UMS TRUSTEES TO MEET AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE ON SEPTEMBER 24
First meeting for two Trustees recently appointed by Governor Paul LePage

BANGOR – University of Maine System Trustees will meet at the University of Southern Maine on Monday, September 24. The meeting will take place on the Portland campus in the Glickman Library seventh floor conference room.

Trustees will consider and are scheduled to act on several items, including:

- Creation of a new associate of science degree in allied health at the University of Maine at Fort Kent, to help address statewide workforce needs;
- The biennial State budget request for FY2014-15;
- An increase in expenditures of $75,000 for ADA accessibility improvements for a renovation project currently under way at UMaine’s Bennett Hall laboratory;
- Renaming a facility known as the Campus Center at the University of Maine at Augusta to “Alumni Center”—which houses the university’s alumni and advancement offices, as well as external affairs;
- Officially naming a new UMaine planetarium as the “Emera Astronomy Center” for a 20-year period.

Trustees will also receive updates on: a credit transfer project aimed at improving credit transfer among the universities, as well as between universities and Maine’s community colleges; reports on managed investments, pensions, and fund raising; and a status update on capital projects currently under way on campuses.

This will mark the first meeting for two Trustees recently appointed by Governor Paul LePage. James Erwin of Yarmouth is partner and chair of Pierce Atwood’s Employment Group, based in Portland. He is a graduate of Dartmouth College and Boston University School of Law. Mark Gardner of Kittery is president and CEO of Sappi Fine Paper North America, based in Boston. He is a graduate of the University of Southern Maine. In addition, Norman Fournier of Wallagrass was reappointed to a second term as Trustee. Fournier, who recently retired from a career in healthcare administration, is a graduate of the University of Maine at Fort Kent and obtained his master’s degree from the University of Maine.

The complete agenda for the September UMS Board of Trustees meeting may be viewed at: http://www.maine.edu/pdf/committeescheduleandagenda-BOTmtgSept242012.pdf

Established in 1968, the University of Maine System is the state’s largest educational enterprise. It has an annual enrollment of more than 40,000 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 eight University College outreach centers, a law school, and an additional 31 course 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.

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