Libra Professorships in the University of Maine System are devoted exclusively to efforts to attract outstanding individuals from outside the University of Maine System both as visiting scholars and as continuing faculty members. Therefore, in July of 1998 the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System approved the following revisions to the existing Libra Professorship guidelines (originally approved by the Board of Trustees in November 1989 and revised in January 1998) for nominations to Libra Professorships:

1. The seven institutions may award Libra Professorships to attract outstanding external scholars consistent with the stated purposes of the Libra Professorships and with each institution’s mission and programmatic objectives.

2. The Libra Professorship may be awarded for a period of time up to four years.

3. Libra Professorships are not renewable.

4. Libra proposals will address the Board of Trustees guidelines and the local campus criteria, documenting the candidate’s qualifications and the potential enhancement of the mission and goals of the institution that will result from the proposed award.