

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
Board of Trustees Meeting

at the University of Maine System
September 23, 2013

Meeting with Faculty & Student Representatives

Present: Samuel Collins, Chair; Gregory Johnson, Vice Chair; Kurt Adams, James Erwin, Norman Fournier, Mark Gardner, Tyler Hadyniak, Marjorie Medd, Paul Mitchell, Victoria Murphy, Bonnie Newsom, and Karl Turner. **Chancellor:** James Page. **Faculty Representatives:** Ray Albert, Terry Colby, Andrea Ednie, Valerie Hart, Cathleen McAnney, Kim-Anne Perkins, and Robert Rice. **Student Representatives:** Colin Buttarazzi, Andrew Carlson, Alex Greenlee, Jaelyn Jacobson, Charles Rodda, Irene Levesque-Rowe, Jacob Snyder and Shawn Staples. **University Presidents:** Paul Ferguson, Kathryn Foster, Allyson Handley, Wilson Hess, Cynthia Huggins, Theodora Kalikow and Linda Schott. **System Staff:** Tracy Bigney, Tracy Elliott, Chip Gavin, John Lisnik, Ryan Low, Peggy Leonard, Rosa Redonnett, Mark Schmelz, David Stevens, Kelley Wiltbank, Miriam White, and Rebecca Wyke.

Absent: Eleanor Baker, Stephen Bowen, M. Michelle Hood and Kevin McCarthy.

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

Mr. Alex Greenlee, Student Representative from USM, presented a statement from the Student Body President and Vice President at USM regarding the collective bargaining negotiations with AFUM.

Engaging Faculty & Student Representatives in Board Discussion

Chancellor introduced the topic for better engaging the Faculty & Student Representatives in Board discussion through an open dialog with the aim of a more productive and open dialog. The following were some of the issues raised:

- The Representatives do not feel free to speak openly at Board of Trustees meetings.
- It was suggested that a facilitated discussion on particular higher education related topics (not policy issues) would be beneficial.
- With the Board Committee meetings being scheduled off cycle, there may be more opportunity for Representatives to have additional discussion.
- It was suggested that the Representatives be asked for their opinion.
- Recently the Representatives had been asked to delegate one or two of their members to sit at the Board table during a specific discussion. This was beneficial and it was suggested that this become a standard practice.
- The Representatives are the only ones reporting back to the faculty and students at their campuses so the more involved the Representatives are the more information will be disseminated on the campuses.
- The current campus updates provided by the Student Representatives could be included in the Board Books under a tab allowing more time during the meetings for other discussions.
- Sessions with the Representatives should not be around the board table.
- Discussion topic suggestion
 - The future of education – what will it look like in 5, 10, 15 etc. years?
 - How do we expand the idea of higher education for Maine?

- Shared governance – What are both the Board’s and the Representatives perspectives?
- Do students in the residence halls vote during elections?
- Data on the aggregate cost of attending higher education institutions including data for student debt and how to the students select their higher education institution?
- Scholarships
- Broad issue of recruitment and retention and how can the student and faculty help with recruitment and retention.

Trustee Collins thanked everyone for their participation and stated he will develop a subcommittee to work how to structure the dialog for the Faculty & Student Representatives’ session with the Board and a list of discussion topics for the remainder of FY2014.

Adjournment.

Ellen Doughty for
J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk