AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

1. **NAME OF ITEM:** Science Lab Renovations, UMF

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

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

4. **BACKGROUND:**

The University of Maine at Farmington requests approval to spend up to $1.377 million, including $1.2 million in General Obligation Bond funds approved by voters in November 2013 and approximately $177,000 in grants and other funds, to renovate science laboratory space in Preble Hall and Ricker Hall. These laboratory spaces are the heart of the science facilities at UMF and include natural sciences, genetics and computer sciences.

This request is pursuant to Board Policy 701 which requires projects with a total cost of more than $500,000 to be considered by the Board of Trustees or its Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee. In this case, the request is to approve and to forward this matter to the consent agenda of the Board of Trustees.

This authorization will allow the renovation of up to ten laboratories within the facilities to improve the learning environment and the infrastructure on which the facilities depend.

Approximately $400,000 will be invested in existing space in Preble Hall, a multi-story, steel and masonry building constructed in 1963. The project consists of the renovation of two general classrooms and one Anatomy and Physiology classroom/laboratory on the first floor with a total area of approximately 2,007 square feet. The renovation will include flooring, ceilings, wall coverings, electrical, projectors and boards, life safety, windows and doors, furniture, and ADA accommodations.

Approximately $977,000 will be invested in Ricker Hall, a multi-story, steel and masonry building constructed in 1962. The project consists of the renovation of one Biology classroom/laboratory on the second floor, one Geology computer laboratory and four Geology classrooms/laboratories on the third floor with a total area of approximately 4,556 square feet. The renovation will include flooring, ceilings, wall coverings, electrical, projectors and boards, life safety, windows and doors, furniture, and ADA accommodations.
This project does not increase facility space or the use of the space. Any change in operating costs is expected to be negligible. Construction is expected to be complete by September 2015.

5. **TEXT OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION:**

The Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee approved this recommendation to be sent to the Consent Agenda for Board of Trustees approval.

That the Board of Trustees approve the recommendation of the Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee to authorize the expenditure of up to $1,377,000, including up to $1.2 million in General Obligation Bond funds, $120,000 from grant funds and $57,000 from campus reserves, to renovate Preble Hall and Ricker Hall science laboratories at the University of Maine at Farmington.