

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
Board of Trustees Meeting

at the University of Maine at Presque Isle
November 4, 2012

Meeting with Student Representatives

- Present:** Samuel Collins, Chair pro tem; Norman Fournier, Vice Chair, pro tem; Stephen Bowen, James Erwin, Tyler Hadyniak, Gregory Johnson, Marjorie Medd, Victoria Murphy, Bonnie Newsom, and Karl Turner. **Chancellor:** James H. Page. **Student Representatives:** Colin Buttarazzi, Katherine Crepeau, Brianna Hughes, Mary-Elizabeth McAdams, Jeffrey Rhoads, Matthew Roy, Shawn Staples, and Melinda Torrens. **University Presidents:** Paul Ferguson, Kate Foster, Allyson Handley, Wilson Hess, Cynthia Huggins, Theodora Kalikow, and Linda Schott. **System Staff:** Tracy Bigney, Ryan Low, Peggy Markson, Mark Schmelz, David Stevens, Rosa Redonnett, Kelley Wiltbank, and Rebecca Wyke.
- Absent:** Kurt Adams, Eleanor Baker, Michelle Hood, Mark Gardner, Kevin McCarthy, and Paul Mitchell.

Trustee Collins called the meeting to order and welcomed the Student Representatives.

The Student Representatives meeting was chaired by Brianna Hughes, Graduate Student Representative from UMaine and Matthew Roy from UMF was the facilitator for the meeting. Brianna Hughes commented that in addition to the items listed on the agenda the Student Representatives are also working on a System-wide Student Government Leadership Group. The Student Representatives are hoping to schedule a meeting in the spring with the campus Presidents, Vice Presidents and Student Representatives to the Board of Trustees for a summit. Another initiative they are working on is a System-wide events calendar to increase collaboration from campus to campus.

Internship/Experiential Learning Percentage by Campus

The Student Representatives followed-up on the question raised by Trustee Collins during the September Board meeting regarding what percentage of students are taking advantage of the internships and experiential learning opportunities at each campus. The Student Representatives reported the data from each campus as follows:

UMF

- Approximately 60% of all undergraduate students have some type of internship or experiential learning experience incorporated into their programs.
- UMF's Education Department and the Community Health Department have a requirement that all students that graduate have some type of experiential learning incorporated.

UM

- A total campus wide percentage is not known, however, many departments require internships or experiential learning.
- UM would like to have more on-campus opportunities for internships/experiential learning and promote these opportunities so more students take advantage of them.
- There are many initiatives being developed through the Blue Sky Project.
- UM is also pursuing using Graduate Students as mentors for undergraduate students for research projects.

UMPI

- It was difficult to determine a campus-wide percentage because these opportunities are organized at the departmental level.
- The internship and experiential learning opportunities offered by UMPI are always full.
- UMPI is currently focusing on increasing the off-campus opportunities by using members of their Board of Visitors as community contacts.

UMA

- It was difficult to determine a campus-wide percentage.
- The Deans at UMA were open to the idea of increasing these opportunities as long as there is a proper infrastructure in place.
- UMA has an Internship Coordinator in the Business Department whose role is to coordinate internships.

Online Evaluations (Course and Advisor):

UM

- Brianna Hughes and Colin Buttarazzi met with AFUM and administrative leadership regarding the online evaluations which will be implemented on a department by department basis. A common form will be developed but each department can customized the form as needed.
- Brianna Hughes and Colin Buttarazzi are developing a survey to be distributed to students on evaluations of advisors.

Campus Updates

Matthew Roy - UMF

- The President has been doing Question & Answer sessions at each residence hall.
- UMF is swapping its Food Services Director with USM.
- UMF student activity fee will be increased.
- UMF recently had a senatorial candidate breakfast, which went very well.

Brianna Hughes, Graduate Student Rep. - UM

- James Boprie, alum of UMaine, is now working for the Foster Center for Student Innovation. The Innovation Engineering program has sent him to Montenegro where he is working with the Ambassador to develop a comprehensive Innovation Engineering program throughout that country.
- A total of \$3400 was awarded in grants for graduate students.
- The Graduate Student Expo is scheduled for March 28 & 29, 2013.

Jeff Rhoads - UMPI

- UMPI organized a “pet play day”, sponsored by the Student Senate, which was well received.
- UMPI coordinated a haunted house for Halloween with food donations as the entrance fee which were then provided to a local food pantry.
- UMPI raised \$1000 for the Purple Pinkie Project. This project's initiatives are to help raise awareness of Polio with the hopes of eradicating this disease.

Melinda Torrens, Graduate Student Rep. - USM

- All is going well on campus.

- USM will be nominating a new undergraduate Student Representative to the Board of Trustees.

Katherine Crepeau - UMFK

- The UMFK Student Government has been invited to an Alliance Conference at St. Anselm College in New Hampshire on November 16-18 and five students from UMFK will be attending.
- UMFK has a 97% pass rate in their Nursing Program for NCLEX examination that measures the competencies needed to perform safely and effectively as a newly licensed, entry-level nurse.

Mary-Elizabeth McAdams – UMM

- Mary-Elizabeth introduced the new Student Representative from UMM, Jacob Snyder.

Topics for Next Meeting

Katherine Crepeau asked if the Board would like feedback from the Student Representatives on the following projects:

- Transfer Credit Project
- Campus housing – ideas on how to improve housing on the campuses
- Encourage more dialog and interaction between the Student Representatives and the Trustees.
- The Student Representatives will appoint a mentor for each new Student Representative.

Adjournment.

Ellen Doughty for
J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk