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## Monthly Talking Points

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### Your monthly round-up of system-wide happenings!

To bolster University of Maine System (UMS) communications, we have created this monthly message containing talking points for you to share with your teams throughout the month. We hope you find this helpful. Please reply to the email accompanying this document with any ideas that could make this more beneficial for you to keep your team informed.

- **The UMS Strategic Plan is being finalized.** The Board of Trustees adopted the plan at its May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Leaders at our universities and law school will begin work to prioritize the Strategic Plan's commitments, actions, and goals for their respective institutions. For more information, see our [Strategic Plan web page](#).
- **UMS IT has decommissioned the MaineStreet portal.** MaineStreet is no longer accessible using mainestreet.maine.edu or peportal.maine.edu. [For more information, read our FAQs.](#)
- **Policy updates:** The [UMS Name Usage Policy](#) has been updated. Established to allow students and employees to indicate their preferred/chosen names to the UMS community, it will be reviewed annually. This month, FERPA updates will be announced with particular attention to changes in directory information.
- *Thank you* to the supervisors who met with me to discuss system-wide **communications**. Feedback from the meetings will be summarized and emailed to you. I created [this survey to provide the opportunity for input](#) to those of you who could not attend. Please respond by Monday.
- Welcome new Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, Jeffrey St. John. Read about his appointment on our [UMS News Releases web page](#).
- May 21-22, 2023 [Board of Trustees meeting actions](#).