Board of Trustees Meeting


Absent: Jean Flahive, Susan Gendron, Krisandra Horn, and Paul Mitchell.

Trustee Wishcamper, 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:

Ron Mosley
Spoke about Shared Governance and encouraged campuses to involve faculty early and often in decision making. He also recommended examining how the Shared Governance policy is working.

Maha Sabawi Pogorzelski
She shared her concern for Professor Pogorzelski and mathematics instruction.

Acceptance of Minutes. On a motion by Trustee Johnson, which was seconded by Trustee Grieshaber, the minutes from the following meetings were unanimously approved as presented:
October 30, 2009 – Audit & Finance/Facilities Joint Session
November 15-16, 2009 – Board of Trustees Meeting and Board Committee Meetings

Chair’s Report. Trustee Wishcamper wished everyone a Happy New Year and provided an update on Trustee Paul Mitchell who is recovering from heart surgery.

Chancellor’s Report. Chancellor Pattenaude commented that it is a time for renewal as another semester begins. The University of Maine System and the campuses are weathering the financial storm and the administrators, staff and faculty have had difficult decisions. He thanked the Presidents and campus leaders, System Senior Staff and the Union Leadership for working together during these challenging times.

There is a great deal of energy and commitment to the New Challenges, New Directions Initiative. At the campus level this initiative has created additional work and their efforts are greatly appreciated. The goals and outcomes are moving forward and the next step is the development of the Public Agenda. Chancellor Pattenaude thanked everyone for their guidance and input into the Public Agenda.
Committee Reports/Action.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee – Trustees Medd and Johnson reported that the Committee recommended to the consent agenda the Academic Program Proposal for a MA in Global Policy at UM and reviewed the Academic Year Calendar for 2010-2011. The Committee was provided an overview of the Annual Report on Degrees Conferred for 2008-2009 and the new report on Distance Education Summary Statistics.

Finance/Facilities Committee – Trustee Fournier reported that the Committee was provided a financial update which included an update on the Operating Fund, Managed Investment Pool including Endowments, and the Pension Fund. The FY10 Savings Target and the FY10 and FY11 Financial Planning Timetable were reviewed.

Human Resources and Labor Relations Committee – Trustee O’Leary reported that the Committee recommended the Proposed Changes to Board Policy 404.2 – Appointment of Police Officers, Appointment of Mirna Kolbowski as the Chief Financial Officer for UMA, and the Approval of the Police Unit and the AFUM Collective Bargaining Agreements to the consent agenda for action.

Investment Committee – Trustee Baker reported that the Committee met on December 8th. The Mesirow Small Cap Value Team met with the Committee to offer assurance that the philosophy and the team will remain the same following of the death of the former portfolio manager. The Endowment Fund, Pension Fund and Operating Funds performance were reviewed. The Committee reviewed a draft of the Operating Cash Guidelines.

Consent Agenda. Trustee Medd recused herself from the motion on the consent agenda. On a motion by Trustee Fournier, which was seconded by Trustee Johnson, the following recommendations were unanimously approved by the Board:

Honorary Degree Nominations for 2011. The Board of Trustees approved the 2011 nominations for Honorary Degrees as presented.

Honorary Degree Nominations for 2010. The Board of Trustees approved the 2010 nomination for Honorary Degree as presented.

Acceptance of a Gift of Real Estate – UMA. The Board of Trustees accepted the generous donation of the Gannett Building located at 331 Water Street, Augusta to be used in support of the University of Maine, Augusta mission subject to review and approval by University Counsel.

Proposed Changes to the Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar for 2009-2010 & 2010-2011. The Board of Trustees approved the proposed changes to the Board of Trustees calendar for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011, as presented.

Proposed Changes to Board Policy 404.2 – Appointment of Police Officers. The Board of Trustees approved the changes to the Board of Trustees Policy 404.2 – Appointment of Police Officers.
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:

Mirna Kolbowski, Chief Financial Officer, UMA

Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement – Police Unit. The Board of Trustees authorized the Chancellor to execute the collective bargaining agreement with Teamsters Local Union #340 for the Police Unit.

Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement – AFUM. The Board of Trustees authorized the Chancellor to execute the collective bargaining agreement with Associated Faculties of the University of Maine System, MEA/NEA upon notice that the agreement has been ratified by the membership.

Academic Program Proposal. The Board of Trustees approved the creation of the Master of Arts in Global Policy offered in the School of Policy and International Affairs at the University of Maine.

Information Items. The following items were included in the agenda for information only:

- New Challenges, New Directions Update
- Update on Collective Bargaining
- Financial Update
- Academic Year Calendars (2010-2011)
- Distance Education Summary Statistics
- Summary of Current Statistics
- Agenda Calendar

Date of Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on March 15, 2010, at the University of Maine System Office in Bangor.

Adjournment.

Ellen Doughty for
J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk