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TO: Members of the Board of Trustees
FR: Ellen N. Doughty, Clerk of the Board
RE: Notification of Board Actions

The University of Maine

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees on November 17-18, 2019 hosted by the University of Maine at Farmington, the Board approved the following actions:

University of Maine
at Augusta

Report on a Summary of Process Considerations & Framework for Pursuing Unified Accreditation.

University of Maine
at Farmington

The Board of Trustees approved the following resolution:

University of Maine
at Fort Kent

1. Receives and accepts the Chancellor's Report on a Summary of Process Considerations and Framework for Pursuing Unified Accreditation and directs that it be transmitted to appropriate officials at NECHE and the U.S. Department of Education to enable further discussions to prepare for a potential transition to unified accreditation.

University of Maine
at Machias

University of Maine
at Presque Isle

2. Authorizes and directs the Chancellor to continue to visit and engage with all UMS campuses to obtain appropriate input from all UMS stakeholders, and to engage with NECHE and the U.S. Department of Education as necessary and appropriate, in further developing implementation plans that would be necessary for a successful transition to unified accreditation.

University of
Southern Maine

3. Directs the Chancellor to prepare appropriate materials to bring to the Board for action at its January 2020 meeting the question of whether to initiate proceedings with NECHE, and as further appropriate with the U.S. Department of Education, to begin a transition to a unified institutional accreditation for the University of Maine System pursuant to the Guiding Principles already established.

4. Authorizes and directs the Chancellor and UMS Presidents to take such preliminary actions as may be necessary before Board action in January 2020 to ensure that a proper unified accreditation substantive change application can be prepared if the Board authorizes such action at that meeting.

cc:
Dannel Malloy, Chancellor
System Staff
Faculty & Student Representatives
University Presidents
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