

To: University of Southern Maine Community

From: Trustee Lyndel Wishcamper

Subject: Presidential Search

I am pleased to be serving as chair of the USM Presidential Search Committee. The committee is comprised of excellent representatives of the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff and students, the Board of Visitors and alumni. To view a list of the committee members, please see http://www.maine.edu/pdf/USMPresidentialSearchCommitteeMembership_000.pdf

The Committee met on May 23 to get organized and to discuss the search process. We met again on June 26 to review the draft advertisement and a "profile" describing USM for potential candidates.

In order to keep all of you well informed about the search we are establishing a search website which is now live. The website address will be www.maine.edu/USMsearch. At this site you will find information such as the position advertisement and profile, the timeline, and notes of all search meetings. When we are ready to bring candidates for on-campus interviews their resumes and itineraries will be on the website, and you will have the opportunity to provide input to the search committee.

I look forward to this search as an exciting opportunity to identify the next president who will lead USM into the future.