UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM

BOARD OF VISITORS

Purpose of the Board of Visitors

The board of visitors shall

- Advocate for the university
- Raise private funds for the university
- Advise the head of each campus on community and regional needs
- Review for final recommendation to the Board of Trustees tuition increases, new academic programs and the 5-year plan of the university

Membership

Each of the 7 universities has a board of visitors, which may consist of up to 20 members recommended by the University President and confirmed by the Board of Trustees. The regular term of appointment shall be three years with a maximum of two terms. Each term shall expire July 1 of the appropriate year. In order to continue the staggered nature of the terms of the board of visitors, initial appointments shall be proportionate numbers of 3-year, 2-year, and 1-year appointments.

- Membership must reflect the mission of the university and the region it serves
- Membership will be drawn from the external University community
- No more than one-third of the membership may be a non-resident of Maine
- Membership must demonstrate sensitivity to diversity
- The university president will be an ex-officio member of the Board of Visitors

Reimbursement

Members of the board of visitors may receive reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses for attendance at meetings of the board. Reimbursement expense for board members must be absorbed within the existing budgeted revenues of the University of Maine System.

Organization

The board of visitors shall elect from among its members a chair and vice-chair. Other officers and the process by which the board conducts its business shall be determined by the board of visitors.

Meetings

At the annual meeting (the last regular meeting scheduled in each fiscal year), the board of visitors shall establish a schedule of meetings for the ensuing year which will provide for a minimum of four regular meetings, one of which shall be a meeting with the University of Maine System Board of Trustees.