees

**Academic and Student Affairs Committee – Tenure Nominations**

**February 23, 2026**

Zoom Meeting

**Present: Committee Members:** David MacMahon, Chair; Trish Riley, Barbara Alexander, Emily Cain, Kelly Martin, Donna Loring, Roger Katz, Will Kemler & Elise Baldacci. **Presidents:** Joseph McDonnell, Joan Ferrini-Mundy, Leigh Saufley, Ray Rice, Deb Hedeon, Jacqueline Edmondson & Jenifer Cushman **Chancellor:** Dannel Malloy **System Staff:** Jeffrey St. John, Ryan Low, Carolyn Dorsey, Jamie Ballinger, Amie Parker, Samantha Warren, Amon Purinton & Elizabeth Stickler **Student Representatives:** Isabella Bouchard **Faculty Representatives:** Timothy Surette, Heather Nunez-Olmstead, Clyde Mitchell, Colleen Marzilli, William Otto & Joseph Staples. **Provosts:** Alana Margeson, Jeffrey Maine, Adam Tuchinsky, Katherine Yardley, & Joseph Szakas **Others:** Gabe Paquette

Members not attending: Riley Worth, Lisa Eames

Committee Chair David MacMahon called the ASA Committee meeting to order, thanked everyone for participating, and roll call was taken.

**Executive Session**

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

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

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

**Public Session**

**University of Maine System 2026 Tenure Nominations**

Candidates recommended for tenure in the University of Maine System are brought forward for approval by the Board of Trustees in April with action to take effect September 1, 2025. The following material and information are relevant to the tenure approval process:

*Items in italics are for Board of Trustees only in a supplemental publication.*

- Board Policy 310 - Tenure
- *Names of candidates for tenure for 2025, listed by institution*
- *Brief abstracts of candidates*
- Table 1: Tabular analysis of 2026 candidates
- Table 2: Summary of campus tenure promotions for 2026 and the previous five years
- Report on Tenure Statistics

On a motion by Trustee Cain, which was seconded by Trustee Riley, and approved by a roll call vote of all Trustees present, that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee approves the following resolution to be forwarded for Board of Trustee approval at the March 16, 2026, Board meeting.

That the Board of Trustees accepts the recommendations for tenure submitted by the Universities of the University of Maine System. Approval will take effect September 1, 2026, for faculty with academic year appointments and on July 1, 2026, for faculty with fiscal year appointments.

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

Kayla Flewelling for  
Elizabeth Stickler, Clerk