



CHANCELLOR EXTENDS USM PRESIDENT KALIKOW'S APPOINTMENT

BANGOR – University of Maine System Chancellor James H. Page has extended University of Southern Maine President Theo Kalikow's appointment for an additional year. Her original, two-year appointment was scheduled to terminate on June 30, 2014.

"The University has, quite correctly, identified student success, community engagement, and fiscal stability as fundamental organizing principles. However, there is substantial work yet to be done translating those principles into concrete action plans," said Page in announcing the decision. "President Kalikow's extension to June 2015 will provide the time needed to ensure that USM's goals are articulated clearly and are fully integrated before we take the step of launching a nationwide search for our next president." Page noted that the decision was reached in consultation with the University of Maine System Board of Trustees.

Our state, said Page, needs a public university in southern Maine that provides affordable, accessible, relevant, quality education to its diverse communities; builds close operational connections to regional and statewide business needs and opportunities; and serves as a cultural anchor for the region.

"Maine's demographic and economic challenges make this a crucial time of change in our state's higher education system. President Kalikow has the right mix of skills and experiences to engage the campus in the work of ensuring that USM is positioned to serve the people and communities of southern Maine."

Kalikow recently initiated an internal process to develop tangible action steps in support of the goals of student success, community engagement and fiscal stability.

"This university is one of the region's most valuable resources," said Kalikow, "and working with our faculty, staff and off-campus partners, I intend to make it even more so."

Kalikow joined USM in July of 2012 and previously served as president of the University of Maine at Farmington (UMF) from 1994 to 2012. Under her leadership, UMF was recognized as one of the nation's top public liberal arts colleges for 15 consecutive years and was named one of 20 model universities committed to maximizing student potential.

A native of Swampscott, Mass., she served as a professor and department chair at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Northern Colorado and dean and interim president at Plymouth State College. Kalikow received her A.B. in chemistry from Wellesley College, her Sc.M. in philosophy from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Ph.D. in philosophy from Boston University.

Established in 1968, the University of Maine System is the state's largest educational enterprise. It has an annual enrollment of nearly 40,000 students and serves over 500,000 individuals annually through educational and cultural offerings. Two-thirds of its alumni—approximately 120,000 people—live in Maine. The University of Maine System features seven universities—some with multiple campuses—located across the state, as well as eight University College outreach centers, a law school, an additional 31 course sites, and Cooperative Extension. For more information, visit www.maine.edu.