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UMS TRANSFORMS: Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
April 23, 2021 9:00 am-12:00 pm

9:00 am Welcome & Order of Events

Kim Jenkins *Director of Organizational Effectiveness, UMS*

Greetings

Dannel Malloy *Chancellor of the University of Maine System and Executive Chair, UMS TRANSFORMS*

Greg Powell (video) *Chairman of the Harold Alfond Foundation*

Joan Ferrini-Mundy *Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation, UMS, President of the University of Maine and the University of Maine at Machias, and Co-Principal Investigator, UMS TRANSFORMS*

Glenn Cummings (Co-Lead) *President of the University of Southern Maine*

Jacquelyn Lowman (Co-Lead) *Associate Professor, University of Maine at Presque Isle*

Introduction of the Panelists *(Kim Jenkins)*

- **Kitty Armstrong** *Former ADA Coordinator, University of Maine System*
- **William Johnson** *Director of Intercultural Student Engagement (USM)*
- **Darren Ranco** *Chair of Native American Programs & Assoc. Prof. (UM)*
- **Krystal Williams** *Founder & Manager of Providentia Group & UMLaw Alum*
- **Jenny Wiggins** *Sumner T. Bernstein Professor of Law (UMLaw)*

9:35 am Break (5 min)

9:40 am Discussion Groups *Each room will have a designated facilitator and scribe*

11:00 am Break (5 min)

11:05 am Panel Report Out and Conversation *Moderated by Idella Glenn, Assoc. Vice President for Equity, Inclusion, and Community Impact (USM)*

11:45 am Observations

Glenn Cummings

Jacquelyn Lowman

Jim Thelen *Vice Chancellor of Strategic Initiatives and Chief Legal Officer, UMS, and Co-Principal Investigator, UMS TRANSFORMS*

12:00 pm Wrap-up and Next Steps

Glenn Cummings

UMS TRANSFORMS Overview



UMS-wide student success and retention: Includes research learning opportunities for first- and second-year undergraduate students; a gateway to success initiative to expand learning assistance and curricular redesign to reduce failure rates and improve retention in “gateway” STEM courses; and a pathways-to-careers program to expand access to credit-bearing internships and other experiential learning opportunities System-wide.



The Maine College of Engineering, Computing and Information Science: Providing additional faculty, scholarships, and undergraduate engineering and computing opportunities at the University of Maine (UMaine) and University of Southern Maine (USM); UMaine graduate engineering and computer science programs offered in Portland; expanded pathways into the statewide college from all UMS universities, community colleges, and K-12; and new opportunities for shared programs, interdisciplinary structures, and partnerships.



The Maine Graduate and Professional Center: Supporting faculty, scholarships, integrated program development across business, law, public policy and graduate engineering, computing, and information science; and a state-of-the-art building in Portland to house the University of Maine Graduate & Professional Center programs and Maine Law, and to serve as a center for collaboration and engagement to help attract and expand businesses and strengthen the Maine economy.



Division I Athletic Facilities at the University of Maine: Providing support to maintain excellence in the state’s only Division I athletics program, advance gender equity, and provide a preferred destination for high school sports championships, large academic fairs and competitions, and community events. People from throughout Maine will be able to use the state-of-the-art athletic and convening venues at the state’s flagship university in Orono.