



BOARD OF REGENTS
SUMMARY OF ITEM FOR ACTION,
INFORMATION, OR DISCUSSION

TOPIC: Diversity and Inclusion: Students' Lives on Campus

COMMITTEE: Education Policy and Student Life

DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING: March 8, 2016

SUMMARY: In December, Chancellor Caret issued a statement on the USM's commitment to diversity and inclusion. At that time, he announced that he would work with the newly formed Board of Regents' Workgroup on Diversity and Inclusion and the Presidents to strengthen ongoing efforts in support of diversity and inclusion goals and values. The Workgroup recently met for the first time, and they are beginning to work to identify problems by articulating and understanding the complexities and import of diversity and inclusion, determining the role of the Board, and gathering data and information to help determine productive actions that can be taken.

During the February full Board of Regents meeting, provosts addressed diversity and inclusion from an academic affairs perspective when they talked about the challenges of creating a more diverse faculty and preparing faculty to provide learning environments conducive to our System's and institutions' commitments to diversity and inclusion.

Today, several vice presidents for student affairs join us to discuss diversity and inclusion in students' lives outside of the classroom.

ALTERNATIVE(S): This is an information item.

FISCAL IMPACT: This is an information item.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION: This is an information item.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Information Only

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BOARD ACTION:

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