



PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH TEAM NAMED FOR UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT FORT KENT

BANGOR—University of Maine System Chancellor Richard L. Pattenaude recently announced members of the search committee selected to review and recommend candidates for the presidency of the University of Maine at Fort Kent. Earlier this fall, current president Richard W. Cost announced his plans to retire at the end of the academic year.

“UMFK’s next president will be a leader of not only educational opportunities in Northern Maine, but also a partner in economic and cultural development for the St. John Valley area,” said Pattenaude. “We seek a president who will be the right leader for this university and one who will become an integral part of this close-knit community.”

The committee is chaired by Norman L. Fournier, a member of the UMS Board of Trustees and resident of Wallagrass. Other committee members include UMS trustees Marjorie Medd of Norway and Charles O’Leary of Orono; UMFK faculty members Kim Borges-Therien, Paul Gebhardt, and Jenny Radsma; UMFK staff Rachel Albert, Bill Ashby, and Naomi Nicholas; UMFK students Stephanie Chick and Monica Wilson (alternate); Beurmond Banville of the UMFK Alumni Association; and Fern Desjardins of the UMFK Board of Visitors.

Committee chair Fournier added, “This is a national search and our committee will find the right person to lead this university because UMFK is an institution that is essential to our community, our local economy, and the social fabric of this region.”

The University of Maine at Fort Kent, which currently enrolls 1,100 students, is a liberal arts based university offering quality baccalaureate and associate degree programs responding to the needs of northern Maine.

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