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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM TRUSTEES TO MEET JANUARY 11-12 IN GORHAM

BANGOR—The University of Maine System Board of Trustees will hold its first meeting of 2009 in Gorham on Jan. 11-12.

Among the agenda items, System Chancellor Richard L. Pattenaude will address current and projected financial conditions and propose a multi-stage process to help the Maine's public universities achieve long-term financial sustainability. Pattenaude previously announced he would be pursuing "transformational change" within the university system to enable it to financially maintain high-quality, affordable academic programs and services.

Trustees will also receive a report on academic degrees conferred during the 2007-08 academic year. A record number of degrees — 5,610 — were awarded during that period. Over 74 percent of the degrees awarded were bachelor's degrees; 17 percent were master's degrees; six percent were associate's degrees; and two percent were doctoral degrees.

Other agenda items deal with personnel actions, updates on capital projects and facilities, and consideration of nominees for honorary degrees.

The full agenda for the two-day meeting may be found at <http://www.maine.edu/pdf/committeescheduleandagendaJan2009.pdf> .

Established in 1968, the University of Maine System is the state's largest educational enterprise. It has an annual enrollment of more than 45,000 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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