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TO: Dr. Harlan Onsrud
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FR: Dr. Paul W. Ferguson
President

RE: Response to the April 3, 2014 Faculty Senate Memo

After thorough review and discussion with Dr. Jeff Hecker, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, the following motions, approved by the Faculty Senate on April 2, 2014, and submitted to the Office of the President on April 3, 2014, are approved.

- *MOTION 1 Motion Concerning a Course Designator for Community Engagement / Service-Learning*
- *MOTION 2 PCRRRC Recommendation Regarding the Proposal to Eliminate the BA in Latin*
- *MOTION 3 PCRRRC Recommendation Regarding the Proposal to Eliminate the BA in German*
- *MOTION 4 PCRRRC Recommendation Regarding the Elimination of the B.S. in Forest Ecosystems*
- *MOTION 5 PCRRRC Recommendation Regarding the Elimination of the B.S. in Wood Science and Technology*
- *MOTION 6 PCRRRC Recommendation Regarding the Elimination of the B.S. in Aquaculture in the School of Marine Sciences*
- *MOTION 8 Constitution and Bylaws Committee Motion to Revise Section 2.1 and 2.2 of the Faculty Handbook*

With regard to *Motion 7 PCRRRC Recommendation Regarding the Creation of the M.S. in Spatial Informatics*, we support the motion, but would like to add a clarifying comment. The role of the PCRRRC regarding review of full program proposals is outlined within Stage 9 of the University of Maine's 15-step program approval process. As such, signing of this motion should be construed as an acknowledgement of the PCRRRC's completion of Stage 9, not as Presidential and Provost approval for the program. We would like to acknowledge the innovative approach to funding outlined in the proposal. While we are not approving the specific proposal for revenue sharing described within the full program proposal, we are interested in new and creative approaches to funding. This will involve further work and collaboration with the Office of Administration and Finance.

- *MOTION 7 PCRRC Recommendation Regarding the Creation of the M.S. in Spatial Informatics*

Finally, regarding the Resolution Executive Committee Resolution in Support of USM Faculty, please note that we acknowledge UMaine Faculty Senate support of USM Faculty.

- *RESOLUTION Executive Committee Resolution in Support of USM Faculty*

cc: Jeff Hecker, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost