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SUMMARY OF ITEM FOR ACTION, INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION

TOPIC: Report on General Education at the University of Baltimore

COMMITTEE: Education Policy

DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING: March 16, 2011

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; in November, Towson University presented its revised general education curriculum. At today's meeting, Dr. Joseph Wood, Provost at the University of Baltimore, will discuss the work of the faculty who are revising the general education curriculum at UB. Although in early stages of development, the work is informed by a national conversation about liberal education and workforce development at an institution with UB's mission of providing access and quality education for students with interests in applied and professional disciplines. Joining Provost Wood will be Dr. Diedre Badejo, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Dr. Jeffrey Sawyer, Interim Associate Provost.

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.

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