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### **UNIVERSITY SYSTEM TRUSTEES TO MEET NOV. 4-5 IN AUGUSTA**

BANGOR—The University of Maine System Board of Trustees will hear and discuss reports on finances, enrollments, and efficiency initiatives when it meets Nov. 4-5. The meeting will be held at the University of Maine at Augusta's Jewett Hall, located on its main campus in Augusta.

Each November the University System provides to trustees a detailed financial report of revenues and expenses for the previous fiscal year. The report being presented and discussed at the upcoming meeting covers Fiscal Year 2007, which ended June 30, 2007.

Trustees will also formally act on an \$8 million supplemental State appropriation request for the next fiscal year, which starts July 1, 2008. The purpose of the request is to partially offset inflationary increases in energy costs, compensation, and goods and services. According to UMS Chancellor Richard L. Pattenaude, approval of the supplemental request would help trustees minimize increases in tuition rates, which the Board is scheduled to determine in May.

The annual enrollment report will indicate that the University of Maine System currently enrolls 72 percent of all students enrolled in public higher education in Maine, and 56 percent of all students enrolled in Maine's public and private universities and colleges. The University System's Fall 2007 student body consists of 33,626 full-time and part-time students. The total reflects a modest dip from last year's near-record high fall semester enrollment. The report will also indicate that the total number of student credit hours being taken during the Fall 2007 semester is essentially the same as last year's total: 346,961.

Trustees will also hear updates on various efficiency initiatives, including administrative and operational collaboration with the Maine Community College System and Maine Maritime Academy; and energy-saving initiatives across the University System.

Established in 1968, the University of Maine System is the state's largest educational enterprise. It has an annual enrollment of more than 44,000 students. It features seven universities – some with multiple campuses – located across the state, as well as 10 University College outreach centers, a law school, and an additional 75 interactive distance learning sites. For more information, visit [www.maine.edu](http://www.maine.edu).

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<http://www.maine.edu/pdf/committeescheduleandagendaNov2007.pdf>

