RE-3 Senators and Officers Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Post Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within **30 days** of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building. **This form is a public disclosure. The form and all attachments will be made publicly available.**

Certification: *In compliance with the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel, Senate Rule 35, and the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007, I certify that I accepted the following gift of privately sponsored travel:*

Private Sponsor(s):

University of New England (UNE)

Travel Dates:

Friday May 17-Saturday May 18 2024

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Total Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$0	$449	$44	$0

I also certify that attached to this form are all required documents for post travel disclosure, including:

- The final **Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form** with all attachments
- The final invitation
- The final approved itinerary

I certify that all trip information reflected in the attachments above accurately reflects the travel that I accepted. If there were any changes to the trip after I received approval from the Committee, the changes are described in ATTACHMENT 1.

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the Employee Pre-Travel Authorization form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

5/24/24	Bernard Sanders	Bernard Sanders
Date	Printed Name of Senator/Officer	Signature of Senator/Officer

ATTACHMENT 1 – CHANGES FROM APPROVED PRE-TRAVEL

Note: Material changes to a trip that occur after the Committee has issued an approval letter may invalidate the Committee's approval. Please contact the Committee with any questions regarding changes to an approved trip.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved travel expenses? (Transportation, Meals, Lodging, Other)?

(●) Yes ( ) No

Expense Change	Revised Amount	Explanation
-$2,085.16	$0	UNE did not end up paying for travel expenses.
-$50	$449	Hotel room was $50 cheaper than initial quote.
-$256	$44	Breakfast on 5/18 was only meal paid for.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

(●) Yes ( ) No

Explanation:

Senator Sanders made alternate transportation arrangements to and from Portland, Maine, and the University of New England did not pay for any of his travel expenses. Senator Sanders arrived too late to attend the University welcome dinner on Friday night May 17.

Were there any additional changes to the pre-approved trip?

(●) Yes ( ) No

Explanation:

University of New England did not pay for any travel expenses for an accompanying family member.

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April 10, 2024

The Honorable Bernie Sanders
United States Senate
332 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Sanders,

Please accept my warm invitation to deliver the commencement address at the University of New England. The commencement ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 18, 2024, starting at 10am at the Cross Insurance Arena, in Portland Maine. In addition, our Board of Trustees has also unanimously voted to award you an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at this event in recognition of your dedicated public service to the State of Vermont and the United States Senate over the past decades.

As our commencement speaker we also extend this invitation to your accompanying guest, Dr. Jane Sanders.

As we have discussed with your staff, UNE will arrange for or reimburse your associated travel, lodging and meal expenses and provide you with local escorts and transportation if needed.

It would be an honor to have you address our scholarly community and families at our annual gala ceremony celebrating the achievements of our 1000+ undergraduate and graduate students. In addition, we would be honored to host you and your guest for a dinner Friday evening at 6:30pm at the Cumberland Club in Portland.

I also personally look forward to the opportunity of meeting you again.

Thank you very much for your consideration of our invitation to speak on May 18. Everyone here is very excited in anticipation of that you may accept our offer. I look forward to your kind reply, both about the ceremony itself and the dinner the evening before.

Sincerely,

James D. Herbert, Ph.D.
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University of New England Commencement
Speaker, Senator Bernie Sanders
May 17-18, 2024

Travel Itinerary:

Senator Bernie Sanders
Dr. Jane Sanders

May 17, 2024

2:57pm Depart Ronald Reagan National on American Airlines Flight 5626 arriving International Jetport Portland Maine at 4:47pm

5:00pm Depart Portland Jetport with John Tumiel, Vice President of Board Relations & Senior Advisor to the President, enroute Portland Harbor Hotel, Portland, Maine

5:20pm Arrive Portland Harbor Hotel, Portland – check-in and downtime

6:00pm Depart Portland Harbor Hotel with John Tumiel enroute Commencement Dinner honoring Senator Bernie Sanders and Art Girard, Cumberland Club, Portland

Attendees:
- *James Herbert, President*
- *Lynn Brandsma, First Lady*
- *Gwen Mahon, Provost*
- *Jim Irwin, Vice President of Finance and Administration*
- *Jodi Irwin, Spouse*
- *Regan Gallagher, Chair, UNE Board of Trustee*
- *Shawn Laferriere, Gallagher's Spouse*
- *Art Girard, Entrepreneur, Commercial Real Estate Broker and Philanthropist*
- *Fran Girard, UNE Trustee*
- *John Tumiel, Vice President of Board Relations/Senior Advisor to the President*
- *Senator Bernie Sanders*
- *Dr. Jane Sanders*

8:30pm Depart Cumberland Club enroute Portland Harbor Hotel

May 18:

9:00am	Depart Portland Harbor Hotel with John Tumiel enroute UNE Commencement, Cross Insurance Arena, Portland
10:00am	Commencement to Begin
12:00pm	Commencement to Conclude
12:15pm	Depart Cross Insurance Arena with Maine Limousine enroute Vermont

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UNE Commencement 2024:

Senator Sanders will serve as UNE's 2024 Commencement Speaker. Invited guests include:

- Senator Bernie Sanders
- Dr. Jane Sanders
- Terrel Champion, Special Assistant to the Senator
- Ryan Garvey, Events Coordinator

Trip Name: UNE Commencement Speaker - Senator Sanders

Organization Information

Organization Name:
University of New England

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?
(●) Yes ( ) No

If Yes, §501(c)(3) Organization Type:
[ ] Private Foundation [✓] Public Charity

Address:
11 Hills Beach Road

City, State, Zip:
Biddeford, ME 04005

Phone Number:
207-602-2306

Organization URL:
www.une.edu

History of Congressional Travel

Describe your organization's history of sponsoring congressional travel.

UNE does not have a history of sponsoring congessional travel.

Educational Activities

Describe the educational activities performed by your organization other than sponsoring congressional travel.

The University of New England is Maine's largest private University. Our mission is to prepare students to thrive in a rapidly changing world and, in so doing, empower them to improve the health of people, communities, and our planet.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status (Select one):

( ) I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist.

(●) I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist but does retain or employ one or more federally registered lobbyists.

Foreign Agent Registration Status (Select one):

(●) I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and does not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.

( ) I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal but does retain or employ one or more agents of a foreign principal.

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status (Must select all):

[✓] I certify that the sponsor is not a foreign government.

[✓] I certify that the sponsor is not an entity that is owned or operated by a foreign government.

[✓] I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

Senator Sanders will serve as UNE's Commencement Speaker on May 18, 2024. The event will be in Portland, Maine at the Cross insurance Arena. The Chair of UNE's Board of Trustees and UNE President, James Herbert, will present Senator Sanders with an honarary degree, Doctor of Laws, during the ceremony.

Explain how the purpose of the trip relates to your organization's mission.

UNE's Commencement cermony recognizes students that have earned their undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degree. The Commencement address is intended to motivate students to do great things locally, nationally and globally.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

(●) Yes ( ) No

If No, describe your organization's role in planning the trip.

If there are multiple sponsors, each sponsor must submit Organization Information (Page 1 of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form) and a Signature Page Form.

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

If you have a Grantmaking Organization, you must attach a Grantmaking Organization Certification Form.

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With or Without Regard to Congressional Participation (Select one):

- (●) The trip is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation.
- ( ) The trip is arranged or organized with regard to congressional participation.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Involvement in Planning, Organizing, Requesting or Arranging

- [✓] The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal, other than de minimis involvement.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Financing (Must select all):

- [✓] The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- [✓] No funds or in-kind contributions were earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Accompaniment

Complete if all sponsors are §501(c)(3) organizations (Select one):

- (●) The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
- ( ) The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip
- ( ) The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip

Complete if any of the sponsors is not a §501(c)(3) organizations (Select one):

- ( ) No sponsor retains or employs a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principle, the trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
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Required if selecting the third option in either column - Please explain why the second overnight stay is practically required and necessary to accomplish the purpose of the trip.

Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol (Must select all):

- [✓] Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for recreational activities.
- [✓] Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for alcohol, except as permitted by the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel.

Invitees list

- [✓] A list of all Senate invitees is attached to this form (required).
- [ ] Members and staff from the House of Representatives will also receive invitations.

Travel Details (Submit additional pages as needed)

Trip Start Date/Time:	⇄	Trip End Date/Time:
May 17, 2024/2:57pm		May 18, 2024/12:15pm

Will the traveler be accompanied by a family member for whom the sponsor will pay travel expenses?

(●) Yes ( ) No

Transportation (Member/Officer/Employee: $1617.58 Accompanying Family Member: $467.58)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
1 Way American Airlines Flight (Sen Sanders)	Coach	467.58
1 Way American Airlines Flight (Jane Sanders)	Coach	467.58
SUV Car Service (Travel - Maine to Vermont)		1150.00

Details (optional)

Lodging (Member/Officer/Employee: $499.00 Accompanying Family Member: $0)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country
5/17/24	5/18/24	Portland Harbor Hotel	Portland	Maine	USA

Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)	If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.
1	499.00	Yes	Commencement Weekend

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country

Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)	If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country

Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)	If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.

Meals (Member/Officer/Employee: $ 150.00 Accompanying Family Member: $ 150.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem (Y/N)
5/17/24	--	--	100.00		100.00	Portland	ME	USA	Y
5/18/24	25.00	25.00	--			Portland	ME	USA	N

If costs exceed the federal per diem, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.

Dinner is in a private room allowing for intimate conversation. The restaurant is near the hotel in Portland's Old Port District.

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses

(Member/Officer/Employee: $_____ Accompanying Family Member: $_____)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes

Additional Details (optional)

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL

SPONSOR SIGNATURE PAGE

I hereby certify that the information submitted in connection with the trip listed below is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Trip Name: UNE Commencement Speaker - Senator Sanders

Travel Date(s): May 17-18, 2024

Travel Destination(s): Portland, Maine

Sponsor: University of New England

James Herbert
(printed name of sponsor representative)

President
(title)

(signature of sponsor representative)

4.24.2024
(date)