Student Affairs Committee Meeting


Committee Members Absent: None

Trustee Grieshaber, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Student Conduct Code: Three Year Revision. Mr. Stephen Nelson, Director of Community Standards for USM updated the Committee on the revisions to the Student Conduct Code. The UMS Student Conduct Code applies to the entire University of Maine System. As mandated by Board policy, the Code is reviewed and updated every three years, and is ultimately approved by the Board of Trustees.

The process begins in the fall semester when all Student Conduct Officers are invited to submit revisions. Late last year, the US Department of Education Office of Civil Rights issued a Dear Colleague Letter (DCL) on the topic of sexual harassment and sexual assault. Due to the substance of that letter, this triennial review needed to also ensure that the Code was in compliance with Title IX. As the Conduct Officers conducted their review, the Title IX Coordinators from each campus also reviewed the Code and the proposed changes to ensure that the UMS was in full compliance with Title IX and DCL. The Conduct Code Review Board, comprised of the conduct officer and two members from each campus, legal counsel, a System representative and the Chair of the Board Student Affairs Committee, met on April 24 to finalize the updating of the Student Conduct Code.

Trustee Hood raised a couple of minor corrections to the Student Conduct Code revision. Mr. Nelson thanked Trustee Hood and indicated the corrections will be incorporated into the final document.

On a motion from Trustee Medd, which was seconded by Trustee Collins, the Student Affairs Committee agreed to forward to the Consent Agenda the recommendation to accept the proposed changes to the Student Conduct Code, as amended.

Adjournment.