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FROM: Irwin L. Goldstein, Vice Chancellor

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RE: December 13, 2010 Meeting of the Committee on Education Policy

The Committee on Education Policy of the Board of Regents will meet in a day-long public session on Monday, December 13, 2010, to review and discuss the proposed mission statements of the USM institutions and regional centers. Presidents (and the directors of the two USM regional centers) or their designees will make presentations of the statements and will be available to respond to questions from the Committee. Institutions and centers have been slotted into blocks of approximately 90 minutes to permit some flexibility in timing of the presentations while being respectful of the time demands on both the Regents and the institutional leadership. A tentative schedule for the presentations is attached.

USM institutions and centers prepared mission statements following guidelines and format specifications promulgated by MHEC in 2005. Following the December 13 presentation of those statements, institutions and centers will have another opportunity to revise their statements for clarity and to respond to questions raised by the Board. The BOR Committee on Education Policy will make a recommendation on the statements when it meets on January 26, 2011, and the USM will submit the statements to MHEC for a February 1 deadline. MHEC will review and disseminate all mission statements to the segments, and there will be a period of response and negotiation in February and March. In April, the Board of Regents will consider the statements for final adoption. All statements will require MHEC approval as well. As part of MHEC's review in the spring, all public institutions will have the opportunity to comment on all proposed mission statements. MHEC staff will review the statements and any comments received and will contact the institutions if changes are warranted.

The meeting will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m., as indicated on the attached schedule, in the Chancellor's Conference Room of the Wilson H. Elkins Building at 3300 Metzerott Road, Adelphi, Maryland. The Committee will break for lunch at noon and will reconvene at 1:00 p.m. We anticipate that the Committee will adjourn by 5:00 p.m. Directions to the Elkins Building are available <http://www.usmd.edu/Leadership/USMOffice/directions.html>.

The agenda and supporting materials, including copies of all individual draft mission statements, are enclosed for all members of the Board of Regents. Those who are not members of the Committee are

encouraged to attend the presentations should their schedules permit. Others on the mailing list are receiving an overview of the mission statements only at this time.

I look forward to seeing you on December 13.

Enclosures

cc:	Chairperson Clifford M. Kendall	Dr. Joyce Shirazi, CUSF
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