AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

1. NAME OF ITEM: Forestry Geographic Information System Technologies Lab, Nursing Lab Renovation, and Teleconference Center Upgrade, UMFK

2. INITIATED BY: Norman L. Fournier, Chair

3. BOARD INFORMATION: BOARD ACTION: X

4. BACKGROUND:

The University of Maine at Fort Kent requests approval to spend up to $1.2 million in General Obligation Bond Funds approved by voters in November 2013 to renovate science laboratories, make technology upgrades and other improvements in Nadeau Hall, Cyr Hall and the former Armory Building on the Fort Kent campus to benefit primarily the Nursing and Forestry programs.

This request is pursuant to Board policy 701 which requires projects with total cost of more than $500,000 to be considered by the Board of Trustees or its Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee. In this case, the request is to approve and to forward this matter to the consent agenda of the Board of Trustees.

This project includes $350,000 for the relocation of the Forestry Geographic Information System Technologies (GIS lab) to the former Armory. It will provide a design-built laboratory to meet the needs of the Forestry Industry, as well as provide an updated classroom. This move will place the Forestry Program in the building containing our new Biomass Plant and make better use of the space.

This project also includes $700,000 for equipment and renovations to expand the Nursing Laboratory to a 10-bed unit suite complete with mock oxygen and suction setup, IV pumps, and cardiac monitors. Simulation equipment will also be purchased to provide a more lifelike hands-on experience. Additionally $100,000 will be used to upgrade the Nadeau Teleconference Center that is heavily used by the Nursing Students. The project also includes $12,000 for the percent for art program and a $138,000 set aside for contingencies.

This project does not increase the amount of facility space at UMFK.

5. TEXT OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

That the Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee forward this item to the Consent Agenda at the May 18-19, 2014 Board of Trustees meeting for approval of the following resolution:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes the expenditure of up to $1,200,000 for the purchase of equipment and renovation to Nadeau Hall and Cyr Hall for the enhancement of the Nursing Program, as well as, equipment purchase and renovation of the former Armory Building to relocate and enhance the Forestry Program.