1) The following are the University of Maine System Board of Trustees Guidelines for nominations to Libra Professorships, as amended, July 1, 1998:
   (a) The seven institutions may award Libra Professorships to attract outstanding external scholars consistent with stated purposes of the Libra Professorships and with each institution’s mission and programmatic objectives.
   (b) The Libra Professorship may be awarded for a period of time up to four years.
   (c) Libra Professorships are not renewable.
   (d) Libra proposals will address the Board of Trustees guidelines and the local campus criteria, documenting the candidates’ qualifications and the potential enhancement of the mission and goals of the institution that will result from the proposed award.

2) As adopted by the UMS BOT in November, 1998, the purposes of the professorships are to:
   (a) Build, enhance, and provide recognition for selected programs of the highest quality;
   (b) Promote excellence in the programs of a University of Maine System institution that make a major contribution in advancing the mission of that institution;
   (c) Reward a program where special strength and excellence exist or encourage programs where strength and excellence are emerging;
   (d) Attract or reward exemplary faculty in the programs identified on the campuses;
   (e) Provide students with outstanding faculty models for teaching, research, and public service.

3) Consistent with these revised guidelines and original purposes, the Libra Professorship at the University of Southern Maine will be awarded to a person:
   (a) Who is external to the University;
   (b) Who is recognized and well-regarded in their respective field and who can further the teaching and scholarship missions of the University;
   (c) Who has reached a high level of achievement by consistently executing work and projects of high quality; and
   (d) Who has the personal and professional qualities to insure that the traditions of excellence of the Libra Professorship are upheld or enhanced.

4) Also consistent with these revised guidelines and original purpose, the Libra Professorship at the University of Southern Maine will:
   (a) Feature programs that are at least three days in length;
   (b) Advance specified learning outcomes and is supporting of student success; and
   (c) Positively impact USM’s community engagement agenda.

5) A call for proposals will be issued each year on October 1 and the submission deadline is November 15. All proposals should be sent to the Office of the Provost. Proposals packets should include:
   a. Proposal
   b. Detailed Budget
c. CV of proposed visiting Libra Professor  
d. Letter of endorsement from the College Dean

Proposals will be reviewed by the Provost Council, with the Provost making the final determination as to which proposal(s) move forward. The Provost provides summaries to the President, who then forwards the entire proposal packet(s) to the System Office in early February.

The Board of Trustees review Libra Professor Proposals from across the System at the March meeting.