Meeting with Faculty Representatives


Trustee Collins welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Robert Rice, UMaine
- He extended thanks to Chancellor Pattenaude for his leadership and service to the University of Maine System and welcomed to Dr. James Page.
- He expressed concern that the faculty representatives on Board Committees are not aware of their Committee’s agenda items until the board books are released. He asked Committee Chairs to be more commutative as the agendas are prepared.
- He thanked the Student Representatives for raising the issue of advising. Good advising can greatly impact on recruitment and retention and faculty take advising students very seriously.

Valerie Hart, USM
- Faculty morale continues to be a problem and the faculty are continuing to work without a contract.
- Faculty are required to do more with less assistance.
- Faculty are under the impression that the funds are available for salary increases but the Board is hesitant to release the money to settle the collective bargaining contract.

Chris Bates, UMA
- Expressed appreciation to the Board for approving a tuition freeze but also asked the Board to be mindful that there are other fees that are charged to the students that can become challenging.
- Faculty morale is down and we don’t want that attitude to become contagious throughout the campus.
- He was pleased to state that UMA enrollments are up. It is in part due to the faculty and staff efforts and it’s nice to be recognized and rewarded for this effort.

Adjournment.

Ellen Doughty for
J. Kelley Witbank, Clerk