

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
Board of Trustees

University of Maine System, Bangor
March 10, 2004

Strategic Planning Committee

Present: James Mullen, Chair; Gregory Cyr, Susan Gendron, Charles Johnson, Donald McDowell (via phone), Matthew Rodrigue, Wickham Skinner, and Margaret Weston. Chancellor Joseph Westphal. Staff: Tracy Bigney, James Breece, John Diamond, John Lisnik, Elsa Nuñez, Judy Ryan, Kelley Wiltbank, and Joanne Yestramski.

Trustee Mullen, Chair, convened the meeting and opened it with the following comments about the Board of Trustees Retreat held on February 24, 2004 and its ramifications on the Strategic Planning Initiative.

Outcome of retreat

The Plan beginning to be formulated was a good one

Principles on which it is based are valid

Directions being contemplated are appropriate

There was consensus on the underlying assumptions (i.e. demographics, budget, and financial gap)

Received wisdom from consultants

Kay Rand and Larry Benoit

Acknowledge many decisions still to be made

Need to devote attention to implementation

Good momentum – a lot to do

UMS needs to proceed at appropriate speed and on appropriate paths

Chancellor Westphal stated that he met with John Fitzsimmons of the Community College System and shared some ideas of the plan because he felt he needed to know the nuances of what the UMS plan would have on the Community College.

On a motion by Trustee Cyr, which was seconded by Trustee Johnson, the Committee went into Executive Session.

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Adjournment.

J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk