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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM TASK FORCE ANNOUNCES REMAINING PUBLIC MEETINGS & NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

BANGOR – The “New Challenges, New Directions” task force assembled by University of Maine System Chancellor Richard L. Pattenaude has held several open forums across the state. The dates of remaining open forums were announced today, as well as the date of the task force’s next committee meeting.

The purpose of the open forums is for the task force to gather comments from employees, students, and members of the public 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 remaining public meetings:

- Friday, March 13 – University College Centers/System Office/University College at Bangor (UCB), UCB’s Bangor Hall, Rm. 100 (Bangor), from 2:00-3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 17 – Lewiston Auburn College (Lewiston) Room 170, from 9:30-11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, March 17 – University of Southern Maine (Portland) Glickman Library, University Events Room, from 1:00-2:30 p.m.

In addition, the next 12-member task force committee meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12, from 1:30-4:00 p.m. at the University of Maine at Augusta, in Robinson Hall, Room 111. Overflow seating is available at the Augusta Civic Center in Room 260, where the meeting may be viewed via videoconference. A complete list of statewide videoconference sites may be found here: [www.maine.edu/UMSTaskForce](http://www.maine.edu/UMSTaskForce) by clicking on the “Meeting Timetable” link. Comments and other input may also be forwarded to the task force by sending an email to [taskforce@maine.edu](mailto: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](http://www.maine.edu).