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## **UNIVERSITY SYSTEM SPRING ENROLLMENTS EXCEEDING 32,000 STUDENTS FOR FIFTH YEAR IN A ROW**

FARMINGTON—Student enrollments across the University of Maine System exceed 32,000 for the fifth year in a row, Chancellor Terrence J. MacTaggart reported Monday.

The numbers were presented as part of the regularly scheduled meeting of the System's Board of Trustees, held Sunday and Monday at the University of Maine at Farmington.

"Currently 75 percent of all students enrolled in public higher education in Maine are enrolled in our universities," MacTaggart stated. "The demand continues to be strong, both in campus-based courses as well as through web-based courses and other distance education options."

MacTaggart reported that 32,340 students are enrolled in the spring semester, an increase of 311 (1.0 percent) over the 2006 spring semester. The total number of credit-hours being taught is the second-highest in the University System's 38-year history, he added.

Over the course of a calendar year, more than 45,000 students enroll in the University of Maine System, with thousands more taking non-credit courses and programs.

In other Board business:

Trustees heard a presentation by Dr. George D. Kuh, a nationally recognized expert on successful teaching and learning strategies in post-secondary education. Kuh's presentation was part of the Board's year-long examination of the quality of the student experience within Maine's seven public universities and students' academic success.

Board members also reviewed a slate of current faculty members who have been nominated by their respective universities for tenure. The Board's executive committee will finalize action on the recommendations when it meets Friday morning at the Augusta Civic Center.

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](http://www.maine.edu).