

UMS –NEASC Communications - Fall 2016 Update

The University of Maine System (UMS) is in an ongoing and productive dialogue with the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) regarding the extent to which collaborative initiatives across the UMS are consistent with NEASC standards. The UMS and the NEASC have been in written and verbal communication regularly throughout the Fall 2016 semester. The primary discussion topics have included the UMM-UM Primary Partnership discussions, collaborative academic programming, competency-based program credit at the University of Maine at Presque Isle, and the Unified Budget.

The Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and others are continuing to working closely with NEASC regarding any current or future academic collaborations to ensure that all NEASC requirements for notification of substantive change are conscientiously met, as well as to provide early opportunity for advice from NEASC regarding UMS initiatives. Currently, NEASC is collaboratively monitoring existing and emerging academic partnerships, particularly related to the Primary Partnership, Cybersecurity, and the Bachelor's of Science in Nursing between the University of Maine at Fort Kent and the University of Maine at Augusta. Any questions regarding NEASC can be directed to the UMS office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.