Report of Retreat
September 20, 2019

Sheraton
Portsmouth, NH

Trustees present: Chair Joe Morone, Vice Chair Jamie Burnett, Kass Ardinger, Amy Begg, Todd Black, Jim Dean, Jackie Eastwood, Frank Edelblut, Suzanne Foster, Cathy Green, Cailee Griffin, George Hansel, Todd Leach, Scott Mason, Mike Pilot, Chris Pope, Mark Rubinstein, Morgan Rutman, Joseph Scala, Marjorie Smith, Wally Stevens, Melinda Treadwell, Alex Walker, David Westover

Guests: Rhonda Hensley, Governor’s Office, Jim Page, Former Chancellor University of Maine System

Chair Morone convened the retreat at 8:30 a.m.

Chair Morone provided an overview of the day with expectation of deepening the board’s understanding the market for higher education, reviewing other public systems, and determining how to better leverage the current structure of the System

Chancellor Leach presented an analysis of, and forecast for, the traditional undergraduate market.

Jim Page presented an overview of the Maine System structure, provided some rough comparisons between UMaine System and USNH, the challenges and what Maine has been doing to meet those challenges.

The Board discussed the market analysis and forecast and the UMaine experience and then met with each of the USNH Presidents and the Chancellor to discuss their views how best to position USNH to meet the future. The Board wrapped-up with a review of the day and discussion of how to move forward. The discussion will be continued at the Board meetings on October 24 and 25.

The retreat was adjourned at 6 p.m.