

**URSUS Directors Meeting  
November 8, 2013, Meeting Notes**

Present: Shiva Darbandi, Chris Hepler, Leslie Kelly, Linda Lord, Barbara McDade,  
David Nutty, Frank Roberts, Joyce Rumery, Marianne Thibodeau,  
JoAnne Wallingford

Special meeting to discuss the visit from the Vice Chancellor on January 10.

We discussed the documents we have already written and those that are in progress. The Eleven Libraries document is still valid and we are close to completion for the questions the chancellor asked us.

What do we want to say to the Vice Chancellor?

We want the value of the group understood and that the collaborations are critical. If the group did not exist, there would be problems. It makes it smoother to operate as a group.

We do not want a system-wide library; we each play a unique role on each campus. The centralization of IT, Human Resources, and Procurement has not been about service. We need to know the view about Academic Affairs and centralization. We should point out that the UMF library is not in Academic Affairs.

The Vice Chancellor will need to know what is happening with Maine InfoNet and new ILS since this may be a funding issue for the UMS Office.

We need to give her talking points about the libraries.

When she visited USM she pointed out the libraries as a model for the rest of Academic Affairs. Can we articulate to others what makes us collaborative? It is easy to work together since we are not in competition with each other.

We should ask her to share her assessment of the funding and what we can expect.

We want to be involved as part of the planning of initiatives before they are delivered.

Should we reference the BOT Goals and Actions document from Jan 2012? Or use the BOT document to organize our document. We do not know if they are still using the document. We can match it broadly to make what we do and the BOT documents connect.

I. Student Guarantee: Access, Affordability, and Graduation

Directive I.c: Link Community College Transfer and General Education

Through the Request function and INNReach we support the community colleges.

Directive I.d: Strengthen Adult Degree Completion Opportunities

We help provide Learning Express, the delivery service, provide 24/7 resources.

Directive I.e: Align Funding with Performance-Based Outcomes

We do save funding by collaborative collection development. Some libraries work with their bookstores (where they exist) to try to decrease costs for students.

II. Employer Guarantee: Maine's Workforce Needs Met by University Graduates

Directive II.a: Form Additional Business Partnerships and Collaborations

Some of the libraries work with Senior College. We provide information literacy.

II. 21st Century Educational Delivery: Online, Year-Round Operations, Productivity, and Resources Focused on Mission

We provide resources online 24/7,. Our resources and services are focused on our missions.

Reports from libraries

UMA – the search is progressing, the ads are out.

UMM – the campus is cutting and the library had to cut a staff member by 50%.

MSL – 14,000 was netted from the income tax check-off which totaled \$26,000. The majority of libraries asked that the funding be put towards eBooks. The work to publicize the check-off will continue each year.

BPL – the cupola is back and they are still raising money for the renovations

UMPI – concern about access to the databases at each campus by users who may be a different location