



TOPIC: Role and Function of the BOR Education Policy Committee

COMMITTEE: Education Policy

DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING: October 17, 2012

SUMMARY: The Committee will discuss the role and function of the Committee on Education Policy to develop and refine the agenda for the current academic year. The goal is to reach consensus on the basic work plan of the Committee on Education Policy to ensure a positive and productive year.

As a springboard for discussion, each committee member will receive the booklet *Academic Affairs Committee* (part of the *AGB Board Basics Series*) by Richard J. Wood. (Other meeting attendees who are interested in obtaining a copy may contact the Association of Governing Boards directly.) Dr. Wood addresses committee structure, responsibilities, agendas and resources for members of academic affairs committees at the institutional level.

Expanding these principles to the work of the USM Education Policy Committee, the following list of responsibilities will be discussed:

- Ensure that the academic programs are consistent with the institutional missions and System priorities.
- Ensure that faculty personnel policies and procedures complement academic priorities.
- Ensure that each institution assesses the effectiveness of its academic programs.
- Ensure the full integration of Student Affairs as a priority for institutions and the USM.
- Assess the coordination of academic resources to capture the full potential of USM.
- Ensure that the academic budget reflects institutional and System academic priorities.
- Develop strategies that will enhance and support academic innovation and transformation across the USM.

This list presents areas of focus for the Education Policy Committee, but it is not intended to be comprehensive. Discussion and suggestions for further alignment with System priorities are welcomed.

The Committee role and functions should be reflected in the Committee's agenda for this academic year. The "basic" proposed agenda for this year is also an information/discussion item on today's agenda. It includes both action items and information/discussion items. Discussion of the significant policy implications of data reports will be essential to the assessment of academic programs and policies and will lead to further inquiries, comparative analyses, and the pursuit of explanations for unexpected results. This year's agenda will also feature a number of presentations by faculty, students and staff members of USM institutions related to topics under consideration.

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CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION: This is an information item.

