AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

1. **NAME OF ITEM:** UMS Teacher, Counselor, and Administrator Preparation Programs: Responding to State and National Initiatives

2. **INITIATED BY:** James H. Page, Chancellor

3. **BOARD INFORMATION:** X

4. **BOARD ACTION:**

   **BACKGROUND:**

There are a number of initiatives currently underway in our K-12 community with which our teacher, counselor and administrator preparation programs interface. These initiatives range from the implementation of the common core state standards, smarter balanced assessment in 2014 and transition to a standards-based educational system and proficiency based diplomas by 2017. Dr. Katherine Yardley, Associate Provost and Dean of Education at the University of Maine at Farmington, and Dr. Jean Whitney, Director of Educator Preparation at the University of Southern Maine, will update the Board on the work being done within our programs to address these new initiatives and to ensure that higher education, and specifically the UMS, is an active participant as these are implemented at Maine’s schools.

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