UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
at the University of Maine System  
May 30, 2013  

Finance/Facilities Committee

Present by Phone: Committee Members: Norman Fournier, Chair; Sam Collins, and Victoria Murphy.

Present by Polycom: Committee Members: Marjorie Medd and Karl Turner. System Staff: Chip Gavin and Rebecca Wyke. Other Attendees: Ellen Schneiter (UMA)

Present at UMS: System Staff: Kelley Wiltbank.

Committee Members Absent: Michelle Hood, Gregory Johnson, Tyler Hadyniak, and Paul Mitchell.

Trustee Fournier, Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Lease for University College, UMA. Ms. Rebecca Wyke, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration & Treasurer explained that the University of Maine at Augusta requested the approval of the Board of Trustees acting through the Finance and Facilities Committee to seek public competitive bids for space from which to operate the University College Center currently located in Saco.

UMA has renewed its search for such space since being informed in February by the owner that a previously proposed space approved by Trustees could not be renovated and occupied on the terms originally agreed. The updated information made the space approximately 70 percent more costly and the University was not willing to proceed.

The University subsequently identified several options in the marketplace at the current site and elsewhere. At this time, the University is recommending that it remain in the current location for an additional year and that public competitive proposals be solicited during the time to secure space to support operation for space at a location in Saco or elsewhere which best meets the needs of the University. If that process resulted in relocating the center, the University currently expects that relocation would occur in the summer 2014 timeframe.

This plan would allow the University to continue existing operations in the coming academic year without disruption, would have no adverse impact on current costs, would allow time to assess the current status of the Center’s operations and its anticipated future needs, and would help assure the University is choosing from among the best spaces at the best rates for any space it selects to occupy starting in the fall of 2014. The Board of Trustees on May 20 authorized the Committee to act on its behalf in this matter should the action of the Committee otherwise exceed the Committee’s authority.

On a motion by Trustee Collins, which was seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Finance/Facilities Committee agreed to authorize the University of Maine at Augusta to seek public, competitive bids for space from which to operate the University College Center currently located on Saco Island.

Adjournment.

Ellen Doughty for  
J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk