AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

1. NAME OF ITEM: Adult Baccalaureate Completion/Distance Education (ABCDE) Recommendations

2. INITIATED BY: James H. Page, Chancellor

3. BOARD INFORMATION: BOARD ACTION: X

4. BACKGROUND:

As identified within the Board of Trustees Goals and Actions and also within the UMS Strategic Enrollment Plan, the development of a comprehensive approach across our institutions to serving the non-traditional, adult students in Maine is a critical next step in our ongoing efforts to meet the needs of Maine’s workforce, enhance economic development within the state, and, most importantly, provide the best opportunity for all of Maine’s citizens to attain baccalaureate degrees. With estimates of Maine citizens with some college but no degree ranging from 190,000 – 230,000, it is evident that there is significant demand and need for this initiative.

The Adult Baccalaureate Completion/Distance Education (ABCDE) Committee was charged with developing a comprehensive, System-wide plan to enhance baccalaureate degree attainment and completion by Maine’s adult and non-campus based citizens. President Allyson Handley, Chair of the ABCDE Committee, will update the Board on progress to date and will present the recommendations and preliminary implementation plan to the Board for discussion and approval.

5. TEXT OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

That the Board of Trustees approve the recommendations of the ABCDE Committee.

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