

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
Board of Trustees Meeting

at the University of Maine System
September 14, 2009

Meeting with Faculty Representatives

Present: Lyndel Wishcamper, Chair; James Dowe, Jean Flahive, Norman Fournier, Tamera Grieshaber, William Johnson, Kevin McCarthy, Barry McCrum, Marjorie Medd, Paul Mitchell, Victoria Murphy, and Charles O’Leary. **Chancellor:** Richard Pattenaude. **Faculty Representatives:** Raymond Albert, Terry Colby, Bert Jacobs, Shallee Page, Robert Rice and Joanne Williams. **Presidents:** Selma Botman, Richard Cost, Cynthia Huggins, Allyson Handley, Theodora Kalikow, Robert Kennedy, and Donald Zillman. **System Staff:** James Breece, Kelley Wiltbank, and Rebecca Wyke.

Absent: Eleanor Baker, Susan Gendron, Krisandra Horn, and Wayne Newell.

Trustee Fournier welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Robert Rice, UM

- Professor Rice asked how will the UMS put forward the Public Agenda without Legislative support.
 - Chancellor Pattenaude responded by stating the UMS is at a starting point and he hopes that the Legislature will support the Public Agenda.
- There are a number of dollar values attached to the matrix items. What is the number of faculty leaving the system in the next four years because of the initiatives?
 - Chancellor Pattenaude commented that the UMS intention is not to randomly reduce faculty. However, if enrollments stay the same there will be fewer employees for the UMS in four years.

Bertram Jacobs, UMF

- Professor Jacobs raised an issue about language in the Plan on page 2: “The Trustees have embraced the recommendations put forward in the reports of all three arenas nearly in their entirety. One of the differences is that, given the current state of the economy, it is not an opportune time to alter the base funding of our universities”. He commented that it should be added “that it has not been an opportune time for the past 40 years to alter the base funding.” He feels that at some point in time the base funding needs to be addressed.
 - Chancellor Pattenaude thanked Professor Jacobs for raising this issue and that is the meaning intended in that section. The role of the Strategic Investment Fund is to be able to support important things without constrained by the funding formula. The Presidents are supportive of the Strategic Investment Fund and it will provide some flexibility during these challenging times.

Chancellor Pattenaude commented that as he attends the campus visits he is looking forward to meeting with the faculty. He also asked the Faculty Representatives to talk with their colleagues to encourage their feedback so the Board will have a better understand of the faculty’s perception.

The feedback on the Plan that will be submitted from the website will be summarized and forwarded to the Board of Trustees and the Faculty and Student Representatives.

Shallee Page, UMM

- How will the annual benchmarks that are listed in the Plan be measured?
 - Chancellor Pattenaude responded by stating that in the Appendix of the Plan there is the base data and conversations are currently underway to establish targets. The targets will be challenging and move the UMS forward to represent progress. The Board is particularly committed in measuring what the UMS does, having goals, and being able to measure the progress towards the goals.

Adjournment

Ellen Doughty for
J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk