July 21, 2015

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees
FR: Tracey Hagney, Clerk of the Board
RE: Notification of Board Actions

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees on July 20, 2015 at the University of Maine System, the Board approved the following actions:

Acceptance of Minutes. The following meeting minutes were approved as presented:
- May 17 & 18, 2015 – Board of Trustees Meeting
- May 21, 2015 – Audit Committee Meeting
- May 27, 2015 – Investment Committee Meeting
- June 4, 2015 – Executive Committee Meeting
- June 24, 2015 – Executive Committee Meeting

Appointment of Treasurer. The Board of Trustees appointed Mr. Ryan Low to be Treasurer of the University of Maine System effective July 21, 2015.

Resolution for Wilson Hess. The Board of Trustees approved the following resolution for Wilson G. Hess:

Whereas, Wilson G. Hess has served as President of the University of Maine at Fort Kent for five years;

Whereas, President Hess has led the work of UMS in making credit transfer more seamless within UMS and between UMS and the Maine Community College System;

Whereas, he has also been an advocate for expanding access to college courses for high school students throughout the state;

Whereas, under his leadership UMKF has experienced enrollment growth and instituted successful online programs;

Whereas, working with the UMKF Foundation, he raised nearly $6 million in gifts and pledges;

Whereas, the new strategic plan positioning UMKF as the University of Maine System’s rural university is a capstone achievement;

Whereas, President Hess developed a campus culture in which everyone felt respected and involved in the achievements and aspirations of UMKF;

Whereas, we will miss his boyish grin, eloquent statements and puckish sense of humor;

Whereas President Hess will retire from the position of president effective September 4, 2015;
Be it known to all that we, the University of Maine System Board of Trustees, offer our most sincere gratitude, thanks, and best wishes for his outstanding contributions to the quality of higher education in Maine.

Approved on the 20th day of July 2015, by the Maine System Board of Trustees, acting as stewards of Maine’s public universities and their nearly 30,000 students, 5,000 employees and more than 120,000 living alumni.

Post-Presidential Appointment, Wilson Hess. The Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Wilson Hess to a one-year appointment, effective September 5, 2015, as University of Maine System Research Professor and System Administrative Consultant with responsibilities in enrollment management, philanthropic activities, and other tasks as assigned by the Chancellor. Salary for the appointment will be 66.6% of the final salary as president and other terms of the appointment will be in accordance with Board policy.

Confirmation of Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees approved the appointments of the following Faculty and Student Representatives to the Board of Trustees:

Faculty Representatives:
- Terry Colby, UMA – 1 year term – Sept. 2015 to June 2016
- Cathleen McAnney, UMF – reappointment for 3 year term – June 2015 to June 2018

Student Representative:
- Jay Knowlton, USM Grad Student Rep. – 2 year term – Sept. 2015 to May 2017

Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreements. The Board of Trustees authorized the Chancellor to execute the collective bargaining agreements with the Associated C.O.L.T. Staff of the Universities of Maine (MEA/NEA), the Universities of Maine Professional Staff Association (MEA/NEA), the Associated Faculties of the Universities of Maine (MEA/NEA), and Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #100 upon notice that the agreements have been ratified by the unions.

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 July 15, 2015:

Establishment of the Irving Woodlands Professor of Forestry, UMFK. The Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of the Finance/Facilities/Technology Committee to establish the Irving Woodlands Professorship of Forestry.

Cooperative Extension Diagnostic and Research Center, UM. The Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of the Finance/Facilities/Technology Committee to authorize the expenditure of up to $9,000,000 from State Bond, the Maine Technology Institute, and University funds to construct the Cooperative Extension Diagnostic and Research Center.
University College Lease Renewal in Ellsworth, UMA. The Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of the Finance/Facilities/Technology Committee for the University of Maine at Augusta to enter a 5-year lease at 248 State Street in Ellsworth at an annual rental rate of $84,000 with an optional five year renewal with all final terms and conditions subject to review and approval by the University Treasurer and General Counsel.

Updated Use of Donated Property Sale Proceeds, UMPI. The Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of the Finance/Facilities/Technology Committee to authorize the University of Maine System, acting through the University of Maine at Presque Isle, to enter an updated agreement with the Gauvin family donors of a previously accepted parcel of real property with the intention of directing any proceeds from the sale of that donated property which may be received after the date described herein to be provided to the Foundation of the University of Maine at Presque Isle to support the Raynold & Sandra Gauvin Scholarship Fund.

Space Reduction Request by Disposal, USM. The Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of the Finance/Facilities/Technology Committee to authorize the disposal of all or a portion of the parcel known as 11 Granite Street in Portland subject to review and approval of the final terms and conditions by the University Treasurer and General Counsel.

Softball Facility Improvements, USM. The Board of Trustees authorized the expenditure of up $1.5 million in E&G resources for improvements to the softball facilities at the University of Southern Maine in Gorham.

Update to Bio-Science Chemistry Lab, USM. The Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of the Finance/Facilities/Technology Committee to authorize a change in location associated with the original project to make the approved investment instead in the Bio-Science Building at USM in Portland.

Approval to Combine Existing Data Center and Security Upgrades Projects with Normal Equipment Replacement Scheduled in 2015, Creating a Single Capital Project. The Board of Trustees authorized the expenditure of up to $950,000 from existing project and operating budgets, combining existing data center and security upgrades projects with normal equipment replacement scheduled for Summer 2015, creating a single capital project.

Date of Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on September 20 & 21, 2015 at the University of Maine at Presque Isle.