



**UMS TRUSTEES TO MEET IN BANGOR MAY 22-23**  
**Operating budget for next academic year to be considered**

BANGOR—The University of Maine System Board of Trustees will hold a two-day meeting May 22-23 at the System Office headquarters located at 16 Central Street in downtown Bangor.

The Board will review and consider the System's operating budget for the upcoming fiscal year which begins on July 1. The budget analysis will include a review of the amounts set for student tuition, campus fees, and room and board charges for the upcoming academic year. The State Legislature's funding of the University System budget is essentially flat with the funding of the previous fiscal year.

"In these challenging economic times, our Trustees have directed us to minimize tuition increases for our students," explained Richard L. Pattenaude, UMS Chancellor. "We've reduced our expenses, and implemented numerous administrative and cost savings measures, as well as created new academic programs aligned with the needs of the economy. I'm pleased to say that we are proposing the lowest in-state tuition increase in ten years."

The proposed increase is 4.3%, a weighted average of tuition rates at the seven universities, as compared to the year 2002, when tuition was increased by 4.2%.

Other items to be reviewed and considered by the Trustees include election of board officers, various appointments, and review two new academic programs proposed, one at UMaine and the other at the University of Maine at Farmington. Trustees will also be presented with an update on the System's enrollment planning and financial aid study which is under way.

The complete agenda for the May UMS Board of Trustees meeting may be viewed at:  
<http://www.maine.edu/pdf/committeescheduleandagendaMay22232011.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. Two-thirds of its alumni—approximately 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](http://www.maine.edu).