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**CHANCELLOR SEARCH COMMITTEE
SELECTS THREE CANDIDATES FOR ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS**

BANGOR – Three candidates for the position of University of Maine System Chancellor are being invited to participate in an additional round of interviews, beginning Jan. 23.

Margaret A. Weston, chair of both the search committee and the University of Maine System Board of Trustees, made the announcement Tuesday.

The three candidates, in alphabetical order, are:

- James L. Applegate, Ph.D., currently vice president for Academic Affairs at the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education and formerly chair of the University of Kentucky's Department of Communication.
- Warren H. Fox, Ph.D., currently the executive director of the Office of Higher Education, Policy & Planning for the United Arab Emirates' Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research and formerly executive director of the California Postsecondary Education Commission.
- Richard L. Pattenau, Ph.D., currently president of the University of Southern Maine and formerly Vice President for Academic Affairs at Central Connecticut State University.

"We are very pleased with the three candidates we've selected for further consideration," Weston stated. "All three of them have the right combination of higher education experience, administrative and leadership skills, and organizational vision that were critical factors in our search.

"I'm looking forward to having them visit with students, faculty, staff, and others," Weston added. "The feedback from those visits will be of great benefit to our committee as we make our selection."

According to 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.

Fox is scheduled to participate in the interview process from Jan. 23-26. Pattenau will participate from Jan. 28-31, while Applegate will participate Jan. 29-Feb. 1. The candidates' visits were set to accommodate their respective schedules.

More information about the candidates and schedules may be found at <http://www.maine.edu/chancellor/ChancellorSearch.php>.

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The search committee consists of six trustees, one faculty representative, and one student representative. According to Weston, the committee will meet in early February to deliberate and intends to forward a recommendation to the full Board of Trustees in advance of its March meeting. Weston has stated that she and her fellow trustees would like the new chancellor to assume office in late spring or early summer.

Trustees began the search process in June 2006, following the resignation of Joseph W. Westphal after four years as Chancellor. At the time, trustees asked former UMS Chancellor Terrence J. MacTaggart to return to the position and to oversee the search process on the Board's behalf. MacTaggart, who served five years as chancellor from 1996-2001, is nationally recognized as an expert on higher education leadership and governance.

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.

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Editors note: Digital photographs of the three candidates are available by contacting Peggy Markson at peggy.markson@maine.edu or (207)973-3245.