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Meeting with Maine Legislators On September 4th, Provost McDonnell and I welcomed Maine Senate President Justin Alfond and 21 fellow legislative leaders to discuss the challenges, and opportunities, facing the University of Southern Maine. The meeting provided an opportunity for us to set a foundation for a productive relationship between the university and area lawmakers, share with them the collaborative, data driven approach we are taking to address USM's budget shortfall, and outline the approach being taken to transform USM into a true Metropolitan University.

We appreciate the following legislators for taking time out of their busy schedules to join us for breakfast: Senators Justin Alfond, Jim Boyle, Anne Haskell, Rebecca Millett, and Dick Woodbury. Representatives Ben Chipman, Janice Cooper, Richard Farnsworth, Drew Gattine, Sara Gideon, Scott Hamann, Erik Jorgensen, Jonathan Kinney, Andrew McLean, Kim Monaghan-Derrig, Terry Morrison, Mary Nelson, Jane Pringle, Heather Sirocki, Peter Stuckey, and Amy Volk.

President David T. Flanagan

Lockset Replacement Project Continues Facilities Management's project that will replace all existing exterior and interior door locksets on the Portland and Gorham campuses continues. As you can imagine, the magnitude and complexities of this project, undertaken after the theft of a set of master keys last year, are enormous. At the conclusion of the project every lockset will have been changed, and everyone will need a new set of keys. You should expect to get more information from your dean, director, department chair or vice president in the very near future regarding completing new Key Request Forms.

For more information, contact Director of Engineering and Architecture Services [Adam L. Thibodeau](#), LEED AP, at 780-4751.

Are You A Campus Security Authority? According to a federal law known as the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, USM is required to disclose statistics concerning the occurrence of certain criminal offenses reported to local law enforcement agencies or any official of the institution who is defined as a Campus Security Authority.

Are you a campus security authority? All USM employees working in Public Safety, Student & University Life, Athletics, and Human Resources are. So are USM employees who monitor access to, or provide security to campus facilities such as the library, campus centers, residence halls and athletic facilities. If you advise a student club or organization or otherwise have significant responsibility for student and campus activities, you also are a Campus Security Authority.

Among the criminal offenses for which we are required to disclose statistics are: murder/non-negligent manslaughter, negligent manslaughter, sex offenses (forcible and non-forcible), stalking, domestic and dating violence, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, arson, hate crimes, liquor law violations, drug abuse violations and carrying/possessing weapons.

Campus Security Authority obligations are outlined by Dean of Students Joy Pufhal in a [September 5 memo](#).

Please remember, UMS Policy requires all employees, except those in Health & Counseling Services and ordained chaplains, to report all disclosures of sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, relationship abuse, and stalking to the appropriate Title IX coordinator.

Learn How to Use USM's New Style Guide Marketing and Brand Management will introduce USM's new University Style Guide as well as offer a short presentation on the value of branding during the department's first Lunch and Learn Workshop taking place from 12-1 p.m., Thursday, September 18, in Room 419/427 of the Wishcamper Center on the Portland campus.

There is no need to RSVP, but feel free to contact [Greg Daly](#) at 780-4772 for more information.

What We're Doing The "[What We're Doing](#)" blog is returning to its original home as part of Currents beginning this week. Longtime employees might remember it appeared on the back page of our print edition of Currents for many years until we ceased publication of the newsletter. We hope to post links in Currents to the "WWD" blog monthly. Don't miss reading any of the 21 items posted today, September 8.

To be included in "What We're Doing" please submit your professional and community service activities to us using the [What We're Doing Submit Form](#). All faculty and staff are encouraged to participate. We always enjoy learning about USM students who present at conferences or get published as well.

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