

University of Maine System
Board of Trustees
at the University Maine System

October 31, 2011
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Trustee Affairs Committee

Present: **Committee Members:** Victoria Murphy, Chair; Sam Collins (by phone), Tamara Grieshaber, Michelle Hood (by phone), and Bonnie Newsom. **Other Trustees:** Benjamin Goodman and Karl Turner. **Chancellor:** Richard Pattenaude. **University Presidents:** Selma Botman (by Polycom), Paul Ferguson, Allyson Handley (by phone), Wilson Hess (by Polycom), Cynthia Huggins, Theodora Kalikow, and Donald Zillman (by Polycom). **System Staff:** Kelley Wiltbank and Rebecca Wyke.

Absent: Marjorie Medd and Paul Mitchell

Trustee Murphy called the meeting to order.

Dialog with the Presidents

The Trustee Affairs Committee and the Presidents had a dialog on issues involving the delivery of System-wide Services, various tuition models, transfer credits, graduation rates, State Appropriation formula, benchmarking the size of the workforce and productivity and remediation.

Committee Discussions

The Committee further discussed issues outlined in the Governor's letter of September 19, 2011 and the UMS response to that letter.

The consensus of these discussions is attached in the following action items document.

Conversation on UMS Board Communication

The Committee discussed the Public Meeting Law and the recent clarifying changes regarding interaction of public officials outside of a public meeting from the last Legislative session. Bylaw amendments were also discussed to allow participation by interactive technology for Board meetings.

Currently Standing Committees may meet through interactive technology while it may only be used during a Board meeting where a Trustee "is prevented by a serious medical condition which makes it inadvisable or impossible to attend the meeting." The Trustee Affairs Committee is proposing the Bylaws be amended to allow Trustees to participate in Board meetings by interactive technology for exceptional reasons.

Adjournment

Ellen Doughty for
J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk

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Assignments

- Presidents Kalikow and Hess will compile an analysis for a pilot program for a “block tuition model” which would include UMFK, UMF & UMM.
- By the fall 2012 UMS should have pilot projects in place for as many campuses as possible for the following three tuition models:
 - Block tuition – one tuition rate per semester based on 15 credit hours which increases the incentive for students to take 15 credits versus 12 credits in order that they progress to graduation more quickly.
 - Set price – monthly price
 - Freeze tuition – tuition is established for the 1st year of a student’s enrollment and would be guaranteed to remain at that level for four years.
- President Zillman stated UMPI is willing to reduce tuition comparable to community college tuition level.
- President Huggins stated that UMM could mandate a 120 credits limit by next fall.
- President Botman will document what the UMS has currently in place for the “no penalty transfer” and spearhead the development of a System-wide policy.
- Presidents Botman and Handley will compile ideas for course credit based upon prior learning assessments.
- President Hess will pursue the costs for each campus to hire more student advisors.

Trustee Murphy asked the presidents to submit to her by email the following items:

- Three priorities for the UMS
- Recommendations regarding the central office and System-wide Services
- Ideas for collaborative efforts among campuses