



COUNCIL OF UNIVERSITY SYSTEM PRESIDENTS

Notes from March 1, 2010 Meeting

- 1. Discussion on UMB Audit Issues.** Chancellor Kirwan reported on the findings of the legislative audit of UMB as well as the subsequent USM investigation and noted that BOR policies and procedures were not followed in some instances. He stressed the importance of adhering to USM policies and procedures and having solid internal operations that ensure compliance. He stated that if there are significant audit findings in USM that are not in compliance with appropriate requirements, the autonomy of USM could be jeopardized. He also reported that USM will be reviewing current policies, procedures and oversight actions and will be making recommendations to the BOR and General Assembly regarding appropriate changes to ensure compliance with all policies and procedures.
- 2. Achievement gap initiative.** Chancellor Kirwan and Dr. Goldstein discussed the various initiatives to close the achievement gap emphasizing that expectations will continue to grow in this area. Dr. Goldstein noted the importance of having a common set of agreements. Each campus will have a unit with responsibility for this initiative and the Chancellor will meet with then provosts to discuss expectations in this area.
- 3. E & E Workgroup.** Mr. Vivona informed the presidents that the BOR Workgroup on E & E asked the USMO to explore areas where the work of institutions is impeded by statutes, regulations, state agency policies, etc. As part of this review a survey is going to be sent to the VPs of Administration and Finance to solicit feedback.
- 4. OAG position on same sex marriage.** Given the recent opinion from Attorney General Gansler, President Mote asked for information on the impact of this position on the USM campuses. The Chancellor agreed to provide guidance to the institutions on this matter.