



Advancing Maine:

Aligning Academic Programs to Meet Future Work Force Needs

April 6, 2010 - Wells Conference Center, UMaine – 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

A day-long summit to assess Maine's future workforce needs and help guide Maine's public universities in program development, and in creating a public agenda for higher education.

AGENDA

- 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. **Registration** (refreshments)
- 9:00 – 9:10 a.m. **Opening Comments** – Richard Pattenau, Chancellor
- 9:10 – 9:30 a.m. **Welcome** – The Honorable John E. Baldacci, Governor of Maine
Introduced by Trustee Lyndel Wishcamper, Chairman of the UMS Board of Trustees
- 9:30 – 10:25 a.m. ***Innovation Engineering for Maine's Future***
Doug Hall – CEO of Eureka! Ranch
Introduced by Trustee Marge Medd
Followed by Q&A
- 10:25 – 10:40 a.m. **Break**
- 10:40 – 11:35 a.m. ***Dirigo U: The Opportunity to Lead Maine to Prosperity***
Laurie Lachance – CEO of Maine Development Foundation
Introduced by Trustee Victoria Murphy
Followed by Q&A
- 11:35 – 12:30 p.m. ***Workforce Demographics and the Demand for High Skill Workers: Challenges and Opportunities for Maine Higher Education Institutions***
John Dorrer - Director, Center for Workforce Research and Information, Maine Department of Labor
Introduced by Trustee Charles O'Leary
Followed by Q&A
- 12:30 – 1:05 p.m. **Lunch and conversation**

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1:05 – 1:10 p.m. **Greetings from U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan**, presented by U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Education Dr. Glenn Cummings

[Roundtable discussions will be facilitated by Richard Pattenaude, Chancellor]

1:10 – 1:30 p.m. **First Roundtable Discussion** (write response on form provided)
***Question:** Given what you heard this morning, are there any additional items that should be included in the analysis and recommendations for ensuring a vibrant and well-educated workforce in Maine?*

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. **Second Roundtable Discussion with Rapid Report Back**
***Question:** What are the three MOST IMPORTANT academic or research programs that the UMS should create and/or expand to generate a relevant and well-educated workforce in Maine?*

2:30 – 3:30 p.m. **Third Roundtable Discussion with Rapid Report Back**
***Question:** What are the three MOST IMPORTANT responsibilities or roles for the University of Maine System to ensure future prosperity for Maine citizens?*

3:30 – 4:00 p.m. **Concluding Comments**

- **Report on Current System-wide Program initiatives** by Trustee Tamera Grieshaber
- **What We Heard and Next Steps** by Richard Pattenaude, Chancellor