

Work Group on Economic Development & Technology Commercialization
Summary of actions & decisions
May 27, 2010 meeting

Present: Gary Attman, chair; John Young, Louise Gonzales (phone-in)
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1. The group received briefings on a number of issues, including:
 - The strategic planning white paper on the USM's role in promoting Maryland's economic development. Following discussion of the recommendations, the group endorsed the paper.
 - The meeting between Chancellor Kirwan and County Executive Leggett.
 - Administrative vice presidents' responses to the items on the E&E survey related to economic development and technology transfer.

2. The group also was briefed on several ongoing projects:
 - The technology transfer inventory and possible models for USM technology commercialization.
 - Status of implementation of the Mote Task Force recommendations. Chairman Attman has requested regular status reports on progress in establishing the companies and centers of excellence called for in the Mote Task Force report.
 - The Proof of Concept Alliance
 - The USM Connect web site

3. Other items
 - The group agreed that it would like to hear from various persons connected to technology commercialization, both from within the USM and from possible benchmark institutions (e.g., vice presidents for research, technology transfer staff, and others). Chairman Attman hopes to have a guest expert to talk with the group at every meeting.
 - Dates for future meetings will be set.