



TOPIC: Role and Function of the Education Policy and Student Life Committee

COMMITTEE: Education Policy and Student Life

DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING: October 15, 2013

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

The following list of responsibilities will be discussed:

- Ensure academic programs are consistent with 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.
- Assess the coordination of academic resources to capture the full potential of USM.
- Ensure that academic budgets reflect institutional and System academic priorities.
- Develop strategies that will enhance and support academic innovation and transformation across the USM in conjunction with discussions of the IT Work Group to be appointed.
- Ensure the full integration and prioritization of Student Affairs at institutions and the USM, through:
 - (a) assessment of select student support services including, but not limited to, financial aid and mental health services;
 - (b) discussion of co-curricular services such as library and repository resources and learning support services; and
 - (c) reporting on student inclusion and success in activities such as athletics.

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

The tentative agenda for this year is also an information/discussion item on today's agenda. This discussion of the Committee's roles and functions should be reflected in the Committee's agenda for this academic year.

ALTERNATIVE(S): This is an information item only.

FISCAL IMPACT: This is an information item; there is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION: This is an information item only.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Information Only

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BOARD ACTION:

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ARTICLE IX
BOARD COMMITTEES

Section 4. Committee on Education Policy and Student Life.

- A. The Committee on Education Policy and Student Life shall consider all matters relating to education policies and programs for all institutions and major units, and all issues relating to academic programs such as curriculum development, adequacy of instructional facilities and institutional support for student academic services.
- B. The Committee on Education Policy and Student Life shall consider proposals for new programs and then refer to the Board.
- C. The Committee on Education Policy and Student Life shall also consider matters relating to faculty, including but not limited to conditions affecting recruitment and retention, and issues brought to the Advisory Councils.
- D. The Committee on Education Policy and Student Life shall also consider matters and policies related to students such as student recruitment, student support services, financial aid, campus safety and security, transfer and articulation, and extracurricular activities including athletics.
- E. The Committee on Education and Student Life shall also consider matters and policies on inter-institutional cooperation, System-wide activities, collaboration with affiliated organizations, and alumni engagement.
- F. On all matters provided for in paragraphs A, C, D and E, the Committee shall report to the Board and make recommendations as appropriate.
- G. The Committee shall also consider related matters brought to it by the Chancellor or the Board.