Board of Visitors Meeting December 5, 2014

Present: Kate Foster, Wendy Ault, Jared Cash, Jerry Cayer, Shelby Childs, Sharon Cullenberg, Becky Davis-Allen, Ray Glass, Alison Hagerstrom, Valerie Huebner, Lisa Laflin, Betty-Jane Meader, Vici Robinson, Mark Shibles, Myrna Vallette

Board of Trustees/Board of Visitors Summit
On November 14, President Foster and Betty-Jane Meader attended the summit between the Board of Trustees and the Boards of Visitors. The meeting included discussions about the System’s planned strategic outcomes and the importance of differentiation among the seven campuses. There was also discussion about ways that the Boards of Visitors can advocate for important System/university initiatives by contacting legislators, writing op ed pieces, and sharing information with colleagues and contacts.

Importance was placed at the summit on the review of a draft charter for the Board of Trustees/Boards of Visitors Executive Committee. The UMF Board approved the charter, with Valerie Huebner making a motion to accept and Becky Davis-Allen seconding. The charter will go before the Board of Trustees for final approval in January. Jerry Cayer is the UMF BoV representative.

President Foster gave a presentation on the UMS Academic Portfolio Review and Integration Process. This is the same presentation she provided to each of the seven campuses in her role as Chair of the Oversight Committee. The presentation spoke to the kinds of collaboration models being considered, why the time is right to take stock of our academic portfolios, how the process works, and the criteria used to identify the first programs to be reviewed. The sub-teams working on this process will include System administrators, presidents, staff, faculty, and students. BOV members are also included in the process.

President’s Report – Kate Foster

The Partnership for Civic Advancement has been successful in securing a multi-year grant from the Davis Education Foundation for roughly $108,000, and the Partnership has also been renewed for funding from the Bangor Savings Bank Foundation.

The Board of Trustees approved new sexual harassment policies and procedures at its last meeting. Now that it has been approved, there is campus-wide awareness and education being conducted for faculty, staff, and students.

The December meeting is Jared Cash’s last meeting since he has now taken on the role of Vice President for Enrollment at UMF. Congratulations were extended from members.

President Foster provided handouts detailing the FY 16 budget status and several sample approaches to how UMF might close its fiscal gap of approximately $1.8 million. The Board commented on the transparency of the document and how helpful it was to fully understanding what needs to be done in order to get the budget and the university where they need to be. The Board was invited to participate
in any of the three post-program review open campus sessions on December 8 to provide feedback and ideas to the President’s Council.

Closing Remarks – Jerry Cayer

Members were encouraged to provide feedback on meeting agenda/content and meeting dates and time to Jerry.

Members’ commitment and support of UMF was noted and appreciation of service acknowledged.

Jerry acknowledged that high school basketball season begins in earnest and looked forwarded to seeing everyone at local high school gymnasiums.

Happy Holidays!

Upcoming meeting dates:

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. Full lunch will be served at 1:00 since the meeting is longer than usual
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, 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