

University of Maine System
Board of Trustees

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

NAME OF ITEM: New Academic Program Proposal: B.S. in Forest Management, UMFK

INITIATED BY: David M. MacMahon, Chair

BOARD INFORMATION:

BOARD ACTION: X

BOARD POLICY: 305.1 Program Approval, Review, and Elimination Procedures

UNIFIED ACCREDITATION CONNECTION:

As emphasized in the 2023-28 University of Maine System Strategic Plan, unified accreditation is "the mechanism through which our universities and law school are able to maximize resources and capitalize on opportunities for growth and collaboration." The Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board ensures that every effort is made to operationalize unified accreditation in its review of proposed academic programs.

The Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs has actively explored multi-university collaboration(s) for this proposed academic program with the system-wide Chief Academic Officers Council. The proposed program

___ represents a multi-university collaboration under the condition(s) listed in the background section of this document.

X may represent a future multi-university collaboration under the condition(s) listed in the background section of this document.

___ does not represent a multi-university collaboration under the condition(s) listed in the background section of this document.

BACKGROUND:

Designed to meet the region's growing demand for professional foresters, the B.S. in Forest Management serves Northern Maine and Canada's forestry community by offering alternative, experimental approaches to forestry education that will build on and complement the existing Forestry A.S. degree program. Multiple conversations between leadership and/or faculty have taken place. However, these discussions have not yet led to a collaborative relationship. This program is projected to be revenue-positive in year one.

TEXT OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

That the Academic and Student Affairs Committee forwards this item to the May 18-19, 2025, Board of Trustees meeting for approval of the following resolution:

That the Board of Trustees accepts the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, and approves the Bachelor of Science in Forest Management at the University of Maine at Fort Kent.