Meeting with Student Representatives

Present:  Michelle Hood, Chair; Samuel Collins, Vice Chair; Kurt Adams (by phone), Eleanor Baker, James Erwin, Norman Fournier (by phone), Mark Gardner, Tyler Hadyniak, Marjorie Medd, Victoria Murphy, Kevin McCarthy, and Paul Mitchell (by phone).


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 Katerine Crepeau from UMFK was the facilitator for the meeting. Ms. Hughes commented that the Student Representatives are starting the Shadow Program again. Each student representative will be entitled to have another student from their campus shadow them for the Board meeting. This program encourages other students from their campus to attend the Board meetings to learn about the process. This will allow more students to be aware of the responsibilities of the Student Representatives during the Board meeting as well as the responsibilities on campus. They feel this is particularly important as the Student Representatives’ terms are ending. Ms. Hughes explained another initiative the Student Representatives have started which is a Mentorship Program within the Student Representatives team. They will assign a senior Student Representative to work with a new Representative to be available for assistance. The Student Representatives have developed a manual which will be passed on to the new representatives to help with the transition.

A student leadership summit is being planned for the purpose of sharing resources and ideas in a collaborative environment. This may be scheduled around the May or July Board meeting. More information will be available at the next Board meeting.

Ms. Crepeau reported that the Student Representatives have discovered there are more internships and experiential learning experiences on and off campus then they originally reported. She also reported that the Student Representatives have reviewed the information distributed on the Outcomes Based Funding Model, the Credit Transfer Initiative and the Adult Baccalaureate Completion/Distance Education (ABCDE) Committee and they agree and support those initiatives.

Campus Updates

Colin Buttarazzi, UM
  - UMaine Student Government has elected its new Executive Board and those officers are now in place.
  - UMaine is testing a new software program for its student government called “OrgSync”. This will link all of the student organizations, Greek Life, and residence halls to interconnect
all of the student life groups together. It is anticipated that it will be implemented by the end of this semester.

Jacob Snyder – UMM
- UMM is currently searching for a Director of Student Life. Interviews have been completed and they are in the process of selecting their final candidate.

Alex Greenlee – USM
- USM has a new no tobacco policy on campus and due to the great signage and the cold temperature there has been a significant decrease in tobacco usage on campus.

Shawn Staples – UMA
- UMA also has a new no tobacco policy on campus with a soft rollout for this semester and full enforcement by next semester.

Andrew Carlson – UMF
- UMF student government is in the process of submitting a proposal to President Foster to increase the student activity fee to $15.00 per semester.

Brianna Hughes, Graduate Student Rep. - UM
- The UMaine Graduate program currently has the most degrees awarded for students enrolled in the last decade.
- The Graduate Student Expo is scheduled on March 28 & 29, 2013. This Expo will showcase students’ research projects.

Katherine Crepeau - UMFK
- UMFK also has a new no tobacco policy on campus.
- The Student Senate is trying to get more students engaged by hosting a “meet and greet” event.

**Topics for Next Meeting**
Chancellor Page asked the students for their input on what are their top priority items. He would like these ideas by February 10th so he can include these issues in his address to the Legislature on March 7th. Ms. Hughes offered to coordinate this information and forward it to the Chancellor.

Chancellor Page asked the Student Representatives for their feedback on the electronic Board Book materials. Several students indicated that they used the electronic materials and found it very useful. Shawn Staples from UMA stated he used the electronic material exclusively for this meeting and it worked very well. He also suggested providing the option for individuals to opt out of the paper copy of the Board Book.

Adjournment.

Ellen Doughty for
J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk