

Charter & Deliverables

Adult Baccalaureate Completion/Distance Education (ABCDE) Committee

Charge

The ABCDE Steering Committee will develop a comprehensive, system-wide plan to enhance baccalaureate degree attainment and completion by Maine's adult and non-campus based citizens incorporating consideration of the multiple pathways (certificates, associate degrees, prior learning assessment, etc.) that students may follow.

Goals & Deliverables

The committee will develop a report and recommendations regarding:

- a. existing and proposed "best practices" to attract and serve place bound and time bound adult students,
- b. innovative programs, policies and strategies to strengthen access,
- c. the removal of institutional and system barriers to success, and
- d. system-wide exemplary academic and student support for distance learners who are served through University College, ITV or web-based program delivery approaches.

In order to avoid duplication of effort, the committee will collaborate with existing UMS initiatives and projects that are currently underway regarding adult learners, credit for prior learning, transfer credit and teaching through technology.

Committee Members

Bonnie Newsom, UMS Trustee

Dr. Allyson Hughes Handley, President UMA

Dr. Linda Schott, President UMPI

Rosa Redonnett, UMS Chief Student Affairs Officer

Dr. Monique LaRocque, Executive Director, Professional & Continuing Education, USM

Dr. Lucille A. Zeph, Interim Associate Provost & Dean of Lifelong Learning, UM

Bonnie Sparks, Director, University College Ellesworth Center

Budget

Administrative support will be provided by the UMA President’s Office

Mileage travel support for committee members.....\$1,000

Lunch and refreshments for committee planning meetings.....\$1,000

Printing/duplication costs.....\$ 500

Total.....\$2,500

Time Line

	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March
Assemble Committee & Approve Charge	XXX						
Convene Group & Devise a Work Plan & Assign Tasks		XXX					
Implement Work Plan		X	XXX	XXX	XXX		
Collaborate With Other Relevant UMS Committees			X	XXX	XXX		
Prepare Summative Draft Report & Recommendations					XXX	XXX	X
Distribute Draft Report to Stakeholder Groups for Review and Feedback						X	XX
Finalize Report and Submit to Chancellor							XXX