

Board of Trustees  
**Executive Committee Meeting**

December 2, 2019  
12:00 PM – 12:30 PM  
Rudman Conference Room, 253 Estabrooke Hall, Orono

Phone: 1-800-605-5167, code 743544#

**AGENDA**

**TAB 1**      Reduction of Non-Resident Tuition Rate

Action items within the Committee purview are noted in green.  
Items for Committee decisions and recommendations are noted in red.

*Note: Times are estimated based upon the anticipated length for presentation or discussion of a particular topic. An item may be brought up earlier or the order of items changed for effective deliberation of matters before the Committee.*




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## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

1. **NAME OF ITEM:** Reduction of Non-Resident Tuition Rate
2. **INITIATED BY:** James R. Erwin, Chair
3. **BOARD INFORMATION:** **BOARD ACTION:** X
4. **OUTCOME:** **BOARD POLICY:**  
Increase Enrollment
5. **BACKGROUND:**

The current out-of-state tuition rate for USM graduate programs is \$1,141 per credit hour. A 2.5% increase for Fall 2020 would put the rate at \$1170. After a tuition/cost analysis, we propose setting Muskie graduate programs (MPPM and MPH) at the NEHBE rate of \$695 per credit hour. USM projects that current out-of-state enrollment for these programs comprise only 80 credit hours annually. This represents four students out of a total population of 136 in Muskie graduate programs. To offset the tuition gap of \$35,690, USM would need to recruit just three additional students. The University's applicant pool is such that a more regionally competitive price point is likely to yield far more than three additional students.

6. **TEXT OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION:**

That the Executive Committee on behalf of the Board of Trustees approves the reduction in non-resident tuition rate to \$695 per credit hour, effective Spring 2020.