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UNIVERSITY SYSTEM TRUSTEES TO MEET MONDAY

BANGOR – The University of Maine System Board of Trustees will meet in Augusta on Monday, February 5, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at the University of Maine at Augusta's Student Center in the second floor large conference room.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss candidates for the position of University of Maine System Chancellor. Currently, three candidates are being considered for the position now held by Terrence J. MacTaggart, who will be stepping down from the position in early summer. The three candidates are James L. Applegate, vice president for academic affairs at Kentucky's Council on Postsecondary Education; Warren H. Fox, executive director of the Office of Higher Education Policy and Planning for the United Arab Emirates' Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research; and Richard L. Pattenau, president of the University of Southern Maine.

The Chancellor Search Committee, which consists of six Board members, a representative of the UMS faculty, and a UMS student, will also meet on Monday in Augusta. That meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. in the small conference room of the UMA Student Center.

The Chancellor search is the sole agenda item for both the committee meeting and the Board meeting. Since the topic involves personnel matters, most of both meetings will be held in executive session, as specified by State law and UMS policies.

Established in 1968, the 34,200-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, a law school, and an additional 75 interactive distance learning sites. For more information, log onto www.maine.edu.