

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM  
Board of Trustees Meeting

at the University of Maine System  
June 27, 2014

**Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting  
Conference Call**

**Present: Committee Members:** Gregory Johnson, Chair; Samuel Collins, James Erwin, Michelle Hood, Marjorie Medd, Paul Nelson, Bonnie Newsom and Karl Turner. **Chancellor:** James Page. **Presidents:** Allyson Handley and Cynthia Huggins. **Faculty Representatives:** Ray Albert and Cathleen McAnney. **Student Representatives:** Charles Rodda. **Staff:** Tracy Bigney, Susan Hunter, Rosa Redonnett, and Rebecca Wyke. **Others Present:** Dan Gunn – UMF.

**Committee Members Absent:** Paul Mitchell.

Trustee Johnson, Chair of the Academic & Student Affairs Committee, called the meeting to order. He congratulated Vice Chancellor Susan Hunter on her appointment as President at UM.

**UMF Bachelor of Arts in Outdoor Recreation Business Administration.** Dr. Dan Gunn, Provost, and Professor Cathleen McAnney from the University of Maine at Farmington, explained the proposal to create a B.A. in Outdoor Recreation Business Administration at UMF. This program would replace the current Interdisciplinary Studies concentration in the same area, which has been highly successful since its inception in the fall of 2010. This program will be delivered in the same fashion as the current concentration, so no additional resources will be required. The Committee recommended the program be promoted widely outside of the State of Maine.

On a motion by Trustee Newsom, which was seconded by Trustee Collins, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee agreed to forward the creation of a B.A. in Outdoor Recreation Business Administration program at UMF to the Consent Agenda at the July 21, 2014 Board of Trustees meeting for approval.

**UM Bachelor of Arts in Human Dimensions of Climate Change.** Vice Chancellor Susan Hunter explained that the University of Maine is proposing the creation of a B.A. in the Human Dimensions of Climate Change. Climate Change is a very important focus area in both research and education at the University of Maine and this degree would provide an opportunity for the university to attain national distinction for this innovative program. This program requires no additional fiscal or equipment resources and represents a program developed within the context of existing resources.

On a motion by Trustee Nelson, which was seconded by Trustee Medd, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee agreed to forward the approval the creation of a B.A. in the Human Dimensions of Climate Change at the University of Maine to the Consent Agenda at the July 21, 2014 Board of Trustees meeting for approval. Trustee Newsom abstained from the motion.

**Credit Transfer Steering Committee: Update.** Ms. Rosa Redonnett, Chief Student Affairs Officer updated the Academic and Student Affairs Committee on progress being made toward implementation of both the intra-system (within the UMS) component of this important work and the inter-system work with the Maine Community College System (MCCS). As has been discussed at recent Board meetings, the Credit Transfer Project is aimed at improving the college credit transfer process to make it easier for students to move among Maine's public universities and to transfer from the MCCS to the UMS and vice versa.

**ABCDE Update.** UMA President Allyson Handley, Chair of the Adult Baccalaureate Completion/Distance Education (ABCDE) Committee, presented a brief update on the Committee's activities. As identified within the Board of Trustees Goals and Actions and also within the UMS Strategic Enrollment Plan, the development of a comprehensive approach across our institutions to serving the non-traditional, adult students in Maine is a critical next step in our ongoing efforts to meet the needs of Maine's workforce, enhance economic development within the state, and, most importantly, provide the best opportunity for all of Maine's citizens to attain baccalaureate degrees.

The ABCDE Committee developed a comprehensive, System-wide plan to enhance baccalaureate degree attainment and completion by Maine's adult and non-campus based citizens; implementation of the recommendations is well underway with the recent announcement related to adult degree completion scholarships and our first professional development workshop for the concierges.

Adjournment

Ellen Doughty for  
Tracy B. Bigney, Clerk of the Board