Board of Trustees Meeting


Trustee Fournier, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Citizen Comment. Citizen Comment is a time regularly set aside for comments from the public. The following individuals spoke during the citizen comment period:
- Robert Rice
- Julie-Ann Scott
- Jim McClymer
- Ron Mosley
- Maha Sabawi

Acceptance of Minutes. On a motion by Trustee Johnson, which was seconded by Trustee Baker, the minutes from the following meetings were unanimously approved as presented:
- September 14, 2009 – Board of Trustees Meeting and Board Committee Meetings
- October 5, 2009 – Investment Committee Meeting

Chancellor’s Report. Chancellor Pattenaude thanked Trustee Fournier for chairing the Board meeting in Trustee Wishcamper’s absence. He extended congratulations to Julie-Ann Scott, Graduate Student Representative from UM, who received a national award in Chicago for the Top Contributing Paper for the Performance Studies Division from the National Communication Association.

Chancellor Pattenaude asked President Kennedy to recognize the loss of two long term faculty members. UM President Robert Kennedy shared that two academic giants from UM passed away this fall. The first is Professor David Smith who joined the History faculty in 1970 and retired in 1994 but remained a vital contributor to UM for the rest of his life. He focused his scholarly activities in three areas: the History of agriculture and Forestry, Historical Climatology, and the History of Women. He was also one of the “Faculty Five” who revolutionized research in the State and leading to much of the economic development that has happened over the past few years. The second academic leader who passed away this fall was Professor Sandy Ives. He had incredible impact by serving on the faculty 1955 to 1999 first on
the English faculty and then on the Anthropology faculty. He was an international expert on folk lore and folk life with an influence far beyond Maine’s borders. He founded UMaine’s Northeast Archives of Folk Lore and Rural History which is now known as the Maine Folk Life Center that has become an invaluable resource.

Chancellor Pattenaude presented to the Board the New Challenges, New Directions Plan – The University of Maine System and the Future of Maine including the Transmittal Letter, the Final Report and Implementation Plan, the Dashboard Indicators, and the Work Plan. The work proposed and described by these documents will accomplish the goals of the Board – fiscal sustainability, affordability, and greater service to the people of Maine. The Board’s approval and support is greatly appreciated as the UMS seeks to resolve its enormous challenges.

**Committee Reports/Action.**

**Audit Committee** – Trustee Dowe reported that the Audit Committee met October 30th to review the Audit Report for 2009.

**Academic and Student Affairs Committee** – Trustees Medd and Johnson reported that the Committee recommended to the consent agenda the Awarding of Academic Degrees and the UM Academic Program Proposals. The Committee received an update on the Fall 2009 Enrollment Report and an update on the Tuition/Financial Aid/Marks Study.

**Finance/Facilities Committee** – Trustee Fournier reported that the Committee was provided a financial update (which included the acceptance of the Audit Management Letter), reviewed changes to APL IX:G – University of Maine system Tuition Waivers, Estabrooke Hall Upgrades at UM, Capital Projects Status Report, and Report on Real Property Transactions. The following items were recommended to the consent agenda for action: Proposed Changes to Board Policy #703 – Tuition and Fees, Annual Financial Report FY2009, Establishment of the Correll Presidential Chair in Energy and UM, Establishment of the Correll Professorship in Early Literacy, UM, Acceptance of a Gift of Real Estate at UMA, Expansion of Historic District at UM, and Process Development Center Infrastructure Improvement Project at UM.

**Human Resources and Labor Relations Committee** – Trustee O’Leary reported that the Committee recommended the Appointment for Trustee Approval to the consent agenda for action and reviewed the draft changes to Policies for Non-Represented Employees and the UMS Workforce Analysis which included the Workforce Profile, Compensation and Turnover Reports.

**Investment Committee** – Trustee Baker reported that the Committee met on October 5. The first part of the meeting was an educational session conducted by New England Pension Consultants. The Committee approved as a non-voting, non-Trustee Committee member, John Moore from Portland. The Committee reviewed the performance of the Pension, Endowment, and Operating Cash Funds.

**Technology Committee** – Trustee McCrum reported the Committee received a presentation of three different Portal Projects. It will now determine next steps.
Consen Agenda. On a motion by Trustee McCrum, which was seconded by Trustee Newell, the following recommendations were unanimously approved by the Board:

Confirm Student Representatives to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees approved the appointments of the Faculty and Student Representatives to the Board of Trustees, as presented.

Approval and Implementation of the New Challenges, New Directions Plan – The University of Maine System and the Future of Maine. The Board of Trustees approved the following resolution, as amended:

Resolution
Whereas the State of Maine is enduring a large and difficult financial downturn; and
Whereas state revenues are not projected to return to 2008 levels for several years; and
Whereas the University of Maine System has seen its State E&G appropriation decrease by nearly $7 million from its highest point, in spite of the continuing support for the University of Maine System by the Governor and the State Legislature; and
Whereas the University of Maine System experienced a negative financial impact of over $16 million in FY09 due to the global financial crisis; and
Whereas the University of Maine System has already made reductions to its operating budget of $19.1 million in FY09 and an additional $18 million in FY10; and
Whereas it is essential to achieve financial sustainability in a strategic and system-wide manner; and
Whereas it is the fiduciary responsibility of the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System to ensure the academic integrity, fiscal health, and affordability of the seven Universities that comprise the System;

It is therefore resolved that:

The Board of Trustees endorse the actions and goals presented in the Final Report and Implementation Plan of the New Challenges, New Directions Initiative – The University of Maine System and the Future of Maine incorporating the Chancellor’s Transmittal Letter of November 12, 2009 and charges the Chancellor to implement the plan with all deliberate speed.

Appointment for Trustee Approval. The Board of Trustees approved the appointment to positions at or above the level of Dean or equivalent or with tenure as recommended by the Chancellor, as follows:

Susan J. Hunter, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, UM

Awarding of Academic Degrees. The Board of Trustees authorized the awarding of degrees during Commencement ceremonies for the 2009-2010 academic year to those students fully recommended by the appropriate faculties and the president of the respective institutions and/or divisions of the University of Maine System.

UM Academic Program Proposals. The Board of Trustees approved the conversion of the Counselor Education, Literacy, Educational Leadership, and Higher Education Ed.D.
programs to Ph.D. programs and approve the creation of a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Maine.

Proposed Changes to Board Policy # 703 – Tuition and Fees. The Board of Trustees approved the proposed revision to Board Policy # 703, as submitted.


Establishment of the Correll Presidential Chair in Energy, UM. The Board of Trustees approved the establishment of the Correll Presidential Chair in Energy at UM.

Establishment of the Correll Professorship in Early Literacy, UM. The Board of Trustees approved the establishment of the Correll Professorship in Early Literacy at UM.

Acceptance of a Gift of Real Estate, UMA. The Board of Trustees accepted, as amended, the generous donation of the Gannett Building located at 331 Water Street, Augusta to be used in support of the University of Maine at Augusta mission subject to review and approval by the Chancellor and the Executive Committee of the Board after a review of the final cost estimates and upon the recommendation by University Counsel.

Expansion of Historic District, UM. The Board of Trustees authorized the University of Maine to forward its Historic preservation nomination form to the Maine Historic Preservation Commission for consideration by the Commission, and if favorable action is taken, to authorize the advancement of the nomination to the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, for official action.

Process Development Center Infrastructure Improvements Project, UM. The Board of Trustees approved the Process Development Center Infrastructure Improvement Project, with a total equipment budget of approximately $1,977,425.

**Information Items.** The following items were included in the agenda for information only:
- IT Portal Project Update
- Draft Changes to Policies for Non-Represented Employees
- UMS Workforce Analysis: Workforce Profile, Compensation and Turnover
- Update on Collective Bargaining
- Fall 2009 Enrollment Report
- Tuition / Financial Aid / Markets Study
- Financial Update
- Changes to APL IX-G: University of Maine System Tuition Waivers
- Estabrooke Hall Upgrade, UM
- Capital Projects Status Report
- Report on Real Property Transactions
- 2009 Board of Visitors Annual Reports
- Summary of Current Statistics
- Agenda Calendar

**Date of Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on January 11, 2010, at the University of Maine System Office in Bangor.
Trustee Fournier, on behalf of the Board, expressed “get well” wishes to Trustees McCarthy and Wishcamper who are recovering from surgery.

Adjournment.

Ellen Doughty for
J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk