University System of Maryland Board of Regents Committee on Education Policy Minutes of the Meeting of February 10, 2011

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee on Education Policy of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents met in closed session on Thursday, February 10, 2011, in Room 3230 of the Camille Kendall Academic Center (Building III), Universities at Shady Grove, 9636 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville, Maryland, beginning at 4:15 p.m. Present were Dr. Florestano, Chairperson; Ms. Gonzales, Rev. Reid, Mr. Slater, Dr. Vance, and Dr. Young. Also attending were Dr. Goldstein, Ms. Hollander, Ms. Marionni, and Dr. Wolfe.

Dr. Florestano called the meeting to order for the Committee to consider in executive session two items covered by §10-508(a) of the Open Meetings Act in order to protect the privacy or reputation of individuals on matters not related to public business.

The Committee first considered the recommendations of the USM Regents' Faculty Award Committee concerning proposed recipients of Regents' Faculty Awards for 2010-2011. Following discussion, Mr. Slater moved, Rev. Reid seconded, and the Committee unanimously recommended that the Board of Regents approve the recommendation of the Regent's Faculty Awards Committee and present the awards to the faculty members during its April 2011 meeting.

The Committee then considered the list of nominees for Fall 2010 for possible awarding of honorary degrees by USM institutions. Following discussion, Rev. Reid moved, Mr. Slater seconded, and the Committee unanimously recommended that the Board of Regents approve the institutional nominations submitted in Fall 2010, as summarized on the roster included with the agenda item, to be added to the list of individuals approved for the awarding of honorary degrees.

Returning the discussion of the faculty awards, Ms. Gonzales asked about the amount of remuneration associated with each award, noting that the recipients of the award for collaboration share the \$1,000 prize while award winners in other categories each receive \$1,000. She observed, "In a world in which dollars reflect priorities, if we encourage collaboration, it does not seem to make sense to split a single award amount between those collaborating." After discussion, Ms. Gonzales moved, Rev. Reid seconded, and the Committee unanimously recommended that the recipients of Regents' Faculty Awards for collaboration each receive \$1,000.

The Committee will present its recommendations for action to the full Board in executive session on February 11, 2011.

The Committee was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Patricia S. Florestano Chairperson