Meeting with Student Representatives


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

Trustee Fournier called the meeting to order.

Nathan Grant, Graduate Student Representative from USM

- Raised a concern with online classes
  - As more classes are being offered there could be issues with the quality of teaching and the need for standardization.
  - Support for faculty also needs to be in place.
    - Chancellor Pattenaude agreed and standardization and faculty development are part of Online Maine.
- Portal - students have raised concern on funding to support this initiative.
  - Ms. Rebecca Wyke, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration & Treasurer commented that the Technology Committee received a report from Collegiate Project Services that outlined the costs over a five year period but the funding source has not been determined. At the formal Board meeting tomorrow there will be a report from the Technology Committee.

Julie-Ann Scott, Graduate Student Representative from UM

- Asked if the funding for the Portal could be from the Strategic Investment Funds (SIF).
- Asked if the Portal could save money long-term by reducing administrative costs.
  - Chancellor Pattenaude commented that part of it could be funded by SIF, particularly for start-up costs, but SIF should not be used for long-term commitments.
- UM has three graduate level degrees and students have concentrations within that degree program. She raised a concern that the graduate student’s degree concentration is not listed on the students’ transcript before graduation. This is problematic for graduate students when they are applying for positions.
  - Ms. Rosa Redonnett, Executive Director for Student Affairs, will look into this concern.
- UM Graduate Student Government would like data on the number of all faculty and administration reductions over the past five years at the System and each campus.

Adjournment.

Ellen Doughty for
J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk