Reasons to retain the Master's in Public Administration

- Approximately 40-50 students in the MPA program registered each year. ½ in Orono, ½ in Augusta. Our alums
  - ¼ alum in state, ¼ local, ¼ nonprofit, and remainder in private sector from government relations, consulting to law, banking, insurance and other fields. Alum often move from one sector to another.
  - One of the largest groups of alums in state gov't are those working on environmental issues whether in: DEP, Inland Wildlife and Fisheries, State Planning or Health and Human Services. The large group works for Dept. of transportation
- The Department (both the MPA and BA in Public Management) has strong support in state and local government. Currently, 2 Commissioners are graduates (Cole, Wyke), and there are a number of associate commissioners and policy advisors. The previous King administration also had graduates in top positions. The Department has provided countless numbers of town managers in Maine and New England.
  - Many alums have major responsibilities in nonprofits including a former executive with the International Red Cross who is now a consultant and two presidents of hospitals in Maine.
  - 142 alums are known to have current positions in town government, mostly as town or city managers.
  - Many graduates work in economic development supporting towns such as the President of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce and five who work for economic development agencies (e.g., EMDC)
  - Graduates go on to lead successful careers in the private sector in banking, law, and government affairs.
- Alliance with USM, Muskie School creating the Academy of Public Service to serve state academic and research needs.
- It has continuously served Orono and Augusta MPA students since 1968 graduating its first MPA class in 1971.
- The department received re-accreditation for its MPA program this past June 2010. We received flying colors for all that is in our control, policies, performance measures, mission, internships, course work.
- The University of Maine has the only accredited MPA program in the state. USM decided not to apply for reaccreditation. It has been through the accreditation process of the National Association of
Schools of Public Affairs and Administration four times and was one of the 1st programs to be accredited.

- The Department is the only department on the university campus to offer courses in health administration.