Board of Trustees Meeting


Absent: Stephen Bowen, Kevin McCarthy, Victoria Murphy, Wayne Newell and Charles O’Leary.

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:
- Kerry Sullivan – Introduced Neil Greenberg as the new UMPSA President
- Ross Ferrell – Multi-Year Academic Plan

Acceptance of Minutes. On a motion by Trustee Johnson, which was seconded by Trustee Fournier, the minutes from the following meetings were unanimously approved as presented:
- December 1, 2010 – Investment Committee Meeting
- December 13, 2010 – Investment Committee Meeting
- January 10, 2011 – Board of Trustees Meeting & Board Committee Meetings
- February 11, 2011 – Finance/Facilities Committee
- February 17, 2011 – Audit & Technology Committees Joint Session

Chair’s Report. Trustee Wishcamper commented that he is entering his last year on the Board of Trustees as of May. He continued his remarks by stating that he has become very aware in the last nine years that the traditional model of higher education is not a sustainable model for the future. Things are changing so quickly in industry and changing for the worst in our State in terms of demographics and economic conditions; therefore, he has become increasingly impatient with incrementalism in our change process and particularly with not having the inclination and capacity for self examination within our System. He feels that without a vision the UMS will not succeed. In order to succeed, the UMS vision has to incorporate a good deal of self analysis and frank discussions among everyone. If the UMS keeps doing what it has done in the past, there will be more and more stress on the System.

Trustee Wishcamper thanked President Handley and UMA for hosting the Board meeting.

Chancellor’s Report. Chancellor Pattenaude commented that the UMS has much on its agenda and there is a great deal to consider as the System plans for the months and years ahead. He stated that he appreciates the Chair’s sense of urgency about the issues and the System will be working to
focus on those items. The System has good people working hard and making progress and the System needs to stay focused and evaluate our progress. A new president will be appointed to the University of Maine who will bring experience and vision to help meet those challenges. The strategic plan for UMA, tenure nominations, changes in academic programs, and an investment in facilities will all be approved by the Board at the meeting today. There is a great deal of good work going on and much work to be done but there are concerns and if the System does not address those challenges they will engulf us.

Enrollments have slightly declined and financial aid continues to be a challenge particularly in the amount of loan level. The UMS continues to have financial pressures on our operation and has a need to accelerate program change. The System will to continue to ask difficult and challenging questions and will continue to address these tough issues but the UMS has the right people doing the work.

The Human Resources and Labor Committee submitted a recommendation for the President for the University of Maine. Chancellor Pattenaude thanked Dr. Robert Kennedy, President at the University of Maine, for his dedication and leadership to the System and expressed his appreciation to President Kennedy who will be assisting with the transition for Dr. Paul Ferguson who will begin as President on July 1, 2011. The UMS looks forward to Dr. Ferguson’s leadership and the campus and community are ready to welcome him and his family to Maine.

Committee Reports/Action.

Academic & Student Affairs Committee – Trustees Hood & Johnson reported that the Committee agreed to forward to the Consent Agenda the following items: UMA Strategic Plan, University College of Bangor Name Change, UMA Permanent Academic Reorganization and Tenure Nominations for 2011. The Committee also discussed the Academic Program Suspensions for UM and UMM.

Finance/Facilities Committee - Trustee Fournier reported that the Committee met on February 11, 2011 and agreed to forward to the Consent Agenda the following items: Lease of University College – Saco Center, Renovation to Bailey Hall at USM, Increased Authorization of Data Center Upgrades at UMS, and the Delegation of Board of Trustee Authority to the Finance/Facilities Committee and Change to Board Policies 801 & 802. The Committee agreed at this meeting to forward to the Consent Agenda the following items: Internal Loan for UMA and the Preble-Ricker Hall and Ricker Addition Energy Upgrade Phase II at UMF. The Committee also received a Financial Update and a Facilities Update.

Human Resources and Labor Relations Committee - Trustee Medd reported that the Committee agreed to forward to the Consent Agenda the Appointment of Dr. Paul Ferguson, President at the University of Maine and the Appointment of Daniel Gunn, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs at UMF. The Committee received an update on the Comprehensive Presidential Reviews for the Presidents at UMA and USM.

Technology and Audit Committees – Trustee Collins reported that the Audit & Technology Committees met on February 17, 2011 and agreed to forward to the Consent Agenda the Approval of New Board Policy 901: Information Security. The Committee also reviewed and discussed the Information Security Plan, the Data Center Update, and approved the KPMG External Audit Services Proposal for FY2011.
Consent Agenda. On a motion by Trustee Fournier, which was seconded by Trustee Goodman, the following recommendations were unanimously approved by the Board:

Approval of the Board Meeting Calendar for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013. The Board of Trustees approved the Board of Trustees meeting calendar for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013, as presented.

Appointment of the Trustee Nominating Committee. The Board of Trustees authorized the Chair to appoint members of the Board of Trustees to the Trustee Nominating Committee. The following Trustees were appointed to the Trustee Nominating Committee: Kevin McCarthy, Chair; Eleanor Baker and Michelle Hood.

FY2012 Endowment Distribution Rate. The Board of Trustees approved the Endowment Distribution Rate of $12.69255 per share for FY2012.

Updated Investment Committee Charge. The Board of Trustees approved the Updated Investment Committee Charge.

Confirm Student Representative to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees approved the appointment of the Student Representative to the Board of Trustees, as presented. Ms Brianna Hughes was appointed as the Graduate Student Representative from UM.

Appointment of President at University of Maine. The Board of Trustees appointed Paul W. Ferguson as President of the University of Maine for a two-year term effective July 1, 2011 at an annual salary of $250,000 plus potential annual performance-based pay of $20,000.

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

Daniel Gunn, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs, UMF

Internal Loan, UMA. The Board of Trustees approved an internal loan in the amount of $1.0 million to finance a portion of the UMA College Center project.

UMA Strategic Plan. The Board of Trustees approved the University of Maine at Augusta Strategic Plan as presented.

University College of Bangor Name Change. The Board of Trustees approved the recommendation to change the name of the University College of Bangor to the University of Maine at Augusta – Bangor (UMA Bangor).

UMA Permanent Academic Reorganization. The Board of Trustees made permanent the interim academic reorganization of the University of Maine at Augusta that was presented to the Board on July 12, 2010.

Tenure Nominations 2011. The Board of Trustees approved the recommendations for tenure submitted by the universities of the University of Maine System in 2011. Approvals will take effect September 1, 2011.
Preble-Ricker Hall and Ricker Addition Energy Upgrade Phase II, UMF. The Board of Trustees authorized $2.2 million for Phase II of the Preble-Ricker Hall and Ricker Addition Energy Upgrade.

The following agenda items were forwarded by the Finance/Facilities Committee to the Consent Agenda from its meeting on February 11, 2011:

Lease for University College – Saco Center. The Board of Trustees authorized the University of Maine at Augusta to enter into a five year lease with Island Point, LP to lease approximately 10,000 gross square feet of fully renovated space in “Building 7” for use by the University College of Saco, subject to the review and approval by University of Maine System Vice Chancellor and Treasurer and University Counsel. The initial five-year lease will begin September 1, 2011 and conclude August 31, 2016 and will contain two five-year renewal terms. The initial base rent for the first year of the initial five year term will be $8.43 per square foot. The final terms, including rate, associated costs and other terms, shall be negotiated by the University of Maine at Augusta in the best economic interest of the University, subject to review and approval by the University of Maine System Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration and University Counsel.

Renovation to Bailey Hall, USM. The Board of Trustees authorized the University of Southern Maine to expend $1 million for the renovation and reconfiguring of Bailey Hall to improve access to Student Services.

Increased Authorization of Data Center Upgrades, UMS. The Board of Trustees authorized a $3.89 million increase in funding level to provide for the renewal and improvement of critical systems at the UMS data centers located at UM and USM to reduce vulnerabilities and improve the data center environment bringing the total project cost to $4.99 million.

Delegation of Board of Trustee Authority to the Finance/Facilities Committee and Change to Board Policies 801 & 802. The Board of Trustees approved the expanded delegation of authority to the Finance/Facilities Committee as well as amended Board Policies 801 & 802.

The following agenda item was forwarded by the Audit & Technology Committees to the Consent Agenda from its meeting on February 17, 2011:


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

- Update on Collective Bargaining
- Comprehensive Presidential Reviews
- Financial Update
- Facilities Update
Date of Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on May 22 & 23, 2011, at the University of Maine System Office.

Adjournment.

Ellen Doughty for
J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk