AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

1. NAME OF ITEM: Updates: Credit Transfer Steering Committee ABCDE

2. INITIATED BY: Gregory G. Johnson, Chair

3. BOARD INFORMATION: X BOARD ACTION:

4. BACKGROUND:

These initiatives were implemented within the last year and are well underway. This brief update will provide members of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee with information related to progress to date.

**Credit Transfer Steering Committee**

As has been discussed at recent Board meetings, the Credit Transfer Project is aimed at improving the college credit transfer process to make it easier for students to move among Maine’s public universities and to transfer from the Maine Community College System (MCCS) to the University of Maine System (UMS) and vice versa. President Wilson Hess, chair of the Credit Transfer Steering Committee (CTSC), will update the Board Academic and Student Affairs Committee on progress being made toward implementation of both the intra-system (within the UMS) component of this important work and the inter-system work with the MCCS.

**Adult Baccalaureate Completion Distance Education (ABCDE)**

As identified within the Board of Trustees Goals and Actions and also within the UMS Strategic Enrollment Plan, the development of a comprehensive approach across our institutions to serving the non-traditional, adult students in Maine is a critical next step in our ongoing efforts to meet the needs of Maine’s workforce, enhance economic development within the state, and, most importantly, provide the best opportunity for all of Maine’s citizens to attain baccalaureate degrees.

The Adult Baccalaureate Completion/Distance Education (ABCDE) Committee developed a comprehensive, system-wide plan to enhance baccalaureate degree attainment and completion by Maine’s adult and non-campus based citizens; implementation of the recommendations is well underway with the recent announcement related to adult degree completion scholarships and our first professional development workshop for the concierges. President Allyson Handley, chair of the ABCDE Committee, will present a short update for the Board Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

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