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

The Student Representatives meeting was chaired by Ms. Brianna Hughes, Graduate Student Representative from UMaine and Mr. Shawn Staples from UMA was the facilitator for the meeting. Ms. Hughes’ term in ending; therefore, the Student Representatives elected Mr. Staples as the new Chair of the Student Representatives. Mr. Staples thanked Ms. Hughes for her leadership, dedication and guidance.

**Mentorship Program Update.** Ms. Hughes stated that the Mentorship Program for the Student Representatives to the Board of Trustees is now in effect. The Mentorship Program is based on a senior Student Representative working with a newly appointed Student Representative to reduce the learning curve and provide confidence, and engagement for the new Representatives.

**Leadership Summit Update.** Ms. Hughes commented that the Student Representatives are still in the process of planning a Leadership Summit for the student leaders at each campus. More information will be available at the next Board meeting.

**Online Evaluations, Advisor Evaluation and Experiential Learning Updates.** Mr. Staples commented that each Student Representative will provide an update from their campuses on the online evaluations, advisor evaluation and experiential learning opportunities.

Shawn Staples – UMA
- A meeting will be set up with the faculty senate to discuss online evaluations.
- UMA is working on incorporating experiential learning as a requirement for a business degree.

Melina Torrens, Graduate Student - USM
- A meeting has been scheduled to review proposals from outside vendors to provide online evaluation services.
- Advisor evaluations are on hold until after the online evaluations are in place.

Alex Greenlee – USM
- A new staff member will be coordinating online evaluations and USM has a new student cabinet level position which will also focus on online evaluations.
Jeff Rhoads – UMPI
- Online evaluations are already in place at UMPI and good feedback has been received from the students and the faculty.
- The student government is working with the faculty assembly on the advisor evaluations.

Jacob Snyder - UMM
- UMM surveyed the students on their thoughts regarding online evaluation. The survey resulted in 33 students were against and 22 were in favor of online evaluations. The student explained their preference is the current culture of the paper evaluations.
- Residential Life developed a survey to gather feedback from the students. A great response was received (66 students) and very positive feedback.
- UMM is currently doing a food services survey and the results will be available in the near future.

Andrew Carlson - UMF
- Working with administration, students and faculty for the online evaluations and advisor evaluations.
- UMF is expanding its experiential learning program and has launched its first try at the co-curricular transcript which will look at students extracurricular activities such as clubs, sports, internships, and study abroad experiences. It is anticipated that this documentation will assist students with job searches.
- UMF has started a Partnership for Civic Advancement website which lists all of the internship opportunities available at UMF and the community.
- UMF hockey club won their league championship recently.

Colin Buttarazzi - UM
- The students are excited about the online evaluations and the faculty are cautiously optimistic as well. The students like online evaluations because it allows for more class time at the end of the semester.
- Advisor evaluations are on hold for now.
- The student government is allocating funding from its budget to develop scholarships for experiential learning opportunities. The reallocation of funding will be from an increase in the student activity fees, reallocation funds, and a decrease in stipends provided to student leadership officers.

Brianna Hughes, Graduate Student - UM
- The graduate students have been working closely with the President to move forward with the online evaluation. There is currently a draft form online and feedback will be received from the faculty senate.
- The graduate students are working with the Blue Sky Implementation Plan and developing a survey which will be tied to the application for graduation so they can capture data on their experiential learning experiences and career outcomes.
- The Grad expo is scheduled for March 28 & 29 and so far there are 120 submissions.
**Topics for Next Meeting.** The Student Representatives asked the Board for topics suggestions for the next Board meeting.

Trustee Collins asked the Student Representatives if they have any thoughts on why students select off campus housing. Is it because the UMS is not providing the correct package or proper housing?

Shawn Staples – UMA
- There is a culture shift for the students. Many students want to live off campus.

Jeff Rhoads – UMPI
- More students living at home and are commuting to campus.
- There are also more part-time students.
- Because of these two issues the campus has experienced a huge drop in student activities fees, which are paid only by full-time students in the residence halls.

Andrew Carlson – UMF
- A small survey was conducted at UMF to seek the reasons why the students are not living on campus. The results were: the students want to do their own cooking, the cost, the students want their own space and independence, and a culture shift. There were also suggestion changes to residence hall to include more suites, personal bathrooms, and more single rooms.

Jacob Snyder – UMM
- The students at UMM really like the double rooms that include two separate bedrooms and the students would like to see more units with that design.

Melinda Torrens – USM
- She has worked with commuter students and has worked in real estate environment. Her experience indicates there is a strong adult population who will not live in the dorms, students want pets, and many students have children and parents living with them.
- An option would be more family housing.
- Society is more independent and dorm life does not fit.
- Residence students are requirement to purchase meal plans and many do not want that option.
- Parents are also purchasing homes which the children rent instead of paying room and board to the university.

**Miscellaneous Issues**

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Trustee Collins presented Brianna Hughes a certificate of appreciation for her leadership and dedication to the University of Maine System as the Graduate Student Representative from the University of Maine.

Adjournment.

Ellen Doughty for
J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk