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September 18, 2019

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

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 15-16, 2019 hosted by the University of Maine at Fort Kent, the Board approved the following action:

<u>Unified Accreditation Recommendation</u>
The Board of Trustees approved the following resolution as amended:

1. Accepted the Chancellor's Unified Accreditation Report and Recommendation.

2. Authorized and directed the Chancellor, with input from System Presidents and campuses, to develop a process, plan, and timeline to seek unified accreditation from NECHE that could successfully transition UMS to a statewide accreditation model. The Chancellor is directed to present the plan to the Board at its November 2019 meeting for discussion of any necessary additional Board actions and to seek approval of the plan at a future Board of Trustees meeting.

3. Authorizes and directs the Chancellor to visit and engage with all UMS campuses to obtain appropriate input from all UMS stakeholders in developing the implementation plan called for by this Resolution.

4. Accepts and ratifies all UMS communications with NECHE and the U.S. Department of Education to date regarding the consideration of unified accreditation, and authorizes and directs the Chancellor to continue such communications as necessary so that the implementation plan called for by this Resolution takes full account of the perspectives and requirements of those organizations.

cc:
Dannel Malloy, Chancellor
Ryan Low
Robert Placido
Faculty & Student Representatives
University Presidents
Additional System Staff
Boards of Visitors