

TO: Michael Grillo, President,
Faculty Senate

FROM: Robert A. Kennedy, President
University of Maine



May 6, 2011

Thank you for forwarding all motions and resolutions passed by the Senate on April 27, 2011. I have indicated disposition of these actions below:

1. *Motion to Approve Amendments to the University of Maine Faculty Senate Constitution.* Approved.
2. *Resolution in Support of the Recommendations of the Writing Consultants Regarding the University of Maine Writing Program and a Renewed Effort on Behalf of Writing across the Curriculum.* I will convey the Senate's support to President Ferguson as Provost Hunter, Dean Hecker and he consider the university's ability to implement all or some of these recommendations.
3. *Resolution to Adopt Updated General Education Student Learning Outcomes for Human Values and Social Contexts: Western Cultural Tradition.* Thank you for informing me of the new student learning outcomes in this area. I understand that the determination of these student outcomes falls within the purview of the Senate and requires no action on my part.
4. *Resolution to Support Faculty Representation on the Information Security Policy Governance Council.* The Information Security Policy Governance Council is a University of Maine System group. I will forward a copy of this resolution to Chancellor Pattenau.
5. *Motion for the Selection of Faculty Representation to the Information Security Policy Governance Council.* As long as the University of Maine System requests that the University of Maine President appoint one or more members to the System's Information Security Policy Governance Council, I agree that at least one of those appointments will be a faculty member, chosen from among several faculty members suggested by the Faculty Senate.

6. *Motion for Establishing Faculty Oversight of the Information Security Policy at the University of Maine via the Senate.* As UMS policy, the Information Security Policy cannot be altered by the University of Maine. However, UMaine will undoubtedly develop campus implementation procedures and monitor the impact of the policy. I agree that the Faculty Senate, through the appropriate committee, should work with University administrators in developing implementation procedures and monitoring the policy's impact on campus.
7. *Motion to Clarify the Scope of Information Covered by the System Information Security Policy.* I interpret this motion as seeking a change, or at least a clarification, of terms used in the UMS policy. I will, therefore, send this motion to Chancellor Pattenau and suggest that he respond.
8. *Motion in Support of a System-wide Institutional Repository.* I accept this motion and ask Provost Hunter and Dean Rumery to proceed as requested.
9. *Motion on Faculty Senate Support of a Reorganization to Create a School of Computing and Information Science.* I accept this motion and urge Provost Hunter to continue with the remaining steps necessary to create a School of Computing and Information Science within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.