Meeting with Student Representatives


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

Update of Duties of the Student Representatives

Anastasia Alexis, USM and Brianne Hughes, Graduate Student at UM, presented the following goals FOR defining the duties of the Student Representatives to the Board of Trustees:

- Improve efficacy of Student Representatives in conjunction with the Board Policy Manual Section 205
- To ensure Student Representatives are meeting Board expectations

An outline of duties compiled from multiple student government constitutions within the UMS is as follows:

- Attend bimonthly UMS Board of Trustees meetings
- Be familiar with the nature, needs and concerns of their students bodies
- Be familiar with the nature and process of decision making in the System
- Act as a liaison between the Board and their respective Student Governments
- Advocate in the best interest of the students who are enrolled at their respective campuses
- Provide reports of Board meetings to their respective student governments
- Serve as a non-voting member of the committee to which they have been appointed
- Meet any additional expectations of their respective student governments

Trustee Collins commented that the student representatives are also advocates on behalf of the UMS. Trustee Medd added that the student representatives are change agents and they educate the Board on issues of importance. Chancellor Pattenaude suggested a fact book or training manual and orientation session would be beneficial for the new student representatives. Trustee Newsom suggested adding discussion topics to the agenda for the Student Representatives meeting.
Campus Updates

Katie Foster, UM
- Five UM students have been admitted to the advanced placement medical school at Tufts University.

Jeffrey Rhoads, UMPI
- UMPI has built a “disc golf” course and the course will be completed shortly.

Brianne Hughes, Graduate Student, UM
- UMaine Graduate Student Government met with Commissioner Bowen to discuss the K-12 Outreach Program which will place graduate students into the classrooms as volunteers.

Questions/Topics for future meetings

Trustee Hood asked the Students Representatives to review the past several meeting minutes to answer some of the questions the Trustees have asked. Trustee Fournier asked for the student perspective on indicators and outcomes for evaluating academic quality. Trustee Collins asked for the students’ perspective on the declining residence hall occupancy rates on the campuses. Chancellor Pattenaude asked the student what they think of on-line courses and that they share their experiences. He also asked what programs or certifications that would be beneficial to the state that UMS currently does not offer.

Adjournment.

Ellen Doughty for
J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk