Academic Affairs Committee Meeting


Committee Members Absent: Tamera Grieshaber.

Trustee Johnson called the meeting to order.

UMF Reaccreditation. Trustee Johnson explained that he, Trustee Medd, Trustee Hood and the Chancellor participated in the University of Maine at Farmington’s New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. (NEASC) reaccreditation on March 4 & 5, 2012. President Kalikow and her staff performed very well and it was an enjoyable experience to be part of the reaccreditation process. Trustee Hood stated she also spent time on the phone with the reaccreditation team. She indicated it was a great experience and the team asked interesting and probing questions regarding the Board’s role in oversight of the campus and the NEASC team was very complimentary of President Kalikow and her staff.

Board of Trustees Policy # 307 Change – Academic Student Suspension. Dr. James Breece, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, explained that the campus Registrars have proposed, and the Chief Academic Officers endorsed, a change to the Board of Trustees Policy # 307 – Admission/Readmission of Students. The proposed change would allow each university’s admissions office to decide whether to admit students who have been academically suspended or dismissed from another UMS institution. The current policy requires that those students not be admitted until the conditions established for the termination of the suspension or dismissal at their current campus have been met, or students are granted permission from the suspending institution to attend another UMS university.

Since almost all of the students are granted permission to matriculate after petitioning the suspending institution, this policy change more accurately reflects current practice and would make the process more efficient and easier on the students. Often students will thrive at one institution after struggling academically at another, so this policy change will benefit those students.

On a motion by Trustee Medd, which was seconded by Trustee Newsom, the Academic Affairs Committee agreed to forward the recommendation to the Consent Agenda.

New Academic Program: B.A. in Tourism and Hospitality – USM. Dr. Breece explained that USM proposed the creation of an interdisciplinary Bachelor of Arts Degree in Tourism and Hospitality. This program, created with support from representatives of the tourism and hospitality industry, as well as lawmakers and state officials, will create leaders in Maine who can think...
creatively, develop innovative products and services, and understand the immediate and long-range issues in the field. This program will have statewide reach through collaborations with other UMS universities, the Maine Community College System, and the tourism and hospitality industry in the state.

This program will meet the state’s need for a comprehensive program in tourism and hospitality education, a need expressed by the travel industry to university and state officials, and recently reflected in a resolve passed by the Maine State Legislature. Budget projections show that program revenue will exceed expenses by the second year, and the program will be funded primarily through tuition revenue, supplemented by corporate partner contributions, research grants and contracts, conference registration and sponsorship fees, and other sources.

On a motion by Trustee Medd, which was seconded by Trustee Newsom, the Academic Affairs Committee agreed to forward the recommendation to the Consent Agenda.

**New Academic Program: A.S. in Physical Therapist Assistant – UMPI.** Dr. Breece explained the UMPI proposed the creation of an Associate of Science degree in Physical Therapist Assistant. This two-year degree is structured to prepare graduates for a national certification examination and state licensure to practice as a physical therapist assistant. According to data from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, demand for physical therapy assistants is expected to grow faster than average because of increasing demand for physical therapy services. This program is expected to meet 100% of the PTA employment needs in Aroostook County.

The creation of this program would require some new personnel, renovation, and equipment; a portion of which are covered with an award from the Strategic Investment Fund. Tuition revenue will cover salary and benefit expenses by the second year with a minimum of 12 students enrolled. This would be the only program of its type within the UMS.

On a motion by Trustee Hood, which was seconded by Trustee Medd, the Academic Affairs Committee agreed to forward the recommendation to the Consent Agenda.

**Executive Session**
On a motion by Trustee Medd, which was seconded by Trustee Hood, the Academic Affairs Committee went into Executive Session under the provisions of 1 MRSA Section 405 6 A for the purpose of discussing personnel issues.

On a motion by Trustee Medd, which was seconded by Trustee Newsom, the Academic Affairs Committee concluded the Executive Session.

**Tenure Nominations for 2012**
On a motion by Trustee Medd, which was seconded by Trustee Newsom, the Academic & Student Affairs Committee agreed to forward the following 2012 Tenure Nominations to the Consent Agenda for action. Approvals will take effective September 1, 2012.

**The University of Maine**
- **Laura Artesani**, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Jeffrey G. Benjamin**, College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture
- **Victoria Susan Bennett-Armistead**, College of Education and Human Development
Stephen M. Coghlan, Jr., College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture
Julie N. DellaMattera, College of Education and Human Development
Thane E. Fremouw, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Christopher C. Gerbi, College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture
Kirsten E. Jacobson, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Shaleen Jain, College of Engineering
Michael Lang, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Robert J. Lilieholm, College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture
Brian J. McGill, College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture (Recommended for tenure one year early)
Patricia A. Poirier, College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture
Terry B. Porter, College of Business, Public Policy, and Health
Justin Wolff, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Gregory Zaro, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT AUGUSTA
Terry D. Adams, College of Professional Studies
Robert Kellerman, College of Arts and Sciences
Christopher R. Lage, College of Arts and Sciences
Peter Precourt, College of Arts and Sciences
Jodi C. Williams, College of Professional Studies

THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT FARMINGTON
Beth V. Hatcher, Division of Inclusive Early Childhood and Elementary Education
Karol Maybury, Division of Inclusive Secondary and Health Education
Theresa Overall, Division of Inclusive Secondary and Health Education

THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT FORT KENT
Doris M. Metz, Division of Education

THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT MACHIAS
The University of Maine at Machias has no candidates for tenure in 2012.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT PRESQUE ISLE
The University of Maine at Presque Isle has no candidates for tenure in 2012.

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE
Dana A. Kerr, College of Management and Human Service
Amarpreet Kohli, College of Management and Human Service
Andrea Stairs, College of Management and Human Service
Elizabeth Turesky, Lewiston-Auburn College
Michelle Vazquez Jacobus, Lewiston-Auburn College

Adjournment.

Ellen Doughty for
J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk