



**TOPIC:** Change in name of the Committee on Education Policy

**COMMITTEE:** Education Policy

**DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING:** November 19, 2012

**SUMMARY:** The Bylaws of the USM Board of Regents in Article IX establish and name the standing committees of the Board, including the Committee on Education Policy, the responsibility of which are delineated in Section 4 of that article. During discussion of the Committee's role, function, and annual agenda at its meeting on October 17, it was suggested that a name change to encompass responsibilities related to student life at the institutions of the University System of Maryland would be appropriate. Student Life would encompass all of the activities related to the Vice Presidents of Student Affairs. In some situations an academic issue is really a student support process, and could be called either one. The inclusion of Student Life to the Committee title would put some of the appropriate focus on the perspective of the student.

The proposal was discussed at the October meetings of the Vice Presidents for Student Affairs and the Academic Affairs Advisory Council, and was endorsed by both groups.

We are today asking that the Committee consider recommending to the Board approval of the change in name.

**ALTERNATIVES:** The Committee may choose to leave the Committee name unchanged or may propose an alternative.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no fiscal impact.

**CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION:** That the Committee on Education Policy recommend that the Board of Regents approve the change in name of the Committee on Education Policy to the Committee on Education Policy and Student Life, effective immediately.

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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BOARD ACTION:

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