

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
Board of Trustees Meeting

at the University of Maine
March 19, 2012

Lunch Discussion

Present: Michelle Hood, Chair; Samuel Collins, Vice Chair; Kurt Adams, Eleanor Baker, Norman Fournier, Benjamin Goodman, Gregory Johnson, Marjorie Medd, Paul Mitchell, Victoria Murphy, Bonnie Newsom, Karl Turner, and Lyndel Wishcamper. **Chancellor:** Richard Pattenaude. **University Presidents:** Selma Botman, Paul Ferguson, Allyson Handley, Wilson Hess, Cynthia Huggins, Theodora Kalikow, and Donald Zillman. **System Staff:** Tracy Bigney, James Breece, John Lisnik, Ryan Low, Peggy Markson, Rosa Redonnett, Kelley Wiltbank and Rebecca Wyke.

Absent: Stephen Bowen, Tamara Grieshaber and Kevin McCarthy.

President Wilson Hess led a discussion on the public university system's role in Economic Development.

There is a significant role for public universities in attracting and keeping industry, creating jobs and growing our economy beyond workforce development but it raises important questions. How do we value their worth as part of the university mission? How do we deploy scarce resources across our campuses to accomplish these economic development functions? Can we establish outcomes which measure their contributions?

Adjournment.

Ellen Doughty for
J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk