AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

1. **NAME OF ITEM:** USM Direction Package

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

3. **BOARD INFORMATION:** X  
   **BOARD ACTION:**

4. **BACKGROUND:**

The 31-member USM Direction Package Advisory Board was established to develop advisory recommendations that President Kalikow and her leadership team will use as they formulate their FY15 budget plan and USM’s strategic direction forward.

The Board consisted of 31 members representing every major stakeholder group, including faculty, students, hourly and salaried staffs and external constituents.

The Advisory Board, which was cosponsored by Professor and Chair of the Faculty Senate Jerry LaSala and President Kalikow, began meeting on November 8. Mr. David Stevens, Executive Director of Organizational Effectiveness, facilitated the process through its conclusion on February 28.

The Board broke into three groups (Vision/Identity; Academic Review; and Creating Organizational Responsibility & Excellence or C.O.R.E), each of which presented a final report on February 28. The PowerPoint slides and accompanying material from those reports are available at http://bit.ly/1fZqtT6.

The Board’s work will be of immense value as USM decides how to address short-term fiscal challenges, as well as how to position the university so that it emerges as a more focused institution, one with the capacity to better serve our students and the people of Maine.

President Kalikow will begin sharing plans with the campus community on March 14 and will present the package to the Board of Trustees on March 23.

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