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Board of Trustees Update

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Board of Trustees Update

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Academic & Student Affairs Committee
- Significant discussion about the Academic Transformation Plan.
  - This item was slated to be first in the BOT meeting, and it was taken off the agenda.
- Undergraduate Enrollment is up 3.5% → 2012 & the same as last year
  - MBS is up 45% from 2012 and up 13% from last year
  - ENG is up 31% from 2012 and up 5% from last year
- Across the system this is not the trend.
  - UMaine teaches: 126,374 STE
    - Up 6% since 2012
  - All other system: 164,510 STE
    - Down 15% since 2012

Finance and Technology Meeting
- Initial budget deficit is $20M
- $3M Unallocated administrative savings (just sitting there)
- 2.3% increase in tuition and fees
- The Governor proposed an increase in our base budget of $2.3M This money will come to us like tuition.
- Passed at the BOT meeting.
Finance and Technology Meeting

$50M Bond has been approved
- $25M will go to pay back previous bonds
- $23M for the technology plan
  - IT Labor Study (some of this is covered with different money)
  - Wireless Technology Initiative
  - Classrooms for the Future
  - Mainestreet Modifications (some of this is covered with diff money)
- $2M will be used to take down a building at UMM


Finance and Technology Meeting

- Establishment of the Steven King Chair at UMaine ($1M- from Alfond foundation). This will be a national search.
- Bringing in a talented and dedicated scholar will help keep and revenue the creativity in the English Department.
- University of Maine will demolish the Kappa Sigma house (near the beta lot) and and build parting.

Investment Committee

- We are down $20M in 19 months. This is a combination of losses in the market and the fees we paid to loose these funds; discussion of divestment.
- I suggested that as a part of divesting we should raise parking fees.
  Because as I understand this- it is managed at the campus level- thus we could keep the money.
- But then I learned that our contract says Parking can not exceed $35
- Last year we paid $2M to loose $1M.
- Thoughts?
Chancellor Page’s Update

- UMS undergone major cuts; 900 less FTE’s than 6 years ago.
- UMS must look for efficiencies to enhance cost effectiveness.
- Portland Professional Project allocated an additional $500,000.
- Unified Online: has been put on hold, so this is delayed until May. Thus it is critical that we get that in our work in Faculty Senate.
- Academic Transformation: Chaffee Report has been put on hold.
- Beginning the search for the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs.

Chancellors Report

- Chancellor received so many questions about One University that he has appointed a special committee to operationalize (Trustee Irwin).
- Using the 5 strategic targets (on the BOT website). Trustee Irwin will outline a plan of action to attain One University.
- The committee will translate this into actual steps for people to understand and create Key Strategic Outcomes (KSO) these should be the governing outcomes.
- There are many initiatives, that must be translated into a clear model—fast!

Core Financial Ratios

- Primary Reserve Ratio: UMaine < 39% – expected 40%
- Net Operating Revenues Ratio: UMaine < (-3%) – expected 2%
- The Return on Net Position Ratio: UMaine < (-3%) expected 6%
- Viability Ratio: UMaine > 1.52% expected 1.25%
- Composite Financial Index: UMaine 1.8% expected low benchmark is 3%, high is 10%
- These numbers raised concerns across the BOT about our rating.
The Primary Reserve Ratio: We are just below 0.40

The Net Operating Revenues Ratio: We are not doing well at this—we are at -3% well below the expected 2%

The Return on Net Position Ratio

Viability Ratio
Core Financial Ratio Composite

- Composite Financial Index suggests we are struggling.

- Composite Financial Index suggests we need to consider structured program changes.
- This is a deep decline in revenues.
- No tuition increase, state appropriation was flat and we lost money in the market.

- We are in a delicate place.
- Our decisions must be carefully formulated.
- Moody: Wyke is suggesting that we are ok, if you look across the whole picture.
- Grog: Given that we have >53% old buildings & S&P rating may decline.