AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

1. **NAME OF ITEM:** Approval of Appointment to the University of Maine Board of Agriculture

2. **INITIATED BY:** James H. Page, Chancellor

3. **BOARD INFORMATION:**

   **BOARD ACTION:** X

4. **BACKGROUND:**

   In 1998 the Maine Legislature formed the Board of Agriculture to advise the Chancellor and the University of Maine President on matters concerning agricultural research and extension. The legislation forming the board stipulates that members of the board serve five-year terms. They may be reappointed or replaced at the end of that five-year period.

   The legislation provides that two research faculty members associated with agricultural research at UMaine serve on the Board, with the approval of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Vivian Wu, Associate Professor in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition, was appointed to the Board of Agriculture for a five-year term beginning 2013. Dr. James McConnon, Extension Business and Economics Specialist and Professor of Economics, has served a term that ends December 31, 2013.

   The research faculty member recommended to succeed Dr. McConnon is:

   - Dr. Susan Erich, Professor of Plant and Soil Chemistry and Director of the School of Food and Agriculture, to serve as a faculty representative to the Board of Agriculture for a five-year term beginning in 2014.

5. **TEXT OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION:**

   That the Board of Trustees approve the following research faculty appointment to the UMaine Board of Agriculture: Dr. Susan Erich for a five-year term beginning in 2014.

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