AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

1. NAME OF ITEM: Bond project approvals, UMM

2. INITIATED BY: Norman L. Fournier, Chair

3. BOARD INFORMATION: BOARD ACTION: X

4. BACKGROUND:

This is a request for approval pursuant to Board of Trustee Policy 701 to proceed with two facility projects at the University of Maine at Machias with funds from the general obligation bonds approved by voters in November 2013.

The first project is seeking approval to expend up to $680,000 for the repair of the masonry and exterior of Powers Hall, a primary campus building at Machias. The current structure was built in 1936 and is approximately 33,500 gross square feet. It has an estimated Sightlines renovation age of nearly 50 years and an estimated net asset value of 20 percent. The building houses the academic space for the art and music programs, the art galleries, and the performing arts center as well as most of the administration and student services offices. This envelope project will help stem damage to the interior from water penetration and reduce a significant portion of the buildings deferred maintenance. Areas of the exterior currently are cordoned off with safety fencing due to deteriorating masonry. Approximately 88 percent of the cost of the project is bond funding. The remainder is University funds.

The second project seeking approval for the expenditure of up to $600,000 for the renovation and improvement of five laboratories in the Science Building at Machias. The planned upgrade includes the zoology lab, two chemistry labs, the marine biology lab, and the physics lab. The genetics lab was recently upgraded using grant funding and the botany lab was upgraded using a previous State bond. This project will bring all laboratories up to the same standards. The Science Building has approximately 21,000 gross square feet with an estimated Sightlines renovation age of 38 years and an estimated net asset value of 38 percent.

UMM has extensive STEM programs, especially in marine and environmental areas. Students take full advantage of UMM's unique field locations, but lack up-to-date labs.
The Science Building is the campus' highest priority for addressing the backlog of maintenance.

Beyond UMM, other projects also are moving forward at other campuses and more information about those projects will be presented at future meetings as warranted per Board of Trustee policy.

5. TEXT OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

That the Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee on behalf of the Board of Trustees approves the expenditure of up to $680,000 for the repair of the masonry and exterior of Powers Hall at the University of Maine at Machias, including up to $600,000 in bond funds, and also approves a project for the expenditure of up to $600,000 in bond funds for the renovation and improvement laboratories in the Science Building at Machias.