



BOARD OF REGENTS

SUMMARY OF ITEM FOR ACTION, INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION

TOPIC: Report on General Education at Towson University

COMMITTEE: Education Policy

DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING: November 11, 2010

SUMMARY: Given the development of the new USM Strategic Plan and the System and state focus on competitiveness and workforce development, it is critical at this time that the governing board take responsibility for understanding general education requirements in the state and at the different USM institutions to ensure that we have in place high-quality educational programs to meet statewide needs.. To assist the members of the Committee on Education Policy in understanding the general education component of academic programs, there will be a series of presentations by the institutions during the 2010-2011 academic year.

At the September meeting, the Committee heard about planned changes in the general education program at UMCP. At today's meeting, Dr. Terry Cooney, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Towson University, will share with the Committee information about revised University Core Curriculum Requirements at Towson that are expected to be implemented in the Fall 2011 semester.

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: November 11, 2010

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