Meeting with Student Representatives


Absent: Angela Faherty, Kevin McCarthy, and Wayne Newell.

Trustee Fournier called the meeting to order and welcomed the Student Representatives.

Bernice Michaud, UMFK

- Raised a concern that UMFK had only one automated external defibrillator (AED) which is located in the sport center in the Lodge. She feels the campus should have an AED closer to the classroom buildings and asked if there was a policy for this type of item.

  Chancellor Pattenaude
  o Currently the UMS does not have a policy and he will work with the presidents to ensure the police or security force on each campus an AED.

  Trustee Hood
  o Usually the community first responders will have the equipment.

President Handley

  o The UMA Student Government Association purchased several AEDs for the campus and arranged for training through the local emergency medical technicians.

Anastasia Alexis, USM

- The USM reorganization and the roll out of a new marketing campaign are going well. The reorganization has not interrupted students and has provided opportunities for student involvement. Both have been very positive experiences.
- Student leaders have formed a group call SHEA (Student for Higher Education Alliance) and on Dec. 6 this group will meet with southern Maine legislators to discuss higher education issues.

Nathan Grant, Graduate Student Representative from USM – (Nathan was not able to be present so Anastasia provided the following report.)

- USM Graduate Student Government has held one meeting and is working on goals for the remainder of the academic year.
• Graduate students who previously felt under represented on campus are feeling positive about the Graduate Student community developing at USM.
• USM has openly embraced the graduate students as they try to find time in their studies to participate in university activities.

Evan Scott-Pollock, Graduate Student Representative from UM
• Current students are great recruiters.
• Graduate Student Government developed a snapshot of the current graduate population at the University of Maine. The graduate students feel they are uniquely positioned to help meet the challenges of the State. They represent the majority of professional programs on campus and want to work with the Board and the first step is to inform the Board who they are and what role they have at the University.
• He distributed the Graduate School Newsletter which is also available on its website.
• The graduate students have a lot to offer and they are looking forward to working with the Board of Trustees.

Katie Foster, UM
• The students at UM are still dealing with issues regarding program cuts and currently are educating students on the process.
• The students are working with Dr. Dana about enrollment issues and how to present the value of higher education. She believes it’s about students recruiting students.

Trustee Grieshaber
• Commented that it is great to see a group of students with passion about higher education recruitment. The students are the best sales people.

Chancellor Pattenaude
• He mentioned that Vice Chancellor Breece recently returned from a trip to China and South Korea. Each campus has its own international initiatives and Dr. Breece will be working with them. UMS is currently signing contracts with governmental agencies in China to bring student to the UMS.

Adjournment.

Ellen Doughtey for
J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk