AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

1. NAME OF ITEM: Appointment of President, University of Maine

2. INITIATED BY: Chancellor Page

3. BOARD INFORMATION: BOARD ACTION: X

4. BACKGROUND:

Dr. Paul Ferguson has resigned as president of the University of Maine effective July 31, 2014. Consequently there is a need to appoint a President of the University of Maine. During July 2014 Dr. Ferguson will use some accrued annual leave and assist the incoming President with transition matters.

Chancellor Page has conferred with numerous constituent groups, including the Faculty Senate and the Board of Visitors, about the priorities for the University of Maine and the characteristics needed in a president. There is a strong consensus for the need to continue the momentum of the Blue Sky Plan and for a thoughtful dialogue about UMaine’s role as the land grant university in the University of Maine System.

Based on these discussions and a review of the qualifications of several strong leaders suggested by constituents, Chancellor Page is recommending the appointment of Dr. Susan Hunter as President of the University of Maine for a two-year term, effective July 7, 2014, at an annual salary of $250,000.

Dr. Hunter currently serves as Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for UMS. A cell biologist, she had a distinguished career at the University of Maine in faculty and administrative positions, culminating in Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost. Her knowledge of UMaine and the University of Maine System make her uniquely qualified to serve as president during this critical period of time. Dr. Hunter is held in high regard throughout the System and the state. Her knowledge, skills, experience and relationships will allow her to step into the position ready to immediately lead effectively.

5. TEXT OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

That the Executive Committee, acting on behalf of the Board of Trustees, approves the appointment of Dr. Susan Hunter as President of the University of Maine for a two-year term effective July 7, 2014 at an annual salary of $250,000.

6/18/14