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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM TASK FORCE ANNOUNCES STATEWIDE PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

BANGOR – The “New Challenges, New Directions” task force recently assembled by University of Maine System Chancellor Richard L. Pattenauode will hold a series of open forums at each of the seven university campuses. Employees, students, and members of the public are invited to participate in the sessions.

Task force chair David Flanagan of Manchester plans to attend every session. Other members of the task force will attend as many sessions as their schedules permit.

The purpose of the meetings is for the task force to gather public comment from constituents in each university community. Participants are asked to provide comment on the future structure and function of the System, and on ways to achieve lower costs of operations and financial sustainability.

The schedule for the public meetings is as follows:

- Wednesday, February 25 – UMaine (Orono) Wells Commons, 1:00-2:30 p.m.
- Thursday, February 26 – UMA (Augusta) Jewett Hall Auditorium, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Friday, February 27 – UMF (Farmington) Lincoln Auditorium, 1:00-2:30 p.m.
- Monday, March 2 – USM (Portland) Glickman Library 7th floor, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, March 4 – UMFK (Fort Kent), Location/time TBD
- Thursday, March 5 – UMPI (Presque Isle), Location/time TBD
- Friday, March 6 – UMM (Machias) Kimball Hall Portside, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

In addition, the task force will hold its next full committee meeting on February 26 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the University of Maine at Augusta, in Robinson Hall, Room 111.

Additional information about the task force may be found here: www.maine.edu/UMSTaskForce. Comments and other input may also be forwarded to the task force by sending an email to taskforce@maine.edu.

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.