Board of Visitors Meeting October 24, 2014

Present: Kate Foster, Wendy Ault, Fred Brittain, Jared Cash, Jerry Cayer, Shelby Childs, Becky Davis-Allen, Valerie Huebner, Lisa Laflin, Betty-Jane Meader, Mark Shibles, Myrna Vallette

Workshop on implementation of UMF 2020 – Fred Brittain, Chief Operating Officer

Fred Brittain presented the strategic plan’s implementation process, including the structure and composition of the teams, and the progress that has been made in each area so far. The work is overseen by the Planning Implementation Team (PIT), which consists of Mr. Brittain as Chair and eight members from various areas of the campus. Each specific strategy of the plan has its own team, with a PIT team member assigned to each team. Weekly PIT meetings are held and monthly reports generated to keep key campus stakeholders updated.

Handouts were provided on the three new Co-Labs, which are a group of courses organized around a theme with an emphasis on student projects. Members were very interested in the hands-on, collaborative approach and saw opportunities for more community engagement if the pilot is successful.

Information about the newly formed Alpine Operations Certificate program was shared. The Board was excited about the prospect of drawing out-of-state students back to the region by offering this program.

Chair’s Report – Jerry Cayer

Chair Cayer gave a special thank you to Becky Davis-Allen for her participation in a panel discussion on leadership at a recent student leadership retreat facilitated by the Partnership for Civic Advancement. The retreat was well attended and well received by students.

Nominations for Vice Chair resulted in unanimous approval of Lisa Laflin accepting the role.

Question 2 on the November ballot is an $8 million investment in the construction of a new animal/plant disease and insect control laboratory to be administered by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension. Given the strong focus that the System has on business and economic development, Question 2 will help advance that agenda. Materials were handed around, including a letter template to use when encouraging others to vote.

Due to lack of time, the asset mapping agenda item will be held until next time.

President’s Report – Kate Foster

Handout and discussion on UMF data, specifically budget shares by functional category. Members raised questions about the functionality and efficacy of the centralization of some areas, such as IT, both across the System and here at UMF.
Handout and discussion on dashboard indicators. Members expressed areas of interest that they would like to see updates on in future iterations of the dashboard. President Foster will restructure the dashboard to reflect the additional areas of interest.

**Upcoming meeting dates (confirmed):**
- **December 5, 2014** – 1:00 to 4:00pm, CR 123 (Olsen Student Center, first floor)
- **January 30, 2015** – begins at 11:45 with the All-Campus meeting in Lincoln Auditorium and then continues at 1:00 in North Dining Hall A
- **March 13, 2015** – 1:00 to 4:00pm, North Dining Hall A
- **May 22, 2015** – 1:00 to 4:00pm, North Dining Hall C
- **July 17, 2015** – 1:00 to 4:00pm, North Dining Hall A

**All-Campus Meeting Dates** – all held in Lincoln Auditorium
- **Friday, September 5, 2014** – 11:45 to 1:00
- **Friday, January 30, 2015** – 11:45 to 1:00 (will be combined with the regular BoV meeting)
- **Friday, April 10, 2015** – 11:45 to 1:00

Due to the change in meeting times, please note that lunch will not be served. Light refreshments will be available.