About Academic Affairs Faculty Forums

- Opportunity to discuss key issues in Academic Affairs
- Opportunity for further input through the web (http://umaine.edu/provost/academic-affairs-faculty-forums/)
- Three Forums Planned (NOTE: dates updated)
  - December 3, 2013 – Signature & Emerging Programs
  - February 3, 2013 – Retention & Graduation
  - March 31, 2013 – to be determined
Blue Sky Strategic Plan

• Signature & Emerging Programs

• Pathway 1
  – “review signature strength and emerging growth areas for priority funding”
Faculty Senate Exec Input

- January 23, 2013 Memo
- Subject: Faculty Senate Suggestions and Willingness to Aid the Furtherance of Pathway 1 Goals
- Outlined a detailed proposal for identifying Signature and Emerging areas
Key Features of Faculty Senate Proposal

• Definitions of “Signature Strength Areas” & “Key Emerging Growth Areas”

• Included “Foundational Areas” and offered a definition

• All UMaine programs should be eligible to apply

• Suggested a process for identifying “Signature” and “Emerging” areas
  – detailed 14 component proposal
  – “Signature Strength and Emerging Growth Area Review Panel”
Pathway 1: Draft Signature Initiatives
Process Proposal

• “new interdisciplinary areas of excellence”

• “these initiatives are intended to recognize and support new and developing initiatives that will help to shape the University of Maine’s future progress and growth.”

• “The University will invest in Signature Initiatives through directing new funding into them”
Blue Sky Project: Year 3 – Integration of Strategies into Institution

- Each Vice Presidents has been charged with implementing Blue Sky strategies.
  - VPAA & Provost - Pathway 1 Strategy 1c
- Build on the work done by the Pathway teams.
- Work with advisory groups
Provost’s Advisory Group on Signature and Emerging Programs

- Carol Kim, Vice President for Research
- Dana Humphrey, Dean of Engineering
- Edward Ashworth, Dean of Natural Sciences Forestry & Agriculture
- William Nichols, Dean of Education and Human Development
- Ivan Manev, Dean of Business
- Francois Amar, Dean of Honors
- Naomi Jacobs, Interim Dean of Liberal Arts & Sciences
- Janet Waldron, Vice President for Administration & Finance
- Jeffrey St. John, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs
- Owen Smith, Professor of Art & New Media (Pathway 1)
- Todd Gabe, Professor of Economics (Pathway 1)
- Faculty member (selected from Faculty Senate Nominees)
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- Faculty member (selected by Provost)
- Faculty member (selected by Provost)
Issues to Consider

- Preparing for next fund raising campaign
- Budget pressures
  - Annual funding decisions
- No “new” money on the horizon
- Impact of faculty retirement incentive (?)
Academic Affairs Faculty Forum: Signature & Emerging Programs

• Conversation
  – Written summary will be posted
  – Video recording will be posted
  – Identify self
  – Comments, suggestions, questions are welcome
  – Web-based opportunity for input