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Ad Hoc Technology Committee

Present: **Committee Members:** Barry McCrum, Chair; Charles Johnson; Margaret Weston, and Tamera Grieshaber. **Other Trustees:** Norman Fournier, Marjorie Medd, Paul Mitchell, Charles O'Leary, and Lyndel Wishcamper. **Chancellor:** Richard Pattenau. **Staff:** Joanne Yestramski, Cindy Mitchell, Rosa Redonnet, Kelley Wiltbank, John Forker, and Jeff Letourneau.

Absent: James Dowe, Jean Flahive, Susan Gendron, Krisandra Horn, William Johnson, Victoria Murphy, and Wayne Newell.

Trustee McCrum, Chair, opened the meeting.

Ad Hoc Technology Committee Update.

Oracle Insight. Ms. Joanne Yestramski, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, explained the Oracle Insight Review. The PeopleSoft system has been a significant investment of \$18 million but it will enable the UMS to do business in new and different ways. Oracle offered a free review analysis of the UMS Finance and Human Resources Systems, bench mark status against the initial objectives, and recommending high value improvements.

University of Maine System's ERP initial objectives were to develop and implement an integrated standardized application to support all financial, procurement, human resources, payroll, and student activities across all campuses. This included shared cost savings, alignment of objectives, to modernize and standardize the platform, provide transparency and access to better data, and to create advantages in certain functions.

The Oracle recommendations include the following:

- consolidate procurement/accounts payable and implementing E-Procurement
- invest in IT & Functional staffing to create an ERP Competency Center
- increase ERP enhancements in a timely manner based on business value

The actions and planning already in process are:

- finance/HR projects underway – upgrading financial system to latest level, convert to e-payables, travel direct deposit, and expanded self service benefits
- consolidate procurement/accounts payable – CFO's reviewed the University of Missouri's System procurement process in May 2008, A Davis Foundation Grant application was submitted to fund the design and business case development.
- IT staffing/ERP Competency Center – initial staffing for FY09, 10 & 11 reviewed with system executives and CFO's and partial funding identified

MaineStreet Student System. Ms. Cindy Mitchell, Director of Administrative Systems and Development Support, provided an update on the MaineStreet Student System. The student records module was implemented successfully and the student financials portion is already in production at many campuses. Student billing will begin in July.

Educational Broadband Spectrum Lease Update. Mr. John Forker, Associate Director of UNET, provided an update on the Broadband Spectrum Lease. This is the frequency spectrum that is licensed from the FCC for the ITV system for the past 20 years. The plan is to digitize the network by 2009.

Maine's Research and Education Regional Optical Network (RON). Mr. Jeff Letourneau, Associate Director of Communication and Network Services, provided an update on the Maine's Research and Education Regional Optical Network (RON). Phase 1 of the project includes Bar Harbor to Bangor to Portland and will be operational by the summer of 2008. Phase 2 will be Portland to Portsmouth to Manchester to Cambridge and will be operational by the second quarter of 2009. The UMS is actively engaged in conversations with the University of New Hampshire to join the optical network to offset the costs of the network across New Hampshire.

Adjournment

Ellen Doughty for
J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk