Portfolio System Integration with the Maine Journal Project

**Integration Statement**

The Portfolio System will serve as the back-end of the Maine Journal Project by storing and pushing content (media) for new stories, storing Maine Journal Project staff-produced content, and revealing potential student stories based on assessments, ratings, and recommendations.

**Portfolio System Assumptions**

* All uploaded media will be stored in a database and student work will be easily accessible
* Faculty most closely connected to a student’s work will have the tools necessary to assess the work
* Peers, other faculty, and other members of the Portfolio System will have the tools necessary to provide constructive feedback on student work
* Presentation of media within a project (and projects in a portfolio) will be database-driven and allow for a variety of layout possibilities
* Data will be accessible by other systems, not just the Portfolio System

**Portfolio System to Maine Journal Project Process**

1. Student publishes a project
2. Assessment occurs…

* Project is graded external of the Portfolio System
* Project is reviewed by members of the Portfolio System

1. Project is recommended to Maine Journal Project staff by faculty advisor

* Either through external email or “Recommendation Form” feature of Portfolio System (faculty only)

1. Maine Journal staff confirms project as representative of excellent work by vetting with other faculty within student’s department
2. Student is notified that project has been recommended for the Maine Journal Project publication and is asked for approval
   1. May not need approval
3. Upon approval, Maine Journal Project staff begins conceptualizing story, collecting supplemental material, conducting interviews, etc.
   1. Maine Journal Project staff-created content is uploaded to a MJP Portfolio System account
4. Finished story is uploaded to the Portfolio System (through the MJP account)
5. Story is pulled into the next issue of the Maine Journal Project publication and presented
6. When the next issue comes around, the story is removed from the MJP publication BUT NOT removed from the MJP Portfolio System account. This will serve as an archive for stories/issues of the Maine Journal Project publication

**Benefits**

* Inspires possibilities of new types of articles and ways to tell a story
  + E.g. Snapshot Stories – a Portfolio System project is pulled directly onto the Maine Journal Project publication. This would result in a steady stream of stories that would supplement the Maine Journal Project publication between “periods” (i.e. semesters, years).
* A faster, larger flow of potential stories
* Increased number of vetting avenues (e.g. faculty advisor, department, independent groups, peers, trusted reviewers outside of University)
* Inspires future features that greatly benefit both the Portfolio System users and the Maine Journal Project staff
  + E.g. Presentation (Story) Builder – a tool that allow users to position, size, and further contextualize (through text) media to create a more unique, interesting presentation of work.

**Summation**

The integration of the Portfolio System with the Maine Journal Project will not require functionality beyond what is currently planned. Future iterations that would make the integration more efficient (e.g. Recommend button, Recommendation Form, etc.) and usable are minor additions and are not anticipated requiring system/database reworks.