Policy Statement:

The Trustees endorse the concept of faculty and student access to the University System decision-making process to provide advice and opinions on matters of common interest, and to enhance communication and sense of community within the University of Maine System.

To create the environment for interaction among and between faculty and student representatives, the Trustees and System administration, the Trustees will provide opportunities for participation in the meetings of the committees of the Board.

One faculty member, one undergraduate student from each of the seven universities, one graduate student from the University of Southern Maine, and one graduate student from the University of Maine will be appointed by the Board as non-voting representatives to the Board of Trustees and invited to participate as non-voting members on the standing committees as indicated: Academic Affairs Committee (3 faculty members and 2 students); Student Affairs Committee (4 students and 1 faculty member); Finance/Facilities Committee (3 faculty members and 3 students); and Technology Committee. Academic & Student Affairs Committee and the Finance/Facilities & Technology Committee.

The faculty and student governing bodies at each university are charged to develop procedures through the institution's formal committee selection processes for the election of one member each as representatives to the Board of Trustees. Normally, the representative is expected to complete a two year term; therefore, it is an expectation that the minimum term of service by both faculty and student representatives to the Board be two years. The nominations will be forwarded through the Presidents to the Chancellor for submission to the Board for Trustee approval.

Related Documents:

Administrative Guidelines for Faculty and Student Representatives
Shared Governance Statement
Duties of the UMS Student Representatives to the Board of Trustees