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### SUMMARY OF ITEM FOR ACTION, INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION

**TOPIC:** USM Enrollment Projections: 2011-2020

**COMMITTEE:** Education Policy

**DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING:** March 16, 2011

**SUMMARY:** Each year, the institutions update their enrollment projections for a 10-year period. The USM office works in concert with the institutions to insure the accuracy of these projections by providing them with supporting data and analysis of current and past trends. Any significant issues are resolved, and the projection submission is modified where necessary.

Highlights of this year's institutional projections include:

- Overall projected headcount growth for the ten-year period is 24%, an increase from 152,581 to 188,497 students.
- Undergraduate enrollment is projected to expand 23% over ten years from 108,583 to 133,086.
- Graduate enrollment is projected to grow by 26% for the ten-year period from 43,998 to 55,411.

These projections represent a significant departure from the figures of the past three years by increasing planned enrollment significantly. They align with the USM Strategic Plan's goals to achieve 55% college completion and the Institutional Implementation Plans.

The Board is asked to approve the institutional projections contained in the attached report.

**ALTERNATIVE(S):** The Board may request changes in the projections.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The fiscal impact of the projected enrollment growth will depend on many factors, including availability of facilities to accommodate increased enrollments, program of study of future students, availability of faculty, and in/out of state status.

**CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION:** This is an information only item. Approval of the enrollment projections will be based upon the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, which will meet on March 17, 2011.

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Received as information.      DATE: March 16, 2011

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