Legislative Breakfast and Board of Visitors Meeting 
Friday, December 14, 2018

Attendees: Over 20 legislators in attendance plus a broad representation of staff, faculty and students.

Welcome and Introductions
BOV Chair Clif Greim opened the meeting and introductions followed. Clif welcomed legislators and spoke about the importance of USM to the community and the state.

Overview
President Cummings thanked legislators for their service. He also thanked legislators for their support of the bond package and noted that the funds will support efforts to expand nursing, engineering and stem, and build a Career and Student Success center. Glenn stressed that USM's portion of the bond funds will be transformative for USM. In addition, Glenn shared with the legislators and BOV the impressive work taking place here at USM in the areas of workforce and community engagement, student satisfaction, enrollment growth and economic stabilization.

Jeanne Paquette, VP of Corporate Engagement, spoke about workforce engagement efforts at USM highlighting the great work that has already taken place and the goal of increasing student exposure to employers and employer exposure to students through job fairs, career events and internship opportunities. The goal is to match all areas of academic study with real world experiences. USM student Kayla Griffis shared her experience as an intern with Yarmouth Board Yard, supporting their 3 marinas with their marketing/branding needs.

Danielle Conway, Dean of the University of Maine School of Law, spoke about the important role of Maine Law as the State’s public and only law school producing professionals who not only serve the state as lawyers but also as Maine’s future leaders. Maine law student Abdi Abdirahman shared his experience in the Pre-Law Undergraduate Scholars (PLUS) program and Maine Law Student Kathryn King shared her experience as a Rural Practice Fellow.

Finally, Kris Sahunchuk, Director, USM Research and Culter Institute, shared information about the great work being done by the Cutler Institute which is the research arm of the Muskie School of Public health and which also over sees the Maine Economic Improvement fund.

The next meeting of the Board of Visitors is Friday, February 8, 
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