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UMS CHANCELLOR CANDIDATES BEGIN VISITS THIS WEEK

First candidate arrives on Wednesday, January 24

BANGOR – Candidates for the University of Maine System chancellor will begin an additional round of interviews, as well as hold sessions with students, employees, and the public beginning this week.

According to UMS Board of Trustees Chair Margaret Weston, each of the candidates will spend parts of four days in Maine. The itinerary for each candidate is the same, and includes a variety of in-person interviews and videoconferences with students, employees, and others from across Maine. Each visit begins in Portland and concludes in Presque Isle.

Warren H. Fox is scheduled to participate in the interview process from Jan. 23-26. Richard L. Pattenaude will participate from Jan. 28-31, while James L. Applegate will participate Jan. 29-Feb. 1.

The public is invited to participate in the chancellor search process by attending a public session, or observing a session via university videoconference. The sessions will also be videotaped and made available on the System web site beginning January 30. A feedback process is in place where the public may send feedback to the chancellor search committee via U.S. mail, e-mail or fax. (Deadline for feedback is Friday, February 2, 2007, at 4:30 p.m.)

A complete schedule of public sessions and an outline of the feedback process may be found at: <http://www.maine.edu/chancellor/ChancellorSearch.php>.

Established in 1968, the 34,000-student University of Maine System is the state's largest educational enterprise. It features seven universities – some with multiple campuses – located across the state, as well as 11 University College outreach centers and more than 100 interactive distance education sites. For more information, log onto www.maine.edu.