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UNIVERSITY SYSTEM TRUSTEES TO MEET JAN. 13-14 IN ORONO

BANGOR—A substantial number of business and financial items will be on the agenda when the University of Maine System Board of Trustees meets Jan.13-14 on its Orono campus.

Items include:

- Adoption of Chancellor Richard L. Pattenade's "Agenda for Action," a five-point strategy for enhancing the role, value, reputation, and impact of Maine's public university system
- Approval of renovation plans for facilities at several of the System's seven universities
- Authorization of a master's degree program in Education for the University of Maine at Farmington, the first graduate-level degree program ever approved for UMF
- Elimination of two associate-level programs currently offered by the university of Maine at Augusta, an action consistent with UMA's transition to a baccalaureate-degree granting institution
- Action on Pattenade's recent recommendation of Dr. Allyson Hughes Handley to become president of UMA, effective March 1
- A report on recent discussions with the Maine Community College System and Maine Maritime Academy about efficiency-related collaborations
- An update on the University System's multi-year financial oversight plan
- Adoption of internal loans and repayment schedules for the University of Southern Maine and the University of Maine at Machias to cover operating deficits while they undergo financial and organizational restructuring
- Adoption of policy changes related to post-employment, non-pension retirement benefits, an action necessary to comply with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 45, better known as GASB-45

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.

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