Meeting with Faculty Representatives


Trustee Collins welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Robert Rice, UMaine
- He questioned the timing of the Request for Qualifications for the Performance Based Funding Formula and asked if it would be more appropriate to wait until the new Chancellor is in place.
  - Trustee Collins responded by stating that the current Chancellor and the new Chancellor will be involved in the process. He stated it is important to start the process because the proposed schedule will take several months. The Finance/Facilities Committee is targeting to have information to report back to the Board at the May Board meeting.
- He questioned the use of external consultants versus using internal expertise from the campuses.
  - Trustee Hood stated that it is important to assess internal expertise but sometimes it is appropriate to remove the study from internal review.
  - Trustee Baker suggested that the RFQ’s be posted on the website to alert the campus community in case there is an individual who is qualified.

Ray Albert, UMFK
- He asked if the Board of Trustees meeting materials could be available on-line.
  - Mr. Dick Thompson, Chief Information Officer, stated that the System is currently pursuing different types of e-governance models for Board materials.
  - Mr. Thompson also mentioned that the System has selected new audio technology equipment for the Board room which will replace the current microphones and improve sound quality and clarity in all discussions.

Kim-Ann Perkins, UMPI
- Provided statistics and information on the UMS faculty data (Sightlines style report)
Christopher Bates, UMA

- Suggest the Faculty Representatives be included in any off-cycle meetings or sessions on academic affairs and planning.
  - Trustee Johnson agreed.

Adjournment.

Ellen Doughty for
J. Kelley Witbank, Clerk