



UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM TRUSTEES TO MEET JULY 18 IN BANGOR

BANGOR – The University of Maine System Board of Trustees will meet at the System Office headquarters in downtown Bangor on Monday, July 18. The all-day series of committee meetings and the official Board meeting at 2:00 p.m. will be held in the Rudman Board Room on the third floor of the 16 Central Street facility.

This will be the first meeting as chair of the Board for M. Michelle Hood of Bar Harbor. Hood is president and CEO of Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems. Samuel Collins of Caribou is the vice chair of the Board. He is president of S.W. Collins Company. Both Hood and Collins have served as Trustees since early 2010.

At the July meeting, Trustees will review and consider many, including:

- A new academic program alignment strategy developed by academic affairs leaders at the seven universities and at the System;
- Establishment of a professorship in electrical and computer engineering at UMaine;
- Various facilities projects including construction of a new planetarium and observatory at UMaine, a new lease for the USM campus radio station, and increased authorization for improvements being made to USM's Luther Bonney Hall in Portland.

Trustees will also be updated on an employee health plan task force report which was recently presented to Chancellor Richard L. Pattenaude.

The complete agenda for the July UMS Board of Trustees committee meetings and Board meeting may be viewed at: http://www.maine.edu/pdf/committeescheduleandboardmeetingagendaJuly182011_000.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.

All Board meetings are open to the public. Persons with disabilities who need accommodations to attend should call Chip Gavin, director of facilities management and general services, at 973-3335 (voice) or 973-3262 (TDD/TDY) or by e-mail at chip.gavin@maine.edu.