AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

1. NAME OF ITEM: Changes in Core Student Profile

2. INITIATED BY: James H. Page, Chancellor

3. BOARD INFORMATION: BOARD ACTION: X

4. BACKGROUND:

The University of Maine System is the state’s largest educational enterprise and has been helping Maine citizens earn post-secondary degrees since its creation in 1968. The University of Maine System is committed by mission, history and practice to providing the traditional educational and campus life experience to traditional aged 18-22 year old students who attend university following graduation from public secondary institutions.

The higher education landscape is changing, however, and in order to remain viable and continue its mission to the people of Maine, the UMS must acknowledge that the profile of post-secondary students has shifted and is increasingly composed of adult and non-campus based learners. As is evidenced within the ABCDE Report and Recommendations, the UMS must respond by fundamentally rethinking how it operates and modify current policies and procedures to respond to the changing needs of students while committing to continued improvement and innovation.

5. TEXT OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees recognizes its responsibility to serve the educational needs of all Maine citizens, confirms the evolution in the UMS’s core student profile to include adult and non-campus based learners, and directs the System to review and act on policies, practices and operating procedures to better serve the needs of all of its students.

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