Overview:

In 2010-2011, Michael E. Dubyak represented the University of Southern Maine’s Board of Visitors (BOV) as chair, with Laura Foye ’87 as the vice-chair. The BOV focused its attention on five main areas:

1) **Internship** opportunities for USM students, including increasing the number of internships offered and engaging additional businesses in the internship program with the goal of enhancing student learning and building stronger relationships between the University and the industry.

2) **Increased collaboration** with other USM boards, local and regional businesses, and the new governor.

3) **Continued advocacy** efforts on behalf of USM, including legislators, the Board of Trustees, and community leadership.

4) **Continued advice** to the USM president in regards to the needs of the community and its corporations.

5) **Financial support** to USM.

There are four focus areas for the upcoming 2011-2012 year upon which the USM BOV plans to focus its work:

1) **Continued emphasis on internships**: Explore new internship opportunities for USM students, while continuing to support existing programs.

2) **Prior learning assessment**: Make companies aware of the prior learning assessment available at USM, focusing on the benefits it has for employees who seek to realize their educational goals.

3) **Deans**: Provide the Board of Visitors with high level information about, and goals for, each college.

4) **Private support for USM fundraising priorities**: Identifying and connecting businesses and individuals wishing to support USM’s initiatives.
The USM Board of Visitors meets five times annually. The Annual meeting is scheduled in June of each year.

**Friday, September 3, 2010** (11 voting members attended, 5 Ex-Officio, 2 guests, and 4 staff)

Mike Dubyak provided an overview of the goals for the year. President Botman introduced the new deans and provided an introduction to the upcoming year. She also thanked the Colleges’ Advisory Boards for their engagement with the new colleges. Laura Foye offered an update on the internship committee. Meg Weston gave an update on fundraising and marketing at USM. Representatives from the Alumni Association, Corporate Partners, and Advocacy boards spoke about their goals and delivered agendas for the coming year. Concluding the meeting, Mike Dubyak set expectations for the BOV for the year ahead.

**Friday, November 12, 2010** (10 voting members attended, 7 Ex-Officio, 3 guests, and 4 staff)

President Botman gave the President’s Report. It was followed by an internship update from Laura Foye. Mike Dubyak gave an update focusing on the opportunities and challenges that USM will encounter with the new governor. Ed McKersie and Glenn Wilson provided a STEM update. George Hogan presented the challenges Wright Express and the business community face in recruiting technology workers. Dean Anderson gave an overview of the College of Science, Technology, and Health and described how it could meet business and community needs. The meeting concluded with a marketing update from Meg Weston, who also provided preliminary results from the visual and performing arts feasibility study.

**Friday, February 18, 2011** (10 voting members attended, 6 Ex-Officio, and 4 staff)

President Botman delivered the President’s Report and then apprised the Board of her recent conversation with the Governor. She discussed the upcoming NEASC visit, as well as the March 15 presentation of the Maine Development Foundation. She spoke about the new Enrollment Council, the recruitment of international students, and the Pioneers Program. Laura Foye and Joe Austin presented an internship update that was followed by a marketing/fundraising update from Meg Weston. Andy Anderson presented a
STEM update, focusing on challenges and solutions to STEM at USM. The president discussed the importance of academic links between USM and MCCS. She specifically addressed the perception that transfer from community colleges to USM is difficult, and informed the groups about the recent decision by the University of Maine System to provide a liaison between the community colleges and the UMS. The meeting was concluded with a discussion regarding the creation of a nominating committee for BOV seats.

**Friday, April 15, 2011**
Meeting Cancelled

**Friday, June 10, 2011** (8 voting members attended, 4 Ex-Officio, 2 guests, and 4 staff)

**BOV Meeting**
Mike Dubyak offered reflections on the past year, and discussed the election of new board leadership. President Botman delivered the President’s Report in which she recognized the outgoing members of the Board. Incoming Chair, Laura Foye, presented an internship update and outlined plans for the coming year. She concluded the meeting with a discussion of the process of selecting new BOV members.

The annual All-Boards Breakfast Meeting
President Botman opened the meeting by noting the importance of advisory committees to USM. She discussed the effort over the past two years to set USM on solid sustainable financial footing and to revitalize the academic environment. She outlined the USM of the future, with particular emphasis on collaboration with the community and the development of programs of academic distinction. After the welcoming remarks by the president, each of the five deans provided an update on their respective colleges and offered their visions for the future. They discussed ways in which the advisory boards might help attain future goals.