June 27, 2014

To: James H. Page

From: Susan J. Hunter

Subject: Change to a Major Unit - UM

The University of Maine is requesting formal review and approval of two organizational changes: the elimination of the College of Business, Public Policy, and Health (BPPH) and that the Maine Business School be left as a stand-alone unit headed by the Dean. In 2011, then-President Robert Kennedy approved several major cost-cutting recommendations of the Academic Program Prioritization Working group. These recommendations included the elimination of Public Administration and related public policy programs and moving the Health program (Nursing) to the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture. Only the Maine Business School remains from this original unit.

It is proposed, therefore, that UM eliminate the current BPPH and leave the Maine Business School as a free-standing unit behaving like a College. The MBS is led by a Dean, will be designated in MaineStreet as a Program as other colleges and will report to the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost.
June 24, 2014

Vice Chancellor Susan Hunter
University of Maine System
16 Central Street
Bangor, ME 04401

Dear Vice Chancellor Hunter:

I am writing on behalf of UMaine President Paul Ferguson.

In accordance with UMS Board of Trustees Policy 309, Organization and Establishment of Major Units, I am requesting formal review and approval for the following University of Maine organizational changes to become effective June 30, 2014.

- Elimination of the College of Business, Public Policy, and Health (BPPH)
- The Maine Business School to be left as a stand-alone unit headed by the Dean

**Rationale**

The University of Maine presently has a College of Business, Public Policy, and Health (BPPH). In accord with the University-wide process in 2011, then President Robert Kennedy approved several major cost-cutting recommendations from the Academic Program Prioritization Working Group (APPWG). Recommendations included elimination of the Department of Public Administration and related Public Policy academic programs by May 2014. Separate proposals officially requesting closure of these academic programs are forthcoming. The “Health” program (Nursing) had previously moved to the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture in 2007. At the end of the Spring 2014 semester, only the Maine Business School remains from this original unit.

Therefore, it is proposed that the University of Maine formally eliminate the current BPPH as a major unit and leave the Maine Business School (MBS) as a free-standing unit behaving like a College. The MBS is led by a Dean, will be designated in MaineStreet as a Program as other colleges and reports to the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost.

With this final organizational move there will be no additional impact on budget or personnel due to the major unit elimination alone.

Best regards,

Jeffrey E. Hecker
Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

cc: Paul W. Ferguson, President
    Ivan Manev, Dean of the Maine Business School