January 29, 2015

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees
FR: Tracy B. Bigney, Clerk of the Board
RE: Notification of Board Actions

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees on January 26, 2015 at the University of Maine System, the Board approved the following actions:

**Acceptance of Minutes.** The following meeting minutes were approved as presented:
- November 6, 2014 – Audit Committee Meeting
- November 7, 2014 – Academic & Student Affairs Committee Meeting
- November 7, 2014 – Human Resources and Labor Relations Committee Meeting
- November 7, 2014 – Joint Session between Academic & Student Affairs and Human Resources and Labor Relations Committees
- November 16 & 17, 2014 – Board of Trustees Meeting
- December 3, 2014 – Investment Committee Meeting
- December 19, 2014 – Finance/Facilities/Technology Committee Meeting
- January 7, 2015 – Academic & Students Affairs Committee Meeting

**Resolution for Cynthia Huggins.** The Board of Trustees approved the following resolution for Cynthia Huggins:

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Whereas, Cynthia Huggins has served as the President of the University of Maine at Machias for 10 years,

Whereas, she has worked tirelessly to champion UMM as a vital resource for Washington County and Maine and under her leadership, UMM has developed a strong identity as an environmental liberal arts university;

Whereas during her tenure, UMM has been recognized for excellence in areas as diverse as marine science, book arts and inter-disciplinary fine arts;

Whereas as President, she oversaw multiple strategic planning processes; expanded regional community support; expanded student access opportunities; led development of a learning assessment and accountability culture; made strategic decisions to sustain the mission and protect the integrity of key operations in a challenging fiscal climate of historic proportions; led program development adaptive to student and community needs; and expanded campus and community involvement in decision-making through engaging the Board of Visitors and creating campus-wide planning, budget, and enrollment councils;

Whereas she played a significant role in System-wide initiatives including: chairing the System-wide diversity committee; sponsoring and serving in leadership roles for administrative reviews; and serving as a strong contributor to the Presidents Council;

Whereas prior to serving as President she was a faculty member and Vice President for Academic Affairs and in these roles she: developed and directed the Honors Program and
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Women’s Studies program; co-chaired the Arts and Letters Division; and chaired NEASC Self-Study process; and

Whereas she demonstrates qualities of a strong servant leader such as: energy; versatility; dedication and conscientiousness; commitment to success of students, faculty and staff; intelligence and wisdom; level-headed, logical thinking style; collaborative leadership; humor; and respect;

Be it known to all that we, the University of Maine System Board of Trustees, offer our most sincere gratitude, thanks, and best wishes to President Cynthia Huggins for her outstanding contributions to the quality of higher education in Maine.

Approved on the 26th day of January, 2015, by a grateful University of Maine System Board of Trustees, acting as stewards of Maine’s public universities and their 40,000 students, 5,000 employees and more than 185,000 living alumni.

University of Maine System Divestment of Coal. The Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of the Investment Committee directing University of Maine System equity and fixed income separate account Investment Managers to negative screen for coal and to divest of any current directly held investments in coal mining companies. This action applies to the University’s three portfolios - the Managed Investment Pool, Defined Benefit Pension Fund and Operating Funds.

Confirmation of Faculty and Student Representatives to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees approved the appointments of the following Faculty and Student Representatives to the Board of Trustees: Anne Blanke, UMA Faculty Representative (replacing Terry Colby – term is Dec. 2014 to May 2015); Brad O’Brien, UMA Student Representative (replacing Courtney Jicks - term is Nov. 2014 to May 2016) and Matthew Clark, USM Student Representative (term January 2015 to May 2017).

Approval of the Maine Economic Improvement Fund Annual Report. The Board of Trustees approved the 2014 MEIF Annual Report as presented.

Establishment of the Edward Sturgis Grew Professorship of Petrology and Mineralogy, UM. The Board of Trustees approved the establishment of the Edward Sturgis Grew Professorship in Petrology and Mineralogy.

Establish of the George H. Denton Professorship of Earth Sciences, UM. The Board of Trustees approved the establishment of the George H. Denton Professorship of Earth Sciences.

Honorary Degree Nomination for 2015. The Board of Trustees approved the 2015 nomination for Honorary Degree for USM as presented.

Honorary Degree Nominations for 2016. The Board of Trustees approved the 2016 nominations for Honorary Degrees as presented.

Appointment of Interim President, UMM. The Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Dr. Joyce Hedlund as Interim President of the University of Maine at Machias, effective January 5, 2015 at an annual salary of $137,000. The appointment will end on the date a successor president assumes office.
Award of Tenure to Dean, University of Maine School of Law. The Board of Trustees approved the recommendation to grant tenure to the candidate submitted by the University of Maine Law School. This appointment will be effective July 1, 2015.

The Board of Trustees reviewed the following agenda items as forwarded by the Finance/Facilities/Technology Committee to the Consent Agenda from its meeting on December 19, 2014:

**Updated Authorization for Central Heating Plant, UMF.** The Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of the Finance/Facilities/Technology Committee to authorize the University of Maine System to enter such agreements as may be necessary to utilize biomass (wood chips) at the University of Maine at Farmington as a primary fuel source at the pending central heat plant project, with liquid propane gas as a backup energy source, subject to review and approval by the University of Maine System Treasurer of all terms and conditions, including all costs.

**Updated Authorization for Heating Plant Replacement, USM.** The Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of the Finance/Facilities/Technology Committee to authorize the University of Southern Maine to expend up to $3,000,000 via an internal University loan to fund replacement of the Portland Central Heat Plant and related equipment.

The Board of Trustees reviewed the following agenda item as forwarded by the Academic & Student Affairs Committee to the Consent Agenda from its meeting on January 7, 2015:

**In-State Tuition Rate to Military Dependents Using a GI Bill.** The Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to charge in-state tuition rates for terms starting after the end of the spring semester, 2015, to all military dependents using a GI Bill. Further, that once the in-state tuition rate is applied to the eligible individual, it shall remain in effect until the individual completes their academic program, even after GI Bill benefits have been exhausted, transferred, or are otherwise expired.

**Date of Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on March 15 & 16, 2015 at the University of Maine.

cc: James H. Page, Chancellor  
Faculty & Student Representatives  
University Presidents  
Rebecca Wyke  
Kelley Wilbank  
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