

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
Board of Trustees Meeting

Zoom Meeting
August 26, 2024

Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting

Present: Committee Members: David MacMahon; Chair, Roger Katz, Donna Loring, Emily Cain, Barbara Alexander, Kelly Martin **Presidents:** Joseph McDonnell, Jenifer Cushman, Leigh Saufley, Deb Hedeem, Jacqueline Edmonson, and Joan Ferrini-Mundy **Faculty Representatives:** Patrick Cheek, Ivan Manev, Lisa Leduc. **Student Representatives:** Tristan Mitchell. **System Staff:** Chancellor Malloy, Jeffrey St. John, Carolyn Dorsey, Ryan Low, Paul Chan, Heather Ball, Jamie Ballinger, Elizabeth Stickler **Provosts:** John Volin, Adam Tuchinsky, Kathy Yardley, Megan Walsh **Others Present:** Tim Doyle

Trustees Absent: Trish Riley, Valerie Landry, Pender Makin.

Trustee David MacMahon, Chair, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. The Clerk performed a roll call of the Committee members present.

Student Representative Discussion

The Board of Trustees Student Representatives brought forward discussion items relevant to their university communities and the University of Maine System with particular focus on student engagement on the campuses across the System.

Faculty Initiated Discussion

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board invites faculty-rank members of the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Trustees to bring forward discussion items relevant to their university communities and the University of Maine System. The Faculty Representatives, working in conjunction with Chair MacMahon, decided that the August 2024 ASA meeting topic would be student engagement.

The floor was opened for discussion with the Faculty Representatives, students and Provosts in attendance regarding student engagement across the system.

State of Transfer Report

As emphasized in the 2023-28 University of Maine System Strategic Plan, unified accreditation is "the mechanism through which our universities and law school are able to maximize resources and capitalize on opportunities for growth and collaboration."

This report serves to update the Academic and Student Affairs Committee on the current and future state of transfer conditions and initiatives within UMS, and aligns with multiple Actions and Goals in the Strategic Plan, including:

- Commitment 1, Action 5 *Strengthen Maine Community College System transfer pathways to UMS*
- Commitment 5, Action 1 *Remove barriers to transfer*

Vice Chancellor St. John and Director of Student Success and Transfer Initiatives Heather Ball provided an overview of the report, engaged the trustees in a discussion, and answered questions.

Multi-University Programs Report

As emphasized in the 2023-28 University of Maine System Strategic Plan, unified accreditation is "the mechanism through which our universities and law school are able to maximize resources and capitalize on opportunities for growth and collaboration."

Multi-university programs are at the core of unified accreditation. This report serves to update the Academic and Student Affairs Committee on the current and future state of these programs, and aligns with multiple Actions and Goals within the Strategic Plan.

Vice Chancellor St. John and Director of Academic and Enrollment Initiatives Jamie Ballinger provided an overview of the report, engaged the trustees in a discussion, and answered questions.

UMS Strategic Plan Updates

Vice Chancellor St. John updated the Committee on two recently completed strategic plan initiatives:

- Commitment 5, Action 3, Goal 3.7 *Updating time frames for academic program reviews*
- Commitment 2, Action 4 *Evaluating the effect of new academic programs on existing programs in the same field to ensure the continuing viability of all programs in that field*

2024-25 Academic and Student Affairs Work Plan

A work plan guiding the Committee's business is established annually to address action items required for System governance as well as topics of importance and interest to the Board. The work plan is a living document and will be updated as needed.

Vice Chancellor St. John reviewed the proposed 2024-25 work plan with the Committee.

Executive Session

On a motion by Trustee Alexander, which was seconded by Trustee Cain, and approved by a roll call vote of all Trustees present, the Academic & Student Affairs Committee agreed to go into Executive Session under the provisions of:

- 1 MRSA Section 405 6-A to discuss the evaluation of personnel and the consideration and discussion of appointments, evaluations, employment, and duties.

On a motion by Trustee Katz, which was seconded by Trustee Alexander, and approved by a roll call vote of all Trustees present, the Academic & Student Affairs Committee concluded the Executive Session.

Tenure at the time of hire, Associate Professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, UM

The University of Maine has asked that Dr. Michelle Moore be awarded tenure at the rank of Associate Professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders effective June 1, 2024, in accordance with Board Policy 310. Dr. Moore's credentials have been reviewed by the faculty of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders and received their full support.

On a motion by Trustee Alexander, which was seconded by Trustee Katz, and approved by a roll call vote of all Trustees present, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee approved the following resolution to be forwarded for Board of Trustee approval at the September 15-16, 2024, Board Meeting.

That the Board of Trustees accepts the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and approves tenure at the time of hire, Associate Professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, UM, effective June 1, 2024.

Tenure at the time of hire, Associate Professor in the Osher School of Music, USM

The University of Southern Maine has asked that Dr. Kyle Nielson be awarded tenure at the rank of Associate Professor in the Osher School of Music effective September 1, 2024, in accordance with Board Policy 310. Dr. Nielson's credentials have been reviewed by the faculty of the Osher School of Music and received their full support.

On a motion by Trustee Katz, which was seconded by Trustee Loring, and approved by a roll call vote of all Trustees present, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee approved the following resolution to be forwarded for Board of Trustee approval at the September 15-16, 2024, Board Meeting.

That the Board of Trustees accepts the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and approves tenure at the time of hire, Associate Professor in the Osher School of Music, USM, effective September 1, 2024.

Additional information about the meeting can be found on the Board of Trustees website: <https://www.maine.edu/board-of-trustees/meeting-agendas-materials/academic-and-student-affairs-committee/>

Adjournment,
Elizabeth Stickler, Clerk