Meeting with Student Representatives


Absent: Stephen Bowen, Michelle Hood, and Kevin McCarthy.

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

Answers to Questions Posed at the September Board Meeting

Update to Chancellor regarding the need for a Student Representative Chair
The Student Representatives are still discussing the option of appointing a Chair for their group and will report back to the Board at a future meeting.

Update on Student Representative Training and Creation of a Training Manual
A Student Representatives Orientation Session has been scheduled for December 6th. The students will participate by Polycom with the System Senior Staff. This session will provide an open dialog on System and Board Operations.

Campus Poll Discussion
Brianna Hughes, Graduate Student Representative from UM, and Anastasia Alexis, Student Representative from USM, distributed the Student Representatives Campus Poll results. The Student Representatives developed the poll questions based on questions raised by the Board. The Poll was randomly distributed to 50 students from the four participating campuses (UM, USM, UMA and UMFK). The Poll questions focused on student age, full-time or part-time status, resident or commuter student, why the student chose to live on-campus or off-campus, meal plans, financial aid, on-line courses, and what is the best tool to evaluate academic quality.

The Poll results were discussed with the Board and Brianna and Anastasia provided the feedback comments from several of the questions. The Board thanked the Student Representatives for their efforts to compile the information and felt it was a very useful tool. The Board requested a copy of the comments students provided on the survey.

Mary-Elizabeth McAdams, the newly appointed Student Representative from UMM, indicated she would be willing to distribute the poll on her campus.
Campus Updates

Brianne Hughes, Graduate Student, UMaine
- Graduate Student Expo at UMaine on April 12 & 13, 2012
  - The Expo will be expanded to include all of the other campuses and undergraduate students.
  - Graduate Student Government hopes to increase the number of graduate student awards presented at the Expo and wanted to know if the Board of Trustees is interested in presenting an award of its own. A suggestion would be a “Leadership in Your Field Award”.

Adjournment.

Ellen Doughty for
J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk