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**TOPIC:** University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB): Proposed Exception to the USM Policy on Tuition for US Army Nurses Accepted for Admission into Selected Graduate Programs at the UM School of Nursing

**COMMITTEE:** Committee on Finance

**DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING:** June 15, 2010

**SUMMARY:** UMB is requesting a minor exception to the Board Policy VIII-2.01—USM Policy on Tuition to allow its nursing school to admit a small number of US Army nurses to its graduate programs at the US Army's maximum tuition rate. The rate established by internal rules of the US Army for FY 2011 is \$12,000.

The school has enjoyed a collaborative relationship with the US Army for many years. Army nurses matriculating in the school's graduate programs have proven to be leaders, and indeed several of its graduates are now high-ranking officers in the US Army Nurse Corps. Moreover, in years past the Army has provided faculty to the nursing school at no cost to the school. Hence the school is eager to continue this collaborative relationship.

**ALTERNATIVE(S):** The Office of the Attorney General has indicated that the requested exemption requires the approval of the Board of Regents. The Board could elect not to grant the requested exception. However, given the school's long-standing partnership with the Army Nurse Corps, and the many tangible and intangible benefits the school receives from this partnership, this is not recommended.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The maximum fiscal impact for FY 2011 is estimated to be \$50,000.

**CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION:** That the Finance Committee recommend that the Board of Regents authorize the Chancellor to approve the requested exception to the USM Policy on Tuition for US Army nurses enrolled in the UM School of Nursing.

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