AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

1. NAME OF ITEM: Approval of Appointments to the University of Maine Board of Agriculture

2. INITIATED BY: James H. Page, Chancellor

3. BOARD INFORMATION: BOARD ACTION: X

4. BACKGROUND:

In 1998 the Maine Legislature formed the Board of Agriculture to advise the Chancellor and the University of Maine President on matters concerning agricultural research and extension. The legislation forming the board stipulates that members of the board serve five-year terms. They may be reappointed or replaced at the end of that five-year period.

Pursuant to the legislation, the Chancellor makes one appointment to the board. UMaine recommended and the Chancellor approved the reappointment of Representative Donald Marean as the Chancellor designee. Rep. Marean is active in the Standard Bred equine industry in the State and is very knowledgeable about the industry.

The legislation also provides that two research faculty members associated with agricultural research at UMaine serve on the Board, with the approval of the Board of Trustees. The two research faculty recommendations are:

- Dr. Vivian Wu, Associate Professor in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition, to serve as a faculty representative to the Board of Agriculture for a five-year term beginning 2013.
- Mr. James McConnon, Extension Business and Economics Specialist and Professor of Economics, to serve as a faculty representative on the Board of Agriculture for the remainder of Dr. George Criner's term. Dr. George Criner, Professor and Director of the School of Economics, will not be available for the balance of his appointment which ends December 31, 2013.

5. TEXT OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

That the Board of Trustees approves the following two research faculty appointments to the UMaine Board of Agriculture: Dr. Vivian Wu for a five-year term beginning 2013 and Mr. James McConnon for the remainder of Dr. George Criner's term, which ends December 31, 2013.

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