



UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM TRUSTEES TO MEET IN AUGUSTA ON MARCH 14
Next UMaine President Expected to be Named

BANGOR—University of Maine System Chancellor Richard L. Pattenaude expects to announce his recommendation for the next leader of the System’s flagship campus in Orono when the UMS Board of Trustees meets on Monday, March 14.

The day-long series of committee meetings will take place at the University of Maine at Augusta campus in room 138 of the Randall Student Technology Center, located on University Drive in Augusta. The recommendation will be made and considered during the Trustees’ 1:15 p.m. Human Resources & Labor Relations Committee meeting. The entire Board will consider and vote on the Chancellor’s recommendation during the 4:15 p.m. full Board meeting.

Last year, UMaine President Robert Kennedy announced his intention to step down from the position in June 2011. Chancellor Pattenaude formed a 14-member search committee chaired by UMS Trustee Eleanor “Ellie” Baker of Cape Elizabeth, which also included UMaine students, faculty, staff, and two additional Trustees. In January the committee recommended four finalists to Pattenaude. The finalists met with various members of UMaine’s campus community and Chancellor Pattenaude during visits which took place in recent weeks. Complete information on the search may be found at: www.umaine.edu/presidentsearch. The new president is expected to begin work at UMaine in early July.

“I want to thank Trustee Baker and the search committee members for a comprehensive and successful process. They identified four exceptional candidates who were well received by the campus community, which helped tremendously in my decision-making process,” Pattenaude noted. “I plan to have everything completed by Monday so that I may present a final candidate’s name to the Trustees for their consideration.”

Other items to be reviewed and considered by the Trustees on March 14 include:

- A five-year (2011-16) strategic plan for the University of Maine at Augusta;
- A recommendation to change the name of the University College of Bangor to the University of Maine at Augusta – Bangor (and UMA Bangor);
- A resolution to make permanent UMA’s interim academic reorganization which was presented to Trustees in July 2010;
- Faculty candidates recommended for tenure, which were submitted by the universities.

Trustees will also be presented with reports on financial aid, a System-wide facilities update, and faculty and tenure statistics.

The complete agenda for the March UMS Board of Trustees meeting may be viewed at:

<http://www.maine.edu/pdf/committeescheduleandagendaMarch142011.pdf>.

Established in 1968, the University of Maine System is the state's largest educational enterprise. It has an annual enrollment of more than 42,000 students and serves over 500,000 individuals annually through educational and cultural offerings. Nearly two-thirds of its alumni—nearly 120,000 people—live in Maine. The University of Maine System features seven universities—some with multiple campuses—located across the state, as well as nine 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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