To: Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk of the Board  
From: Sharoo Wengland, Staff Associate to the Office of the President, USM  
Date: September 12, 2013  
RE: Board of Visitors Annual Report

I have attached the annual report for the University of Southern Maine Board of Visitors (BOV) for the academic year September 2012 to June 2013. Alongside the annual report is a list of the BOV members and the 2012-2013 calendar.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the information submitted.

Thank you.
Overview:

In 2012-2013, Laura Foye ‘87 represented the University of Southern Maine's Board of Visitors (BOV) as chair, with Dennise Taaffe as the vice-chair. The BOV focused its attention on three main areas:

1) **Student Success** – How do we adapt to change to help students become more successful in academics as well as after they graduate? What kind of programs can be implemented to achieve these goals?

2) **Community Engagement**: Engaging the community and forming relationships with businesses to create internships and hands on experience for students.

3) **The Future of Higher Education**: Technology is changing the way people think and learn. Finding ways to adapt to this technology and use it for the benefit of the student.
The USM Board of Visitors meets five times annually. The Annual meeting is scheduled in June of each year.

**Friday, September 14, 2012** (6 voting members attended, 3 Ex-Officio, 0 guests, and 10 staff)

President Kalikow gave a university update, which discussed the management team, community engagement and the advisory boards. Michael Stevenson offered some initial thoughts and provided an academic update. Laura Foye and President Kalikow next discussed the role of the Board of Visitors and set priorities for FY13. The meeting concluded with an update from each advisory board.

**Friday, November 7, 2012 – All Boards Event** (23 Attendees)

President Kalikow delivered a university update to the Board of Visitors, Alumni Board and the USM Foundation. She discussed the current enrollment numbers and the status of the Gorham Task Force. Student Chris Parent gave an update on campus ventures including his experience in the program. This was followed by an update from Michael Stevenson regarding academics. Michael discussed the University’s desire to move students to the Portland Campus after 1 year, as well as the need for leadership in graduate education. President Kalikow ended with a discussion about student success, retention and the importance of community engagement.

**Friday, February 8, 2013** (8 voting members attended, 2 Ex-Officio, 1 guests, and 9 staff)

President Kalikow delivered an update and report, which discussed the University’s mission and vision for the future. Michael Stevenson gave an academic update concerning enrollment and student success initiatives. President Kalikow also spoke about a new initiative, Work-to-Rule. Work-to-Rule
requires that faculty workload include a teaching workload of two semesters along with other professional and university activities and responsibilities. The meeting concluded with a discussion by all on the continuing issues of community engagement and student success.

Friday, April 12, 2013 (10 voting members attended, 1 Ex-Officio, 0 guests, and 5 staff)

President Kalikow delivered a university update and discussed the Work-to-Rule initiative. Dick Campbell spoke on the outcome based funding formula explaining the benefits of partnering up with community business to increase graduation numbers. Dick Campbell also gave a presentation on the budget for the present and the future. Cecile Atchison provided information on the importance of fundraising as well as an update from advancement. President Kalikow and Michael Stevenson led a discussion on Project>Login, which is a business led education advocacy group that seeks to increase awareness of CS/IT experience and grads. The meeting concluded with a discussion by President Kalikow on the Annual Meeting.

Friday, June 7, 2013 (10 voting members attended, 2 Ex-Officio, 4 guests, and 8 staff)

Dick Campbell gave a presentation on the FY14 Budget. This was followed by a university update by President Kalikow, which discussed the future direction of the University as well as the implementation of the USM Direction Package. The meeting concluded with a discussion by the board concerning the future direction of higher education. Dahlia Lynn spoke about adapting to change, Adam Tuchinsky spoke about embracing change and technology and using it to enhance students' learning experience. Rob Sanford talked about the advantages of new technologies and their ability to adapt to student's needs and desires. Finally, Glenn Cummings discussed how the university can better prepare students for employment by providing them with the necessary real work experience and skills to be competitive in the job market.