

## Transfer Students: Focus Group Sessions

Read to all students: Thank you for participating in one of our Group Sessions. We are interested in obtaining feedback from transfer students about USM services and programs, particularly as they apply to students who have had experiences at other colleges and universities. Your name will not be attached to your responses; however, we want to use the information that you provide for improving the campus experiences of transfer students.

\*\* How many of you transferred from:

- a. a University campus in Maine: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. a Community College in Maine: \_\_\_\_\_
- c. a University campus out-of-state: \_\_\_\_\_
- d. a Community College out-of-state: \_\_\_\_\_

### **1. Why did you choose USM?**

In-state transfers:

Out-of-state transfers:

### **2. What were your expectations before coming to USM and how does that compare**

**with the reality now that you are here?**

In-state transfers:

Out-of-state transfers:

- 3. Tell us about your experience with academic advising at USM; distinguish between advising in the academic departments, or advising in the Advising Services office.**

In-state transfers:

Out-of-state transfers:

- 4. We are interested in hearing about your transfer transition. What was the best part of the process? What about the process could be improved?**

In-state transfers:

Out-of-state transfers:

**5. Is USM helping you with getting your academic needs met? How easy/difficult is our system to navigate?**

In-state transfers:

Out-of-state transfers:

**6. Do you feel connected to USM? Academic life? Student life?**

In-state transfers:

Out-of-state transfers:

- 7. Are there services USM should offer to transfer students that would improve their experience?**

In-state transfers:

Out-of-state transfers:

- 8. What are your educational goals while at USM? How well do you understand your role in achieving these goals?**

In-state transfers:

Out-of-state transfers:

- 9. Do you participate in student activities outside of the classroom? Why/why not?  
Tell us what student activities you would participate in, if offered at USM?**

In-state transfers:

Out-of-state transfers:

- 10. When looking for information about USM, where do you find your information? (i.e. ask other students, advisors, faculty, staff, go to website, check USM brochures or flyers, etc.)**

In-state transfers:

Out-of-state transfers:

**Additional comments or suggestions?**

In-state transfers:

Out-of-state transfers: