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EXHIBIT: III.B.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Susan A. Gendron, Commissioner*

DATE: August 15, 2007

SUBJECT: Receipt of the Review Team's Report of Findings Concerning the Application from the University of New England for Additional Degree-Granting Authorization to Award the Pharm. Doctor (P.D.) Degree.

BACKGROUND: 20-A MRSA, Chapter 409 provides that a postsecondary educational institution desiring to confer additional degrees must obtain authorization from the Maine State Board of Education. The University of New England has previously been authorized to award specific degrees at the Associate, Baccalaureate, Master's, and Doctoral levels.

Officials of the University of New England submitted an application seeking authority to confer an additional degree, the Pharm. Doctor (P.D.). The Board approved review team met with University of New England officials in Augusta on May 1, 2007. Following this meeting, the team report of findings was compiled in which the team unanimously agreed that the University of New England application met each of the degree-granting standards as contained in Chapter 170.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education receives the Review Team's Report of Findings report concerning the request from the University of New England to confer the additional degree of Pharm. Doctor (P.D.). This matter will be an agenda item for consideration during the Board's September 12, 2007 meeting.

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