University of Maine at Augusta Launches Presidential Search

National search being conducted to identify ongoing leader for institution with statewide mission to transform lives of students of every age and background through campuses and centers across Maine and nationally recognized on-line distance learning.

AUGUSTA, MAINE – University of Maine System Chancellor James Page announced today that a search for an ongoing president for the University of Maine at Augusta is underway. The search committee has been formed and held two meetings. Initial campus and community discussions were conducted to provide input to the development of the Leadership Statement that will be used as part of the national search for a new president.

Search Committee: UMS Board of Trustee Member Marjorie Medd will chair the search. Other members of the search committee are Trustees Karl Turner and Norman Fournier; faculty Kenneth Elliot, Constance Holden and Jodi Williams; students Brad O’Brien and Kimberly Carter; UMA employees Joseph Szakas, Ariel Cassista, and Laura Rodas and community members Peter Thompson and Richard Lyons.

Information on the search committee and the process as well as periodic updates will be available soon on the UMA website at www.UMA.edu.

Anticipated Timeline: The search committee plans to post the position in early June and begin reviewing applications in July with a goal of having finalists identified for campus visits in late September and October. The search process is expected to conclude in November 2015 with the committee’s assessment of the strengths and limitations of finalist candidates for consideration by the Chancellor and the full Board of Trustees.

Interim UMA President Glenn Cummings was appointed in September of 2014 to work with the strong and stable leadership team built by former UMA President Allyson Handley. President Cummings will continue to lead UMA through the end of June when he will become the President of the University of Southern Maine.

Chancellor Page will visit UMA later this spring for campus consultations prior to appointing an interim leader before the end of June who will serve until the next president is selected.
“The University of Maine at Augusta with its mission to serve students of all ages and locations is critically important to the future of our state and its citizens,” said UMS BOT Member and Search Committee Chair Marjorie Medd. “The goal of our national search is to identify strong candidates for campus visits and then to work collaboratively with all stakeholders to select the right leader to join what is already a very strong and dedicated team.”