



BOARD OF REGENTS

SUMMARY OF ITEM FOR ACTION, INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION

TOPIC: Process for Responding to JCR Report on Implementation of Recommendations of the 2001 Study of Coppin State College.

COMMITTEE: Education Policy

DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING: September 16, 2010

SUMMARY: In March 2001, the USM and MHEC appointed an external study team to conduct an independent study of Coppin State College (now University). The study was mandated by the Partnership Agreement between the State of Maryland and the U.S. Department of Education Office of Civil Rights; one component that agreement required Maryland to develop strategies to enhance its four public HBCUs. The Coppin Study Team was to review the following areas: mission; academic programs; student mix; administrative and faculty staffing; institutional advancement; fiscal affairs; and physical plant. The Team's report was to be a seminal document in the development of a new strategic plan for Coppin. The team members included representatives of business and higher education, and staffing was provided by Coppin, MHEC, and the USM. Regent Louise Michaux Gonzales, then chair of the USM Board of Regents Committee on Education Policy, was the Regent Liaison to the Team.

As part of the Joint Chairmen's Report (JCR) from the 2010 legislative session, the USM and MHEC were charge to "establish an independent study team to assess the implementation of recommendations from the 2001 Independent Study Team on the Revitalization of Coppin State College." The new team is to "determine which of the 2001 recommendations have been fully, partially, and not yet implemented"; in addition, the team is to "provide technical assistance in implementing the recommendations that have not been executed or effective." The JCR language spells out the recommended composition of the study team and calls for an interim report by December 15, 2010 and a final report to the budget committees on July 15, 2011.

Dr. Goldstein will brief the Committee today on the composition of the new study team and on the process that will be used to meet the mandate of the JCR.

ALTERNATIVE(S): This is an information item only.

FISCAL IMPACT: This is an information item only.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION: This is an information item only.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Received as information. DATE: September 16, 2010

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