

Board of Trustees
Executive Committee Meeting

April 17, 2020
9:30 am
Zoom Meeting

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AGENDA

TAB 1 UMF Graduate Tuition Rate Change

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.



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

1. **NAME OF ITEM:** UMF Graduate Tuition Rate Change
2. **INITIATED BY:** James R. Erwin, Chair
3. **BOARD INFORMATION:** **BOARD ACTION:** X
4. **OUTCOME:** **BOARD POLICY:**
 Primary Outcomes: Policy 703 Tuition and Fees
 Increase enrollment
 Improve student success and completion
 Enhance fiscal positioning
 Secondary Outcomes:
 Relevant academic programming
 University workforce engagement
5. **BACKGROUND:**
 The University of Maine at Farmington is requesting to reduce its graduate out-of-state tuition rate down to the in-state rate and only have one rate for graduate tuition. The proposed graduate rate for FY2021 is \$427 per credit hour. This change represents a 1.4% increase over the FY2020 in-state rate of \$421 and a (31.7%) decrease from the FY2020 out-of-state rate of \$625.

 This change has no impact to the budget, as UMF does not budget for out-of-state graduate credit hours. This initiative will save participants nearly \$7,000 over the course of a 33-credit master's degree program at UMF.

 Under this initiative, the University of Maine at Farmington will allow all out-of-state students to earn a master's degree or graduate certificate at UMF for in-state graduate tuition. Benefits include supporting a central tenet of the state's 10-year strategic economic development plan unveiled by Governor Janet Mills in December 2019 to attract and retain new talent as well as expanding access and opportunity for people seeking skills, knowledge, and professional development through graduate study.

 All master's degree and graduate certificate programs offered at UMF are eligible for this rate. In addition to a forthcoming new master's program in counseling, UMF grants master's degrees in special education, education leadership, and early childhood education. UMF's graduate certificate offerings include school administration, English language learning, gifted and talented education, math intervention specialist, math leadership, special education administration, K-8 special education, 7-12 special education, and systems of student support.
6. **TEXT OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION:**
 That the Board of Trustees authorizes the University of Maine at Farmington to reduce its graduate out-of-state tuition rate down to the in-state rate and only have one rate for graduate tuition.

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