

Secrecy Amid Storms at UMF, UMA Feels All Too Familiar

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Here we go again. The University of Maine System doesn't respond to the challenges we face.

Our state university system faces major challenges. Student enrollment declines, a backlog of capital needs and a lack of strong public investment have created a perfect storm that is damaging our university system. This moment calls for visionary leaders willing to work with the faculty, staff, students and community members to sustain and strengthen our campuses. Yet system leaders persist in ignoring the crucial roles faculty, staff and students play in Maine's public universities.