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UMaine President's Office <umaine.president@maine.edu>

Thu, Sep 5, 2024 at 3:24 PM

Reply-To: UMaine President's Office <umaine.president@maine.edu>

To:



Dear University of Maine and University of Maine at Machias communities,

University of Maine Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs (EVPAA) and Provost John Volin, a distinguished researcher, nationally recognized voice on the future of higher education, and tenured full professor in UMaine's School of Forest Resources, has informed me that he intends to return to the faculty upon completion of his five-year term as EVPAA and Provost at the end of the 2024-25 academic year.

Dr. Volin joined the university in August 2020, during the height of the global pandemic. As EVPAA he oversees UMaine's six colleges and schools, its regional campus in Machias, the Division of Lifelong Learning, and Cooperative Extension. Along with helping the university navigate the pandemic, Dr. Volin has made many significant, enduring contributions to the university. Under his leadership, key programmatic changes and improvements have been implemented, including Finish Strong, Black Bear Advantage, and extensive new approaches to advising and student support. Dr. Volin has also emphasized the importance of faculty development and respecting faculty voices.

Throughout the 2024-25 academic year, he and his team will remain focused on their office's expansive scope and activities, including advancing the UMS TRANSFORMS Student Success and Retention effort and the university's Strategic Re-Envisioning initiatives.

Dr. Volin is a committed colleague and friend, and I look forward to working with him for the remainder of his tenure as Executive Vice President and Provost. Meanwhile, we will begin developing the search process for Dr. Volin's successor and of course will keep the community informed and involved along the way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joan Ferrini Mundy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joan Ferrini-Mundy
President