AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

1. **NAME OF ITEM:** Adult Baccalaureate Completion/Distance Education (ABCDE): Update

2. **INITIATED BY:** Gregory G. Johnson, Chair

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

4. **BACKGROUND:**

   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. With estimates of Maine citizens with some college but no degree ranging from 190,000 – 230,000 and growing interest within Maine to address this, it is evident that there is significant demand and need for this initiative.

   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 underway. 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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