AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

1. NAME OF ITEM: New Academic Program – Doctor of Science in Law

2. INITIATED BY: James H. Page, Chancellor

3. BOARD INFORMATION: BOARD ACTION: X

4. BACKGROUND:

The Maine School of Law is proposing the creation of a Doctor of Science in Law (JSD). The JSD is the terminal research degree in graduate legal education. A dissertation-based doctorate, it is a necessary credential for law teaching in many countries, and highly sought after by foreign-trained lawyers and legal scholars, including alumni of the University of Maine School of Law LL.M. Program. There are no significant additional expenses expected with this program.

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee, at their April 23, 2014 meeting, forwarded the tenure recommendations to the Consent Agenda of the Board of Trustees.

5. TEXT OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION

That the Board of Trustees approve the creation of a Doctor of Science in Law at the University of Maine School of Law.