UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
Board of Trustees Meeting

at the University of Maine at Fort Kent
May 24, 2010

Academic Affairs Meeting

Present:


Absent: Angela Faherty, William Johnson, Kevin McCarthy, Victoria Murphy, and Wayne Newell.

Trustees Medd called the meeting to order.

Academic Program Proposal: UM Professional Science Masters. Dr. James Breece, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs explained the University of Maine proposal to create a Professional Science Masters degree. This interdisciplinary degree addresses requests from business, industry, government and non-profit agencies for graduate degrees that meet economic development and professional needs. The degree is achieved through the creation of a curriculum combining a strong core from science, technology, engineering or math disciplines. The Professional Science Masters degree program is intended for the professional who does not wish to complete the typical single discipline graduate degree, and is interested in an applied experience rather than a research thesis. The creation of this degree requires no additional fiscal or equipment resources and represents a program developed utilizing existing resources.

On a motion by Trustee Fournier, which was seconded by Trustee Grieshaber, the Academic Affairs Committee agreed to forward the recommendation to the consent agenda for action.

Academic Program Proposal: UMPI AA in Special Education. Dr. Breece explained the University of Maine at Presque Isle proposal to create an Associate of Arts degree in Special Education. The program is designed to prepare students to work as special education paraprofessionals in K-12 classrooms. The degree is aimed at satisfying federal mandates for highly qualified personnel under the No Child Left Behind and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Completion of the program would lead to a Maine Teacher Education Technician II certificate.

No new personnel are required to support the offering of this program. The new program would increase the number of students enrolling in existing general, professional and special education courses. It is also likely to provide a pathway for students to enroll into the four-year elementary education with a concentration in special education program at UMPI or the special education program at the University of Maine at Farmington.

On a motion by Trustee Wishcamper, which was seconded by Trustee Fournier, the Academic Affairs Committee agreed to forward the recommendation to the consent agenda for action.
**Academic Program Proposal: UMFK AS in Information Security.** Dr. Breece explained the University of Maine at Fort Kent proposal to create an Associate of Science degree in Information Security. This degree program addresses the severe shortage of skilled practitioners in the cyber security field. It will prepare students to better understand, prevent, mitigate and respond to threats to information security and simultaneously prepare them for optional professional certification. The degree program will also serve to raise the awareness and interest of students in closely related programs of study at other campuses of the University of Maine System.

No private or public university or college in the state of Maine is currently offering programs in this arena. This is an opportunity for UMFK to proactively respond to a state and national need. No new personnel are required to support the offering of this program, as faculty currently employed by UMFK are qualified. No additional costs are required to support first-year and subsequent year operations as courses are a part of existing curricula and courses regularly offered by existing faculty resources.

On a motion by Trustee Fournier, which was seconded by Trustee Hood, the Academic Affairs Committee agreed to forward the recommendation to the consent agenda for action

**USM Reorganization Plan.** Dr. Breece reviewed the University of Southern Maine proposed plan to reorganize its academic superstructure into five colleges. This reorganization would ensure the University’s fiscal sustainability, multiply opportunities for collaboration, and enhance the quality of its academic programs. The plan calls for the eight existing colleges of the University to be reconfigured into five:

- Engineering, Health Professions, Nursing, Science and Technology College
- Communication, Culture and the Arts College
- Public Service, Business, Graduate Education and Social Work College
- Lewiston-Auburn College (unchanged)
- University of Maine School of Law (unchanged)

Names of the three proposed new colleges are descriptive placeholders; each will be officially named during the implementation phase after Board approval of the reorganization plan. Lewiston-Auburn College and the School of Law retain their current structure and leadership within the university.

This proposal reflects USM’s strategic vision as a regional comprehensive public university. It is estimated that the proposed reorganization will lead to over $1 million in administrative savings. After Board approval of this plan, the University will spend the 2010-2011 academic year undergoing an academic, financial and organizational implementation process.

On a motion by Trustee Hood, which was seconded by Trustee Fournier, the Academic Affairs Committee agreed to forward the recommendation to the consent agenda for action

**UMF Reorganization.** Dr. Breece explained the University of Maine at Farmington is making a structural change on the administrative side of the institution. Both Scannell & Kurz and Noel-Levitz have performed in-depth reviews of UMF and have articulated the need for a senior-level enrollment manager to bring together the areas that support enrollment at the University.

In response to these recommendations, UMF has created a Vice President for Enrollment Management and Marketing position, which will be filled effective June 1. This vice president will
oversee financial aid, institutional research, admissions, marketing, media relations, and communications.

On a motion by Trustee Fournier, which was seconded by Trustee Hood, the Academic Affairs Committee agreed to forward the recommendation to the consent agenda for action.

**Miscellaneous Issues.**
Chancellor Pattenaude introduced and welcomed to the UMS Dr. Curt Madison, Director of Distance Education.

Adjournment.

Ellen Doughty for
J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk