

University of Maine system  
Board of Trustees Meeting

Zoom Meeting  
May 11, 2023

### **Strategic Planning Committee Meeting**

**Present: Committee Members:** Emily Cain, Chair; Barbara Alexander, Donna Loring, Patricia Riley, Lisa Eames and Roget Katz. **Non-Voting Members:** Chancellor Dannel Malloy, William Otto. **Presidents:** Joan Ferrini-Mundy. **System Staff:** Ellen Doughty, Kayla Flewelling, Ryan Low, Jeffrey St. John, Carolyn Dorsey, Joan Ferrini-Mundy, Paul Chan and Kim Marie-Jenkins.

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

#### **Intent and Purpose of Today's Meeting**

The goal for this Committee is to send the strategic plan in its final draft to the full Board for their final review and ultimately their approval. In consideration of this committee meeting and all the voting and non-voting members, the Committee recognizes that a consensus of the final draft prior to presentation to the Board of Trustees at the May Board meeting would allow equitable representation of the feedback and work that all Committee members have dedicated to completing this plan.

#### **Final Feedback on the Final Draft of the Strategic Plan**

Discussion began with a brief review of the last round of feedback from internal and external stakeholders that has been received anonymously. It was noted that approximately 108 comments were received with numerous suggestions on goals stated in the plan, which is a sign of great engagement from the community.

Faculty who provided feedback noted that they appreciated the amount of detail in specific areas and goals and requested that continued detail be put into goals and timelines for implementation going forward, and that it appears that striking the balance between broad substance and details seemed agreeable to all who have engaged in the plan.

The timeline for campuses to submit updated goals and work on their strategic plans was discussed.

Committee members were very pleased to see language regarding the balanced budgets across the System.

#### **Next Steps for the Strategic Plan**

The Committee was reminded that after the Board meeting the plan would continue forward as the implementation process would begin at the time of the vote. The plan will continue to be discussed with this Committee moving forward.

In addition, a System-wide assessment committee has been established and will begin to help develop effective measurement tools for the progression of the plan throughout the summer that will also include members from the Institutional Research team.

### **Communication for the Strategic Plan**

The vital importance of the communication plan surrounding the progression of the strategic plan, which would serve to keep the plan as ‘alive’ for readers as possible as the work on the plan and the implementation will be ongoing was discussed.

The Committee noted that the communication would be extremely important to keep the community engaged and understanding the long-term vision for the System moving forward. Members discussed the dissemination of the strategic plan in both print and electronic form within a week of the board vote.

Additional information about the meeting can be found on the Board of Trustees website:

[Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Materials - University of Maine System](#)

Adjournment

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