

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM  
Board of Trustees Meeting

Zoom Meeting  
March 4, 2024

**Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting**

**Present: Committee Members:** David MacMahon; Chair, Roger Katz, Emily Cain, Barbara Alexander, Trish Riley, Kelly Martin **Presidents:** Joseph McDonnell, Ray Rice, Jenifer Cushman, Jacqueline Edmondson, Deb Hedeem, and Leigh Saufley **Faculty Representatives:** William Otto, Patrick Cheek, Clyde Mitchell, Lisa Leduc, Joseph Staples, Dmitry Bam **Student Representatives:** Olivia Britton, Aidan Mulrooney, Andrew Seile and Alec Brooks **System Staff:** Chancellor Malloy, Jeffrey St. John, Paul Chan, Carolyn Dorsey, Ryan Low, Jamie Ballinger, Elizabeth Stickler **Others Present:** John Volin, Joseph Szakas, Georita Frierson.

Trustee David MacMahon, Chair, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. The Clerk performed a roll call of the Committee members present. Chair of the Board Trish Riley appointed Trustee Roger Katz to the committee.

**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 the Status of Dining Services 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 March 2024 ASA meeting topic would be the post-pandemic experience.

The floor was opened for discussion with the Faculty Representatives and Provosts in attendance regarding the post pandemic experience.

**University of Maine at Farmington Program Name Change**

The University of Maine at Farmington Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies - Professional Studies was originally developed as a degree pathway for adult and returning learners. The program provides students an opportunity to pursue a general liberal arts education while also developing a career-oriented professional focus chosen in consultation with an advisor. The current program name, however, is not easily recognized by potential students, and is challenging for graduates to articulate to future employers. The proposed new name Bachelor of Arts in Professional Studies simplifies the naming convention and is more recognizable in the market. No curricular modifications accompany this name change.

**University of Maine Program Name Change**

The University of Maine School of Nursing must align its Master of Science in Nursing degree programs with new national accreditation standards and expectations set forth by its accreditor, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), no later than 2025. These

accreditation changes have prompted a faculty-led review of the current program. The University of Maine faculty have mapped the existing curriculum to the new CCNE accreditation standards, which demonstrated that the UM program aligns with the CCNE standards for a Nursing Leadership program.

### **Executive Session**

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

### **University of Maine System 2024 Tenure Nominations**

Candidates recommended for tenure in the University of Maine System are brought forward for approval by the Board of Trustees in April with action to take effect September 1, 2024. The following material and information are relevant to the tenure approval process:

*Items in italics are for Board of Trustees only in a supplemental publication.*

- Board Policy 310 - Tenure
- *Names of candidates for tenure for 2024, listed by institution*
- *Brief abstracts of candidates*
- Table 1: Tabular analysis of 2024 candidates
- Table 2: Summary of campus tenure promotions for 2024 and the previous five years
- Report on Tenure Statistics

On a motion by Trustee Riley, which was seconded by Trustee Martin, 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 April 7-8, 2024, Board Meeting.

That the Board of Trustees accepts the recommendations for tenure submitted by the Universities of the University of Maine System. Approvals will take effect September 1, 2024, for faculty with academic year appointments and on July 1, 2024 for faculty with fiscal year appointments.

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